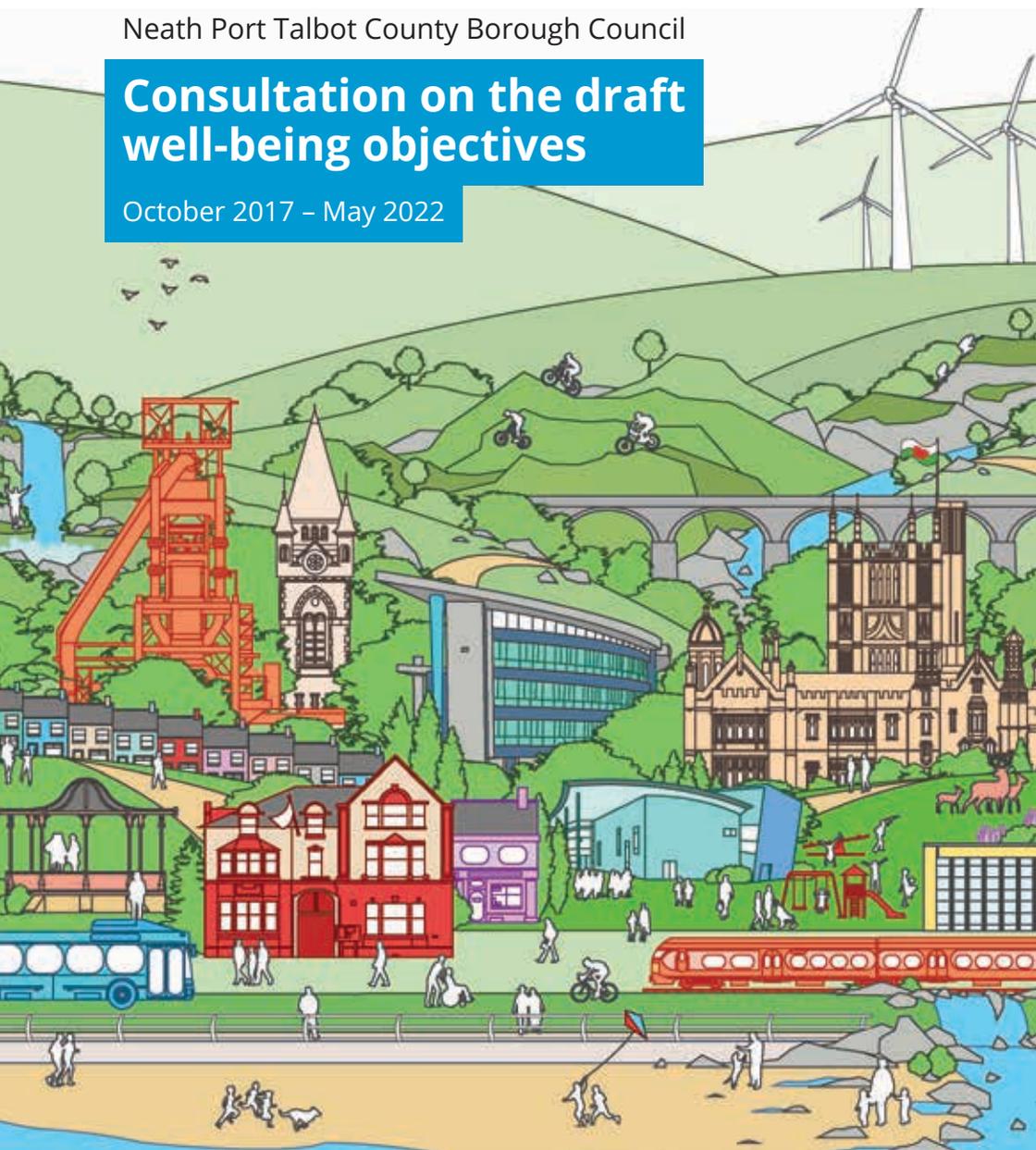


Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Consultation on the draft well-being objectives

October 2017 – May 2022



www.npt.gov.uk/well-being



What is this consultation about?

Every year, Neath Port Talbot Council has to publish a Plan which sets out the Council's priorities for improvement and how we are changing the way we do things to ensure we continue to improve the services we deliver to you and our communities.

This year, the Plan will be different as it will need to take into account new Welsh Government legislation called 'The Well-being of Future Generations Act'.

