Draft Well-being Assessment

A Well-being Assessment is a report that looks at what life is like for people in Pembrokeshire and what could be done to make things better in the future.

The Pembrokeshire Public Services Board (PSB) is a group of organisations that work together to improve people's lives. They look at things like the environment and helping communities.

The PSB follows the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, which aims to make Wales a better place to live, both now and for future generations. It sets out goals to help improve people's quality of life across Wales.

Every five years, the PSB must produce a Well-being Assessment. This helps them understand:

- What is important to people living in Pembrokeshire.
- What is working well in local communities.
- What challenges people are facing.
- What improvements are needed for the future.

The information gathered is then used to decide what actions should be taken over the next five years to help make Pembrokeshire a better place for everyone.

What are the issues?

Some of you may have been involved in this process already by talking to us over the summer or filling in a survey. We have used data, as well as what people have told us, to try and find out what the issues are in Pembrokeshire that the PSB should look at. We now want to find out if you think these are the right issues.

We have scored what people have told us so that we know what we should focus on. This is shown by using different symbols.

✓	Very important, the PSB should take action quickly
?	This is important but the PSB need to find out more before they take any action
X	We don't need to do anything now / or, this might be something that another group is responsible for

Culture, Language and Leisure

? Fewer people speak Welsh, and there are worries that an important part of our culture and identity could be lost.

✓ It can be difficult for some people to take part in cultural, sport and leisure activities because transport is limited, especially in rural areas. Events can be expensive, and not everyone knows what opportunities are available.

? Young people want more creative activities and a wider range of things to do in their free time.

Jobs and the Economy

✓ As jobs and technology change, people may need more opportunities to learn new skills throughout their lives.

✓ There are not enough work experience placements, apprenticeships and local career opportunities for young people.

✓ Better transport is needed to help people get to work and training opportunities.

X There is pressure on water and sewage systems because of tourism.

Education and Learning

X There are fewer young people living in Pembrokeshire, which means some schools have more places than they need.

? More young people need support with their mental health, which can affect learning, attendance and future opportunities.

- X More Welsh-speaking teachers and childcare staff are needed to meet demand for Welsh-medium education.

- ✓ Living in a rural area can make it harder for some young people and families to access education and support services.

- X Many young people leave Pembrokeshire for university or work and do not return because they cannot find suitable career opportunities locally.

- X Training and further education opportunities need to be easier to access and closer to where people live.

- ? Young people want clearer links between education and local jobs so they can see pathways into future careers.

🌍 Environment and Climate Change

- ✓ Climate change is increasing the risk of flooding, coastal erosion, rising sea levels and damage from storms.

- ✓ Hotter, drier summers are increasing the risk of wildfires.

- X Pollution is affecting water quality in the Cleddau river and Milford Haven Waterway, wildlife, habitats and the marine environment.

- X People are concerned about pollution and sewage entering rivers and the sea.

- ✓ There are concerns about the decline of wildlife, damage to habitats and the impact some developments may have on nature.

- ✓ Coastal pollution, litter and damage to beaches and marine habitats are important concerns.

? Young people are worried about air pollution, carbon emissions, deforestation and their impact on the environment.

Health, Care and Support

✓ Pembrokeshire has an ageing population is putting more pressure on health and care services.

? People in some communities experience worse health outcomes than others.

? Mental health challenges, long-term illnesses, obesity, alcohol misuse and loneliness are becoming bigger concerns.

✓ More people need health, care and support services, and early help is important to prevent problems from getting worse.

X Concerns are growing around drug and alcohol use, including misuse of prescription medicines.

X More unpaid carers may be needed to support family members and loved ones in the future.

? Loneliness and social isolation remain important issues for many people.

X People are worried about how easy it is to access GP, dental, hospital and mental health services.

✓ Poor public transport can make it harder to access services, activities and support.

£🏠 Poverty and Inequalities

✓ Too many children and families are living in poverty.

✓ Some children face challenges because they do not have access to technology, quiet places to study or reliable transport.

✓ Many families are struggling with the rising cost of housing, energy and everyday living.

✓ Some people cannot afford to heat their homes properly, especially in older properties that are expensive to keep warm.

X Living in cold homes can affect both physical and mental health.

X Finding affordable housing is becoming increasingly difficult for local people.

🛡 Safe, Resourceful and Cohesive Communities

? Children and young people face increasing risks online, including harmful content and online threats.

? Drug and alcohol misuse can contribute to crime, violence and poor health.

? Domestic abuse and sexual violence continue to be serious concerns.

? False or misleading information online can affect community relationships and increase tensions.

? Road safety is a major concern, particularly on rural roads and where speeding occurs.

? Some people are at greater risk of house fires, especially those who are isolated, vulnerable or living with mental health challenges.

? Lithium batteries used in e-bikes, e-scooters and vapes can increase the risk of fires if not used safely.

? Loneliness and isolation can make it harder for people to stay connected and access support.

? An ageing population means more support is needed for transport, housing, health and social connections.

X Some people struggle to access online services because of cost, poor connectivity, accessibility barriers or a lack of digital skills.

? Communities are concerned about road safety, drug use and anti-social behaviour.

✓ Demand for community support services is increasing as people's needs become more complex.

✓ More opportunities are needed for people to volunteer and get involved in their communities.

? Young people have said they do not always feel safe in their communities because of bullying, anti-social behaviour, harassment, fighting, drugs and alcohol use, and unsafe public spaces.

Your Voice Matters

You've told us what's important before, and we've listened.

Now we want to know:

- ☑ Did we get it right?
- ☑ Which issues should be tackled first?
- ☑ What have we missed?

Help us shape Pembrokeshire's future!

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