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PROJECT UPDATES

Progress has been made on several PSB projects and these are contained within the draft annual report. Key projects to highlight today are outlined below:

Newcastle Emlyn Climate Resilience Pilot

Healthy Environment Delivery Group

This project, referred to on page 6 of the draft annual report, has been commissioned by NRW on behalf of the PSBs in the region to assess the impact of severe weather events. Following the collection of data across the region and a trial public engagement event, this project will now focus on a targeted approach in two communities – Newcastle Emlyn and Fishguard – which were identified by the earlier research.

Community engagement will take place to build resilience in readiness for the effects of climate change. This engagement has been delayed by COVID-19 but will now commence early July and will take place online.

Early Years Integration and Transformation Programme

Prevention & Early Intervention Delivery Group

Carmarthenshire County Council is working with Hywel Dda University Health Board and Ceredigion County Council to develop integrated working across professions and organisations working with families during the early years of their children's lives. Welsh Government funding was received in 2019/20 across the Health Board area and a pilot Early Years Team is being developed within the Gwendraeth Valley.

This Pilot will integrate early years services (midwifery, health visiting, speech and language therapy, and family support) to facilitate building individual and community resilience. Further funding was secured for 2020/2021, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic this has been significantly reduced to £166,666. As a result, project delivery has been reviewed to look at innovative ways of working with families and across services. This will involve greater use of social media and virtual contacts.

Regional Digital Information System

Members are aware of the development of an innovative regional Digital Information System we have jointly commissioned with Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire PSBs using the 2019-20 annual regional funding allocation from Welsh Government, with a contribution also from the West Wales RPB's Transformation Fund. Both the Health Board and the RPB are involved in the ongoing development and implementation of the system.

Writemedia have been commissioned and tasked with developing this online platform which will help with future well-being assessments, assessing performance, reporting arrangements and engagement opportunities. The system is expected to go live in April 2021.

PSB leads and representatives from the Health Board and RPB have met with Writemedia in March and June to receive progress updates. Links are to be made to the RPB platform and the public sector approach to involvement and engagement work led by the Health Board, involving the commissioning of a digital system to ensure opportunities for collaboration are explored and that there is no duplication.

It had been hoped to utilise regional funding to support PSBs from Welsh Government to fund a post to assist with further development work related to the system. This would have included:

- interpretation of data and identify opportunities to enhance data collection;
- implement a method of enabling the Well-being Assessments to be presented online;
- develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for the delivery of the Well-being Plans; and
- assist with public engagement and consultation exercises.

However, as the Board is aware, the funding is not now available this year due to the redirection of monies in response to the coronavirus. The progression of this development work will need to be further considered.

Foundational Economy Challenge Fund – public sector food procurement

Prosperous People & Places Delivery Group

This Welsh Government Foundational Economy Challenge Fund project was awarded £100K to undertake our project proposal looking at public sector food procurement and local supply chain. The project runs until the end of March 2021 and Welsh Government have confirmed that there will not be an extension to this timescales. The PSB partners involved in this project are Carmarthenshire County Council, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Coleg Sir Gâr and Hywel Dda University Health Board (due to levels of spend on food procurement).

A Project Officer role to support delivery of the work is currently out to advert on a fixed terms basis until the end of March 2021. Details have been circulated to PSB members. Closing date 12 July 2020.

Gwyneth Ayers is linking with a Foundational Economy Community of Practice with the other procurement related projects funded by Welsh Government which is intended to be a forum for sharing information, intelligence and challenges as projects progress. The Project will also

be required to provide updates to a Procurement Panel established by Welsh Government and chaired by Liz Lucas, Caerphilly Council. Again, this is intended to act as a challenge board for the individual projects to track progress and provide advice. Progress to date is as follows:

Public sector procurement

We are in the process of engaging with CLES (the Centre for Local Economic Strategies) to support us with this element of the work. CLES are regarded as experts in the field of community wealth and progressive procurement approaches having worked with Preston City Council amongst others. They are also the founders of the community wealth building model which we have previously discussed at PSB. The initial focus of our work with them will be on developing a progressive procurement approach:

Progressive procurement can develop a dense local supply chain of local enterprises, SMEs, employee owned businesses, social enterprises, cooperatives and other forms of local ownership. This type of procurement is locally enriching because these types of businesses are more likely to support local employment and have greater propensity to retain wealth and surplus locally.

The key areas that we'll be looking at in this element of the project will include:

- Mapping and understanding current public body procurement spend – the original focus of the project was on food procurement but there is scope (and agreement from Welsh Government) for us to utilise the funding to look at procurement more broadly
- Better understand what is driving current practice and what can be challenged
- Liaison and support for procurement and economic development officers to develop new ways of working
- Liaison with local businesses – understand relationship with public bodies, what is working and what needs to be developed
- Development of new/refined procurement methodology and framework that implements progressive procurement

Local Supply Chain

If nothing else, COVID-19 has heightened awareness of the local food supply chain in Carmarthenshire. An initial piece of work commissioned through LEADER and undertaken by Menter a Busnes pre-COVID mapping local food producers in Carmarthenshire identified approximately 90 producers in Carmarthenshire and this gives us a good baseline for development.

In order to take this element forward we will be looking to appoint a local supply chain advisor to work 1 day per week to provide expert advice and support in terms of how we take this element forward.

The key areas we'll be looking at in this element of the project will include:

- Greater engagement with local producers, suppliers and distributors – better understand challenges and opportunities for development
- Improving awareness and promotion of local producers and suppliers
- Improving the distribution and co-ordination of local supply into new markets, possible food hub model

- Identify gaps in current local provision and support development of new enterprises