

Introduction

The Annual Self-Assessment and Well-Being report provides an assessment of service delivery throughout 2024/25, including what we have done well and, more importantly, where further improvements are required.

This self-assessment has been developed and includes the information available at a point in time. The Council's approach to self-assessment is an ongoing and fluid process of review, and the assessment will be updated as and when more information becomes available. Though much of this report looks back on what has been delivered throughout 2024/25, it also sets the scene for significant organisational change that is required, up to 2027 and beyond.

The self-assessment has been written to consider:

- **How well are we doing? Narrative of the activity that has taken place;**
- **How do we know? Qualitative and quantitative evidence provided; and**
- **What and how can we do better? Actions to implement over the coming years. .**

Like all public bodies across Wales, we are required to comply with certain statutory duties. This Self-Assessment and Well-Being Report, combines our statutory reporting requirements and statutory publishing duties, under both the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and the Local Government and Elections Act 2021. Both Acts require:

- An annual report to be published to report of our progress against our Well-being objectives (WBFG Act 2015); and
- Publication of an annual Self-Assessment Report (LG&E Act 2021), setting out the extent to which we are meeting our performance requirements.

Local Government & Elections Act 2021

This is our fourth report, under the requirements of the Local Government and Elections Act 2021 and at the heart of this new performance regime, is the requirement for all councils to keep their performance arrangements under review. Councils need to do this through robust, continuous self-assessment of their findings, of which are reported through this annual report.

Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 (WBFG Act) puts into law seven priority well-being goals that all public bodies are required to work towards. It details the way in which public bodies must work and collaborate with each other to improve the well-being of Wales.

In working towards these goals, public bodies are required to consider the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

This report demonstrates how we have linked our key priority well-being objective areas to this Act and our commitment towards it.