The new law means that in our new Plan the Council needs to set out how we intend to improve the well-being of people in Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe.

This new law requires all public services to take a more joined up approach, to think more about the long term, to work better with and involve people and local communities when planning services, and to look to prevent problems before they arise or from getting worse.

How did the Council come up with the well-being improvement objectives?

We have drafted our well-being objectives keeping in mind the changing public sector landscape.

We want the county borough to be a place where everyone has the chance to get on in life, where people want to live, work and bring up their families.

We also want to help individuals, families and communities to be resilient and support themselves with minimal support from the Council.

But we have to achieve this within the funding we have to work with and local government funding pressures together with increasing demand for services means that we cannot continue to run the Council in the way we have done in the past – some things need to change.

For example whilst continuing to provide support for the most vulnerable, we will also focus resources on pro-active, targeted help to avoid the need for costly interventions when things go wrong.

To help us determine a clear vision and prepare a set of well-being improvement objectives for our new Plan, we have gathered a lot of information and understanding about what life is like in our county borough and what well-being actually means to people.

We have considered this information alongside current trends and performance, pressures around funding and key issues and challenges we will need to face over the life of the plan for example:

- Since 2010 we had to cut and make savings of £77m from our budget and ongoing pressures mean that under the current Forward Financial Plan we need to cut another £24m by 2020. The outlook beyond 2020 is currently being reviewed and further savings may be required over the next five years.
- Demographic shifts such as an ageing population means a rising demand in adult social care. Due to earlier detection of needs, we have seen an increase in the number of children with special educational needs who require additional learning support.
- Brexit means that we won't be able to access European funds for any new schemes after we leave the EU – a key source of funding for our regeneration work across the county borough.
- We are doing well across a range of performance targets and hitting and exceeding some including our recycling target and targets for educational attainment for children and young people. But there is room for improvement on others and expectations will continue to rise with new targets being set during the life of the new Plan.

In our new Plan we are setting out what we want to achieve over the next five years, the steps and actions we propose to get us there and the checks we will put in place to monitor our progress.

We want to improve the well-being of everyone in the county borough and at the heart of our new Plan will be three key commitments we propose to focus on.

They are:

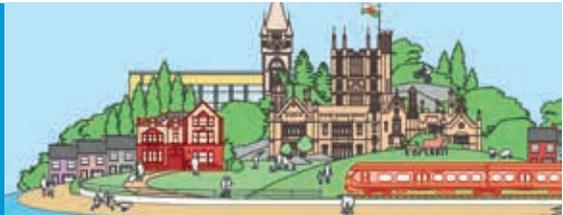
Giving all of our children and young people the best start in life and helping them to be the best they can be



Enabling adults in the county borough to live a good life and age well



Making the county borough a vibrant and healthy place to live, work and spend our recreational time



We're interested to find out what you think about our suggested well-being objectives and whether you agree that we have identified the right areas to focus on.

How can I give my views?

You can give your feedback until **Friday 8th Sept 2017** and there are a number of ways to do this:

Paper questionnaires in public buildings

Paper questionnaires and copies of the draft well-being objectives will be available in up to 35 public buildings across the county borough. These will include the One Stop Shops in Neath and Port Talbot, the Pontardawe Hub, all Council run libraries and all Council run community centres, amongst others.

Save time – Do it Online

A self-completion questionnaire will be available on the Council's website www.npt.gov.uk/well-being

Email

You can email your views to improvement@npt.gov.uk

Social media

You can give us your comments via Facebook and Twitter



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Meetings and events

Officers will attend a variety of meetings and events where you can find out more about the consultation and give your views.

Neath

- **Morrisons Supermarket**
Friday 7 July 2017 (10.30am to 3.30pm)
- **Gnoll Park – Slip and Slide event**
Wednesday 16 August (11am to 5pm)

Port Talbot

- **Aberavon Shopping Centre**
Thursday 27 July 2017 (10.30am to 3.30pm)
- **Aberavon Seafront Playworks Play Day**
Wednesday 2 August 2017 (11am to 3pm)

Valley Communities

- **Tesco Supermarket, Pontardawe**
Monday 17 July 2017 (10.30am to 3.30pm)
- **Croeserw Community Enterprise Centre**
Monday 14 August 2017 (10.30am to 3.30pm)
- **Glynneath Training Centre**
Wednesday 23 August (10.30am to 3.30pm)