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Assessment of Local Well-being		<i>Discussion and Decision</i>
Crynodeb o'r Materion / Summary of Issues		
<p>Background</p> <p>Members will be aware that Public Service Boards (PSBs) across Wales are required to deliver the duties of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Act requires PSBs to undertake an Assessment of Local Well-being to inform the 5-year Local Well-being Plan. The next Assessment of Local Well-being must be published by May 2027.</p> <p>The last Assessment was published in 2022 and a regional approach was adopted between Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. For example, a Joint Methodology Framework was implemented to ensure consistency in the approach to planning, preparation, data collection and analysis, and engagement and consultation exercises.</p> <p>Feedback from the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner on Ceredigion's last assessment was overwhelmingly positive, describing it as "a strong, comprehensive well-being assessment".</p> <p>Following the decision to merge the Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion Public Services Boards and the intention to produce a combined assessment, a different approach will be required this time. This report sets out a proposed way forward and presents a series of key decisions that are needed in order for work on the assessment to begin.</p> <p>Proposed way forward</p> <p>Following discussions with partners in Carmarthenshire, it is proposed that we take the following approach to production of the Assessment this time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will produce a combined assessment covering both Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion. 2. The County Councils in Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion will take the lead in production of the Assessment. 3. We will design and adopt a Methodology Framework for its production using the 'life stages' model. (The life stages model was used in the previous assessment in both Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion. The life stages are New Beginnings, Childhood, Youth, Adulthood and Ageing Well). 		

4. We will adopt an **Engagement and Consultation Plan** to develop and manage the Regional Well-being Survey and engagement campaign. This will provide a consistent approach to the involvement of citizens and stakeholders.
5. We will adopt the 24 MSOAs in Carmarthenshire and the 9 MSOAs in Ceredigion as the **Community Areas geography**. (These were used last time and will provide continuity and also ensure that most of the core data will be available at this geographical level).
6. In addition to being within the West Wales region, Carmarthenshire is also part of the Swansea Bay City Deal region while Ceredigion also works across the Mid-Wales region with Powys on initiatives such as the Mid-Wales Growth Deal. We will therefore **establish contact** with Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Powys Public Services Boards to reflect the work across these additional footprints.
7. We will request a **data lead** for each PSB organisation who can supply data and/or collaborate in the writing as part of the Writers' Group.
8. We will request an **engagement lead** for each PSB organisation who can help develop the Engagement and Consultation Plan and be part of the Regional Engagement Group (for those organisations that have an engagement lead).
9. We will establish a **Working Group** to produce the Methodology Framework and lead on the production of the Assessment.
10. We will establish an **Engagement and Consultation Group** to design and run the Regional Well-being Survey and engagement campaign.
11. The Regional Partnership Board (RPB) is required to undertake a Population Needs Assessment under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. Elements of the development stages of both the Assessment of Local Well-being and Population Needs Assessment are undertaken in parallel. Therefore, we will **establish working arrangements with the RPB** to avoid duplication, improve capacity and use of resources, and identify aligned priorities.
12. The indicative **timetable** (Appendix 1) sets out the key milestones over the next twelve months in delivering the Assessment.

In conducting the engagement, we will hold interactive workshops with the Public Services Board's delivery groups to start the engagement early, gather data and test engagement questions prior to the full engagement campaign commencing.

It is believed that this approach will produce an Assessment of Local Well-being which highlights several key well-being themes to inform the next Local Well-being Plan due to be published in 2028.

Goblygiadau Ariannol / Financial Implications

N/A

Argymhellion / Recommendations

R1. That the PSB endorses the approach to producing the Assessment of Local Well-being as outlined in bullet points 1-12 of this report.

Atodiadau / Attachments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix 1 – Summary Timeline for production of the Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion Assessment of Local Well-being
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