

# AGENDA

## One Newport Public Services Board – 11 December 2018

10.00 am

### Coleg Gwent, Nash Road, Newport, NP19 4TS

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the meeting held 2nd October 2018

#### Strategy and Policy

4. Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) – CI Paul Davies (SOC Co-ordinator) and Supt Ian Roberts (Gwent Police) (Presentation)
5. Gwent Futures Conference – Feedback from PSB members
6. Regional Partnership Board & Gwent Transformation Offer – Dr Emily Warren, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (Presentation; report attached)

#### Delivery

7. Local Well-being Plan Delivery:
  - i. Feedback from Intervention Leads (report attached):
    - a) Sustainable Travel: Intervention leads Will Godfrey and Craig Lane
    - b) Green and Safe Spaces: Steve Morgan and Sean Jenkins on behalf of Intervention leads Ceri Davies and Huw Jakeway
    - c) Right Skills: Intervention leads Gary Handley and Martin Featherstone
    - d) The Newport Offer: Intervention leads Ceri Doyle and Will Godfrey
    - e) Strong Resilient Communities: Supt Ian Roberts and Will Beer on behalf of Intervention leads CC Julian Williams and Nicola Prygodzicz
  - ii. Minutes of Strategy and Performance Board – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Will Godfrey, Newport City Council
8. Annual Report arrangements - Tracy McKim, Newport City Council (report attached)

- 9 GAVO Community Voice Engage Report – Martin Featherstone, GAVO  
(Presentation; report attached)

**Information items**

- 10 VAWDASV Annual Report – Rebecca Haycock, VAWDASV (report attached)
- 11 Welsh Government Affordable Housing Review (summary of responses) –  
Beverly Owen, Newport City Council (report attached)
- 12 Forward Work Programme (attached)
- 13 Meeting Dates:
- 10 am Tuesday, 12 March 2019 (Raglan Barracks, Newport)
  - 1.30 pm Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – “Healthy Boards” Training with Academi Wales
  - 10 am Tuesday, 11 June 2019 (University of South Wales, City Campus, Newport)
  - 10 am Wednesday, 2 October 2019
  - 10 am Tuesday, 10 December 2019 (The Friars, Royal Gwent Hospital)

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# Minutes **Newport Public Services Board**

**Date:** 2 October 2018:

**Time:** 10.00 am, Civic Centre, Newport

**Present:**

**Statutory Partners:**

**Newport City Council:** Councillor D Wilcox (in the Chair), W Godfrey (Chief Executive), T McKim (Partnership Manager), N Dance (PSB Co-ordinator), Councillor Majid Rahman, D Price.

**Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB):** K Dew, N Prygodzicz

**South Wales Fire and Rescue Service:** E Bellew, S Jenkins

**Natural Resources Wales:** C Davies

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**Invited Partners:**

**Welsh Government:** A John

**Public Health Wales:** W Beer

**Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner:** J Cuthbert

**Heddlu Gwent Police:** I Roberts

**Probation Service:** L Plechowicz

**University of South Wales:** T Griffin

**Coleg Gwent:** Gary Handley

**Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations:** M Featherstone

**Newport Third Sector Partnership:** C Lane

**Newport Live:** S Ward

**Apologies:** H Jakeway (South Wales Fire and Rescue), S Aitken (Public Health Wales) H Williams (University of South Wales), CC Julian Williams (Gwent Police), C Doyle (RSLs)

No	Item	Action
1	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June, 2018 were confirmed as a true record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>Minute 2 (Matters Arising) - Anti-social Behaviour Film</u></p> <p>N Dance advised that the ASB film and supporting programme were still being evaluated and a Welsh version would be produced. Feedback from schools involved in the programme to date had been very positive. The link will be shared with PSB members as soon as it becomes available.</p> <p><u>Minute 2 (Matters Arising) – Newport Youth Council</u></p> <p>N Dance advised that the PCC's attendance at a Youth Council meeting would be re-scheduled following cancellation of the August meeting.</p> <p><u>Minute 2 (Matters Arising) - G9</u></p> <p>W Godfrey updated on G9 discussions regarding a regional PSB for the Gwent area. Rather than moving to a regional PSB at this time, it was considered that G9 could be extended to include NRW and re-positioned to discuss strategic issues across Gwent. This approach would maintain local connections while minimising duplication, and recognised that local well-being plans for each area had recently been published. There would be an opportunity to review this at the end of the cycle of well-being plans.</p> <p>Members noted Newport's distinctiveness within the Gwent area, including in policing where Newport is different both in type and prevalence of crime.</p> <p>J Cuthbert noted that G9 recognised the need to explore options for enhanced cooperation. Members commented on the value of including other regional bodies in regional discussions.</p>	<p><b>N Dance</b></p> <p><b>Youth Offending Service</b></p> <p><b>N Dance</b></p>
2	<p><b>Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) Co-ordinator</b></p> <p>The Board received a report on the development of Serious and Organised Crime intervention work in Newport, led by the SOC Coordinator and funded by the Home Office.</p>	

