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Improving Engagement between Public Health and the Planning System

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Who does what?

Competing
priorities

Complex
interactions

Many
partners –
inclusive?



Successful
outcomes?

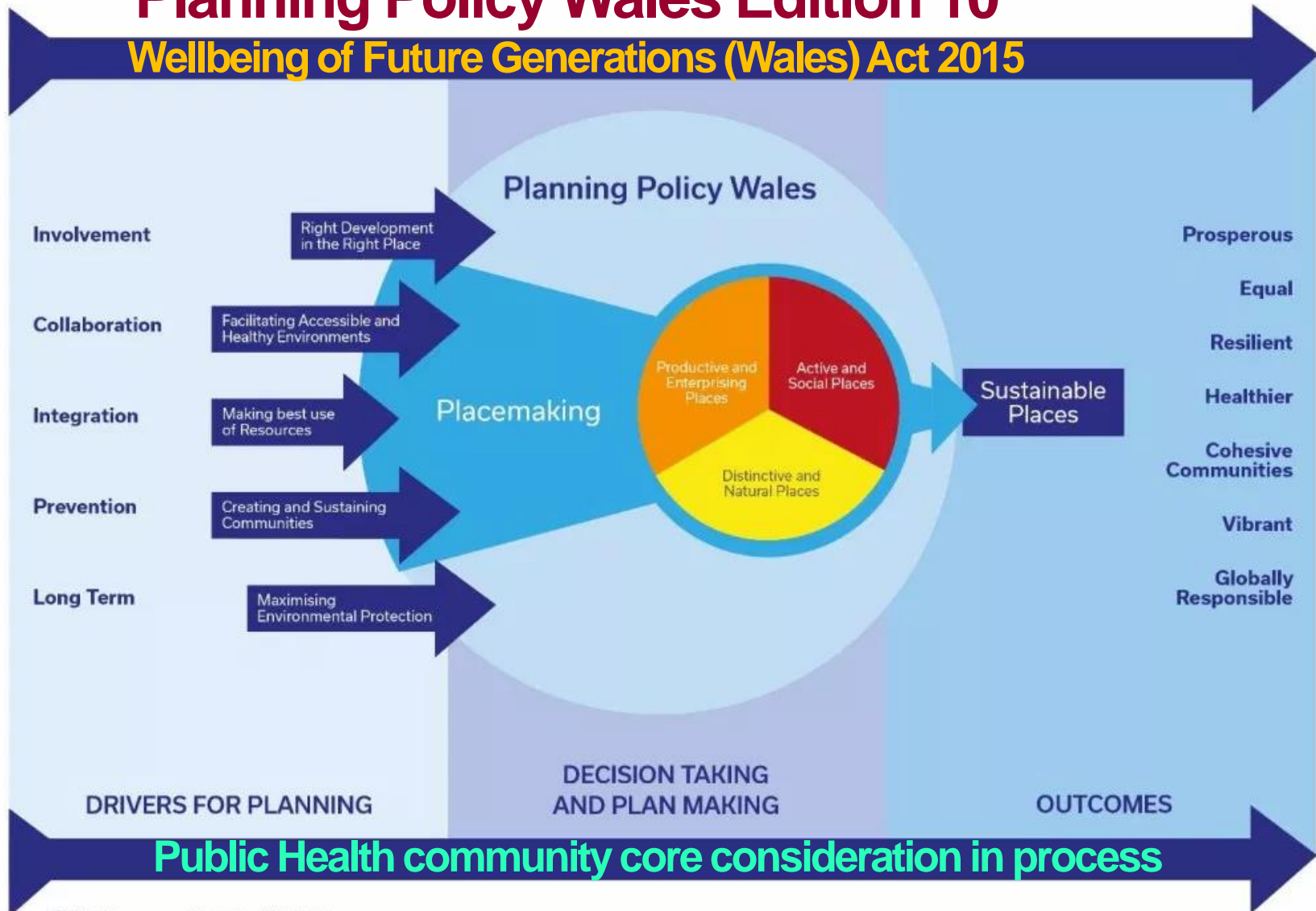
Are we held
to account?

Positive
influence for
change?



Planning Policy Wales Edition 10

Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015





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Harmonising Public Health Planning and Land Use Planning Project – All Wales Survey 2018



Results



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complete responses (35% response rate) 17 NHS Wales public health professionals and 32 local government planning and environmental health officers

PUBLIC HEALTH

PLANNING



53%

have little or no dialogue with local planning authorities



58%

have little or no engagement with local health boards

53%

have little or no engagement with local public health teams

Top 3 specialist areas of information provided in consultations:

Top 3 public health priorities regularly considered in consultation responses:



Reducing obesity



Air quality



Increasing physical activity



Environmental public health



Active travel, access to open spaces and resilient communities



Active travel



87%

of local government planning and environmental health officers want closer collaboration with public health on planning policy, consultations and applications

LOW CONFIDENCE

in the revised Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 with regards to the wider definition of human health

FAIRLY CONFIDENT

in awareness of forthcoming health impact assessment (HIA) regulations for public bodies under the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017

Over three quarters of respondents wanted a training workshop to explore opportunities for greater ways of working between public health professionals and local authority planning teams



What Next?

- Identifying how and when public health can maximise its contribution to the planning process
- Improve health and wellbeing outcomes
- Gearing up our respective organisations to contribute effectively to this
- Everybody has a role to play...
- Opportunity to create something unique for Wales!



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If we don't ask....

Anyone know how to make a city healthy?



Ebbsfleet Development Corporation and the NHS have launched an international design competition for a “modern healthy city”. 2018