

# CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

## PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION

by

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR JAMES GIBSON-WATT, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT COUNCIL

03 September 2022

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Catherine James, Head of Transformation and Democratic Services

**REPORT TITLE:** Powys County Council's Response to the Welsh Government Consultation 'Shaping Wales' Future: Using National Milestones to measure our Nation's progress (wave two)'

---

**REPORT FOR:** Decision

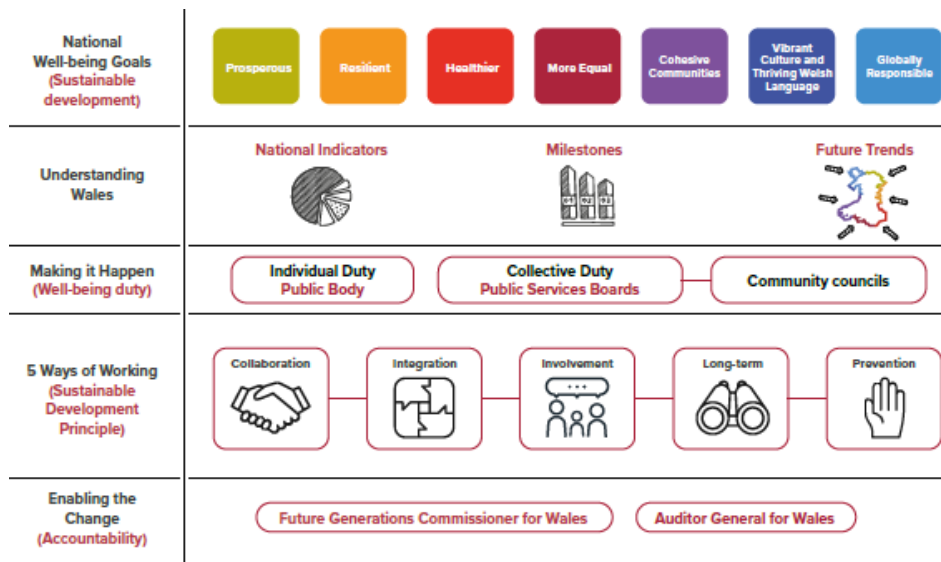
---

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Portfolio Holder approval to submit the Council's corporate response to the Welsh Government (WG) consultation '*Shaping Wales' Future - Using National Milestones to measure our Nation's progress (wave two)*'. A copy of the consultation document is provided in Appendix A.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 In 2016, Welsh Government agreed 46 National Indicators that would be used to demonstrate progress towards the seven well-being goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ('the Act'). They are not performance indicators for an individual organisation but collective measures of success for Wales.
- 2.2 Contributions towards the well-being goals may come from the public, private, and third sector, as well as individuals and communities. However, public bodies subject to the Act (such as Powys County Council) each have a responsibility to take action and make a contribution to the achievement of the well-being goals. Each year the Welsh Government publishes a 'Well-being of Wales' report that includes data against all of the national indicators alongside other relevant information.
- 2.3 The diagram below, extracted from page 4 of the consultation document '*Shaping Wales' Future - Using National Milestones to measure our Nation's progress (wave two)*' (available in Appendix A), shows how the national indicators and proposed milestones align to the Well-being goals and 5 ways of working.



**Figure 1:** Extract from page 4 of the *Shaping Wales' Future - Using National Milestones to measure our Nation's progress (wave two)*. (Available in Appendix A).

- 2.4 In 2019, WG consulted on the development of national milestones as required by the Act. The national milestones are targets set against the national indicators to help understand whether we are on the right track. The consultation helped identify a small set of 16 indicators (from the 46) against which to set national milestones. Due to some disruption in WG's ability to collect some data, they decided to take a two-wave approach to setting the milestones against the 16 identified indicators. The first wave of 9 national milestones was set in 2021, for the areas where the supporting data was less impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic or where WG proposed making an existing and widely supported target into a national milestone for Wales.
  - 2.5 WG are now consulting on the second wave of national milestones, seeking views on the draft values for the second wave of national milestones for Wales.
  - 2.6 Relevant Council services and specialist colleagues were invited to feed into the corporate response and provide their insight. Their feedback was consolidated into one corporate response by the Transformation and Democratic team on behalf of the Council, which is presented here for Portfolio Holder consideration (Appendix B).
- 3. Advice**
- 3.1 That the Portfolio Holder approve the Corporate Consultation Response (attached at Appendix B) for submission to WG, to ensure that the Council's views are represented and considered as part of the second wave consultation process (as they were for the first wave of the consultation).
  - 3.2 This is an important opportunity for Powys County Council to help shape the national milestones that will be used to demonstrate progress of public bodies against the Seven Well-being Goals in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The second wave of proposed milestones have particular relevance to the following Council service areas: Adults Services (mental health and healthy behaviours), Children's Services (life expectancy and deprivation), Highways, Transport and Recycling (biological diversity), Finance (income and poverty), Economy and Digital Services (volunteering), Housing and Community Development (dwelling energy performance), Transformation and Democratic Services (Welsh Language and communicating with communities).

#### **4. Resource Implications**

4.1 There are no direct resource implications in relation to this report.

#### **5. Legal implications**

5.1 Legal: The recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view.

5.2 The Head of Legal (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

#### **6. Data Protection**

6.1 The proposal does not involve the processing of personal data.

#### **7. Comment from local member(s)**

7.1 Not applicable.

#### **8. Impact Assessment**

8.1 This is a Welsh Government consultation response and therefore doing an Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **9. Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder approve Powys County Council's official consultation response (attached at Appendix B) for submission to Welsh Government by the deadline of the 12 September 2022.**

**The recommendation above will ensure that:**

- **Powys County Council's feedback is considered by Welsh Government when finalising the National Indicators and Milestones as part of their Second Wave of development.**

Email: Catherine.James@powys.gov.uk

Head of Service: Catherine James, Head of Transformation and Democratic Services

Director: Emma Palmer, Director of Corporate Services

**DELEGATED DECISION NEW REPORT TEMPLATE VERSION 3**