	<p>Members commented on links between this and other areas of work e.g. Safe and Green Spaces, ABUHB's work and NCC's work with Barnardos.</p> <p>J Cuthbert advised that the crime plan was being re-written to reflect current circumstances. It was hoped that the revised plan would be ready in April 2019.</p> <p>E Bellew noted the value of recent ACEs training held in Monmouthshire and the potential for similar learning in Newport.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To promote the need to address serious and organised crime risks across the PSB partnership – demonstrating the links with the Newport Well-being Plan.</li> <li>ii. To support the SOC Funded programme(s).</li> <li>iii. To approve appropriate governance and links with other programmes through 'Safer Newport'.</li> <li>iv. To receive a future presentation on SOC from CI Paul Davies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partnership Team</b></p> <p><b>I Roberts</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Scrutiny letter</b></p> <p><i>Councillor Majid Rahman, Chair of the Scrutiny Performance Committee – Partnerships, attended for this item.</i></p> <p>The Board considered the letter from Scrutiny Chair, Councillor Rahman, regarding the SIP Annual Report.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Committee had noted progress generally against the Report and had made a number of requests for additional information. To ensure transparency, the Committee's full comments would accompany the published SIP Annual Report.</p> <p>Councillor Rahman noted that the Committee was now well-established and wished to support as well as scrutinise the work of the PSB.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b> -To note the Scrutiny Committee's letter.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Flexible Funding</b></p> <p>The Board considered a report on Flexible Funding and a review which will inform how it will operate in Newport.</p> <p>The Welsh Government's Flexible Fund would draw together a number of funding programmes, allowing local authorities to integrate the programmes, remove duplication and focus funding on priorities identified by local authorities and their PSB partners.</p> <p>C Lane requested that the review takes account of the effects on the third sector overall in Newport and noted potential impacts on the</p>	

	<p>viability of some of third sector organisations.</p> <p>Members commented on the need for a multi-agency approach going forward.</p> <p>D Price advised that partners will be consulted on the proposals.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To note the proposed review</li> <li>ii. Partners to be consulted on the proposals</li> </ul> <p>[Note: Since consideration of this report by the PSB, Welsh Government has announced that the Flexible Fund grant will be divided into two elements, Children and Communities and Housing Support]</p>	<p><b>D Price</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Local Well-being Plan Delivery – Feedback from Intervention Leads</b></p> <p>The Board considered updates from intervention leads on progress in delivering the Local Well-being Plan.</p> <p>The Chair emphasised the importance of making progress on delivery.</p> <p>C Davies noted the challenge of tying up the links between interventions e.g. cross over between the Newport Offer and the desire of the Green and Safe Spaces Board to market green space in the city.</p> <p>Intervention leads were asked to consider providing co-ordination and support for the interventions from within their own organisations. NCC's Partnership Team would continue to link with each of the themes and could provide coordination for Sustainable Travel and Newport Offer where they have lead roles.</p> <p>C Davies noted that coordination arrangements were in place for Safe and Green Spaces.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b> – To nominate and agree co-ordination support for each of the Well-being Plan Interventions.</p>	<p><b>C Davies &amp; C Doyle</b></p> <p><b>Intervention Leads</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>PSB Apprenticeships Scheme</b></p> <p>The Board considered a report outlining the findings of a survey of PSB members regarding apprenticeships and proposing a way forward for a shared scheme.</p> <p>A John noted the possibility of including placement at Welsh Government in the scheme.</p> <p>C Lane noted that third sector organisations could possibly host but</p>	

	<p>not pay for an apprentice.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Right Skills Intervention Board to develop a working model of approach</li> <li>ii. Once the approach is finalised, each PSB member wishing to be part of the scheme directly employs an apprentice, under their personal terms and conditions, allowing for development of the 'shared opportunity'.</li> </ul>	<p><b>G Handley, M Featherstone, D Price</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Partnership Evaluation Action Plan</b></p> <p>The Board considered a report reviewing progress on the improvement plan developed from the Partnership Evaluation process.</p> <p>It was noted that a protocol had been developed to facilitate communications about partnership work, which members were requested to sign up to.</p> <p>The Chair referred to #porthour on Twitter as a vehicle for pushing out positive stories about Newport (<i>Mondays 8pm-9pm</i>)</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <p>PSB members to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. brief their Communications Teams on the work of Newport PSB</li> <li>ii. nominate a contact within their organisation for PSB communications</li> <li>iii. implement the communications protocol.</li> </ul>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Community Well-being Profile Review</b></p> <p>A paper was submitted for information on plans for updating the Community Well-being Profiles. Members agreed to support the process.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>PSB Support Funding Update</b></p> <p>An update was submitted on regional support funding for PSBs.</p> <p>The Chair drew members' attention to the Futures Conference on 12 November. The conference will help PSB members across Gwent to understand how they can better prepare and plan for the future.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Links between Regional Partnership Boards and PSBs</b></p> <p>The Chair highlighted the key points made by the PSB in its response to the Future Generations Commissioner on links between PSBs and</p>	

	<p>Regional Partnership Boards and how these could be improved.</p> <p>N Prygodzicz suggested that there be a future agenda item on the work of the RPB.</p>	<p><b>N Prygodzicz</b></p> <p><b>N Dance</b></p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Forward Work Programme</b></p> <p>The Forward work programme was submitted for information.</p> <p>The Chair reminded partners that they have the opportunity to submit items for the agenda.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business – Severn Bridge Tolls</b></p> <p>W Godfrey advised that Secretary of State for Wales had announced that that the Severn Bridge tolls would be abolished from 17<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b> – To issue a joint PSB communication regarding abolition of the Severn Bridge tolls</p>	<p><b>W Godfrey</b></p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Meeting dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am 11 December 2018 – Coleg Gwent, Nash campus</li> <li>• 10 am 12 March 2019</li> <li>• 10 am 11 June 2019</li> <li>• 10 am 12 September 2019 (please note change of date)</li> <li>• 10 am 10 December 2019</li> </ul>	<p><b>All to note and consider hosting meetings</b></p> <p><b>N Dance</b></p>

## **Public Services Board (PSB)**

**11 December 2018**

### **Gwent Regional Partnership Board and Gwent Transformational Offer**

#### **Purpose**

To appraise the PSB of the work of the Gwent Regional Partnership Board (RPB) and the RPB's Gwent Transformational Offer with a view to increasing engagement between the work of the PSB and the RPB.

#### **Background**

At the last meeting the PSB noted its response to a letter from the Future Generations Commissioner regarding any arrangements in place to align the work of the PSB with the Regional Partnership Board.

In its response the PSB said that it is looking for opportunities to engage the two agendas and that possibilities might include sharing meeting minutes, meetings between the Chairs, a once a year strategic meeting of the RPB and PSB and planned shared membership. As a first step arrangements are now in place to share minutes between the two Boards. The latest minutes of the RPB are available [here](#).

PSB members also felt that it would be helpful to receive information on the role and work of the RPB. This has coincided with receipt of the RPB's Gwent Transformation Offer, which highlights areas where the RPB will deliver transformational change to services in line with "A Healthier Wales", Welsh Government's strategy for Health and Social Care in Wales.

#### **Gwent Regional Partnership Board**

The Gwent Regional Partnership Board, is the statutory partnership board, leading activity to deliver a 'seamless system' of health and social care, as prescribed in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. The Board, produces an 'Area Plan, detailing the required 'transformational' activity to provide more integrated services for those with a care and support need.

The Board is supported by strategic partnership boards, themes around population priority need, who deliver the specific regional agenda, these are:

- Children and Young People
- Older Adults
- Learning Disabilities and Mental Health
- Carers
- Health, Social Care and Housing

Recognising that the Gwent RPB spans five local authorities, Integrated Partnership Boards (IPB) have been established to guide delivery at a local level, able to apply appropriate local flexibility and political oversight to the regional agenda. These Boards have a clear opportunity to align with the PSB Wellbeing Plan delivery, to ensure an integrated approach to improved wellbeing at a local authority level.

### **Gwent Transformational Offer**

In June 2018, Welsh Government published 'A Healthier Wales' the long term plan for Health and Social Care. The plan, affirmed the Regional Partnership Boards as the central leadership body for driving forward integration, and provided a £100 million transformation fund, to catalyse the required service reform, to deliver a seamless 'wellness system'. Regional Partnership Boards were asked to prepare a transformational offer, detailing service integration at pace in two or more models of care that could be upscaled at a regional or national level. The Gwent offer was submitted in September with the full approval and engagement of the RPB, and in November was awarded in full the sum of £13.4 million.

The transformation programme, complements the priorities established within the Gwent Area Plan for Health and Social care, creating additional capacity to achieve lasting system change at scale and pace. The proposed programme, spans the trajectory of improving wellbeing from early intervention and preventative services, to targeted models of care and support for those with a defined need.

Specifically, the offer will deliver transformational change in the following areas:

- The development of a new model of prevention and wellbeing services.
- The development of primary and community care.
- The development of new pan Gwent 'Home First' discharge services.
- The development of a pan Gwent integrated system of emotional and mental wellbeing for children and young people.
- The development of a programme to create a Gwent 'Wellbeing workforce'.

This 'offer' will achieve the transformational change required to deliver a more seamless system of care and support, predicated on a place based approach, and demarcating a shift from a '*fortress mentality*', to establish place-based '*systems of care*' in which services and organisations collaborate to collectively improve wellbeing. This will require shifting more resources into the community, and we are developing a framework which considers how we will re-direct resources from secondary care, into the community, in tandem with the delivery of these models during the initial two years of service development. They are focused at moving to a more population based, social model of care and a seamless system from prevention, to intervention, with more care delivered closer to home.

The development of an 'integrated programme of transformation' will become the next iteration of the Gwent Area Plan, encompassing the transformation offer, the delivery of ICF and providing a clearer description of how the PSB wellbeing plans, complement the content of the Area Plan, to make a whole systems contribution to improving wellbeing. In doing so, the RPB will be working pro-actively with the G9 and GSWAG to map activity, and consider the best route to demonstrate an effective relationship between the two strategic boards.

## **Recommendations**

PSB members are asked to:

1. Note the Gwent Transformation Offer
2. Note arrangements for sharing Minutes with Gwent RPB and that links to RPB minutes will be published on the One Newport website
3. Continue to identify opportunities to align the work of the PSB with the Regional Partnership Board.

**Timetable**      Immediate

## **Well-being of Future Generations**

The Gwent Regional Partnership Board is a statutory partnership board established by the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. While this is separate legislation to the Well-being of Future Generations Act there is synergy between them. In June 2018, Welsh Government published a long term plan for Health and Social Care to contribute to the objective of “A Healthier Wales” and the RPB’s Gwent Transformation Offer is a response to this.

Actions in the Well-being Plan and RPB’s area plan / Gwent Transformation Offer may impact each upon the other: a level of integration between the two Boards is therefore important for successful delivery of both plans and ensure benefits for citizens now and in the future.

## **Communication**

The minutes of the RPB will be published on One Newport website alongside the PSB’s.

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## Appendix A

### **Gwent Transformation Offer - Executive Summary**

This offer sets out the proposals of the Gwent Regional Partnership Board, to support the continued development of a *'seamless system'* of care, support and wellbeing in Gwent, in response to the Welsh Government's new long term plan for health and social care 'A Healthier Wales'. The proposed new transformation programme, valued at £13.4 million, is predicated on the development of a place based approach to developing *'integrated localities'*, and the redesign at pace of two specific models of care, where integration across health and social care boundaries is essential. It provides additional capacity and capability, to extend the reach of the Area Plan, and to construct an integrated planning model across Gwent.

The offer has been developed through the Regional Partnership Board mechanism, with a dedicated transformation leadership group, established to act as the brokers of change, and determine the content of the offer. This has ensured strong and effective leadership from all partners its development, including political leaders, officers and stakeholder representatives of the RPB. The leadership group sought to ask challenging questions of the current system infrastructure, to consider where pace and scale could demonstrate the achievement of the *'Quadruple Aim'*. The offer demonstrates the shared drive in Gwent to *'Step up to change'*, rather than continuing to *'observe the system struggle'*, to deliver a system, predicated on pace, traction and agility, within the context of austerity and rising demand.

The proposal is constructed in two parts- the first *'Delivering an early intervention, prevention and improved population Wellbeing system'* focused on the development of new integrated services, specifically Integrated Wellbeing Networks, and Primary Care Transformation. The second, *'Creating integrated models of health and social care'* focuses on the service redesign of existing service models, in CAMHS and Hospital Discharge. Taken together these two elements of what will be the substantive 'transformation' programme, will provide the foundations for a seamless system of care, and address the need to remodel at pace specific services to address sustainability and demand concerns.

The transformation fund will provide the capacity, capability and resource to develop a truly integrated commissioning approach, through design, planning, delivery and management of services able to make the most impact on improving wellbeing across health and social care, and as a result, the achievement of a more *'seamless system'*.

# Public Services Board

11 December 2018

## Local Well-being Plan Delivery

### Purpose

This report is to update on the progress made on the first steps in the delivery process for the Local Well-being Plan.

### Background

The statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFG Act) ‘Shared Purpose – Shared Future’ sets out a requirement for each PSB to prepare and publish the Local Well-being Assessment for the local area no later than a year before it publishes its Local Well-being Plan.

The Local Well-being Assessment was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. In Newport these have been named [Community Well-being Profiles](#). The [Local Well-being Plan](#) was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. There are five cross-cutting interventions in the Plan which are now being worked on.

### Update

PSB Intervention Leads/Sponsors and Co-ordination Support are in place and along with other partners have started to work on implementation of each of the interventions. These are listed below.

Intervention	Lead / Sponsor	Co-ordination / Support
<b>The Newport Offer</b>	Ceri Doyle (Newport City Homes) Will Godfrey (Newport City Council)	Nicola Dance (Newport City Council) Huw Williams (Newport City Council)
<b>Strong Resilient Communities</b>	Julian Williams (Gwent Police) Nicola Prygodzicz (ABUHB)	Caroline James (Newport City Council) Huw Williams (Newport City Council) Emily Warren (ABUHB)
<b>Right Skills</b>	Gary Handley, Coleg Gwent Martin Featherstone, GAVO	Nicola Dance (Newport City Council)
<b>Green &amp; Safe Spaces</b>	Ceri Davies (Natural Resources Wales) Huw Jakeway (SW Fire & Rescue Service)	Andy Robinson (Natural Resources Wales) Luke Maggs (Natural Resources Wales) Emma Wakeham (Newport City Council) Sean Jenkins (SW Fire & Rescue Service)
<b>Sustainable Travel</b>	Will Godfrey (Newport City Council) Craig Lane (CAB)	Emma Wakeham (Newport City Council)

## Performance Reporting

A [Delivery & Performance Framework](#) is in place to monitor performance going forward. This is currently being reviewed to ensure:

- the sustainable development principle of the WFG Act is being considered in the reporting process;
- a consistent approach for performance reporting is being adopted across Gwent.

Full performance reporting in line with this review will commence at the end of quarter 3. For quarter 2 a progress summary of each of the interventions is reported in the attached appendices.

As part of the scrutiny of the PSB, quarter 2 progress summaries will be reported to the Council's Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019. One lead for each of the interventions is invited to attend the Scrutiny Committee to report on progress.

## **Recommendations**

Public Services Board members are asked to review and critically analyse, using the five ways of working, the progress made in the attached.

## **Timetable**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Strategy &amp; Performance Board</b>	<b>PSB</b>	
1st progress update	N/A	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Complete
2nd Progress update	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018	Complete
Q2 Performance Report	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	
Q3 Performance Report	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	12 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018 (TBC)	
Annual Report	To be agreed	To be agreed	

## **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

The Local Well-being Plan and the Delivery & Performance Framework were developed using the Shared Purpose: Shared Future guidance. The plan is framed around the sustainable development principle (long term; prevention; collaboration; integration; involvement). As mentioned above the framework is currently being reviewed to ensure the sustainable principle is fully considered.

## **Communication**

The One Newport website has a page for each intervention and these pages can be used to update the partnership of the progress made against each of the interventions.

## **Background Papers**

[Delivery & Performance Framework 2018-19](#); [Local Well-being Plan](#)

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## Appendix 1: Sustainable Travel

The Sustainable Travel Group have met on three occasions in July, August and October. The group includes representatives from ABUHB, CAB (representing the third sector), Newport City Council, Natural Resources Wales, Public Health Wales, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service and Sustrans.

Actions to work on over the next 18 months have been agreed. These are listed below with progress made to date.

Steps	Actions	Progress to date	Plans for next quarter
1) PSB to become champions of sustainable travel, leading by example and reducing the public sector's contribution to air pollution. To include:			
a) Agree and implement a joint sustainable travel plan for all PSB organisations to encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collate all PSB organisation travel plans.</li> <li>Develop best practice guidelines for organisations to use.</li> <li>Develop a joint staff travel plan that could be adopted by different size organisations.</li> </ul>	Collation of travel plans is underway.	
b) PSB vehicle fleet to be ultra-low / zero emissions (5 yrs: 10%, 10 yrs: 50%, 25 yrs: 100%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an audit of PSB organisations to ascertain vehicle numbers.</li> </ul>	Audit underway.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with the Energy Saving Trust to support organisations to move to low emission vehicles.</li> </ul>	No progress to date.	Make links with the Energy Savings Trust
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the feasibility of shared cross organisational ultra-low / zero emission fleet vehicles.</li> </ul>	<p>Application for funding submitted for a Gwent regional study. The study will investigate the feasibility of shared cross organisational ultra-low/ zero-emission fleet vehicles. This study will also include grey mileage.</p> <p>This study could be linked to the Eco Stars work already underway (see</p>	Feasibility study to take place if the grant application is successful.

Steps	Actions	Progress to date	Plans for next quarter
		below)	
c) Be the voice for the local area for regional schemes impacting on travel choices and air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an ambitious sustainable travel plan for the city.</li> <li>• Engage with the Welsh Government and Transport for Wales.</li> <li>• All planning applications for “developments of significance” to be highlighted to the group to ensure that sustainable travel is considered.</li> <li>• Develop guidance for travel plans required for planning applications.</li> <li>• Plan for the opportunities that may arise when the M4 relief road.</li> </ul>	Regular meetings are taking place with the Welsh Government and Transport for Wales to highlight Newport’s ambitions re a Sustainable Travel City.	Local Transport plan to be reviewed and updated in line with the ambitions for the city.
d) Support the implementation of the new air quality supplementary planning guidance (SPG)	Air quality (AQ) SPG already in place.	Adopted in February 2018, the AQ SPG provides clear guidance to developers on what type of air quality assessment is required for a range of scenarios. Its aim is to manage a change to less polluting road vehicles.	There are no immediate plans in the next quarter to change the AQSPG, in the near future a sustainable travel tool kit will be produced that will complement the SPG.
	Consider active travel and electric vehicles when reviewing the existing parking SPG.	No progress to date.	Review to begin.
	Put in place air quality management area (AQMA) buffer zones.	As part of the AQSPG – planning buffer zones have been designated in Caerleon, Chepstow Road / Clarence Place / Caerleon Road and Malpas Road (south).	Additional AQMAs were declared in July 2018, some of which may benefit from AQMA planning buffers. A review of these will be conducted in the next quarter.
	Work with Welsh Government on the national air quality action plan.	No progress to date.	

Steps	Actions	Progress to date	Plans for next quarter
	Support the development of the Newport air quality action plan.	A draft city wide sustainable travel action plan has been developed which is currently under internal consultation. This will be used as a framework to produce targeted areas such as AQMAs.	An easily digestible consultation document will be produced ready for the public early in the new year. During or soon after the public consultation process consultation on site specific issues (AQMAs) will begin.
e) Use technology to reduce travel for people accessing services and travelling to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertaken an audit of PSB organisations to ascertain what technology is in place and plans for the future.</li> </ul>	Audit underway.	
2) Create an environment where public transport, walking and cycling is prioritised. To include:			
a) Prioritise walking and cycling infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve pedestrian infrastructure by developing a pedestrian strategy across the city.</li> <li>Look at 20 mile hour zones in the future.</li> </ul>	For the future.	
b) Implement on street bike share across the city	Work with Cardiff and Next bike to implement a bike share scheme in Newport.		Make links with Cardiff, Next Bike and obtain funding to implement bike share scheme across the city.
c) Target active travel for the school run	Work with communities to implement the Safe Routes in Communities Programme in the St David's Primary school area.	<p><b>Workshops</b></p> <p>Engagement work and workshops with school, parents and local residents specifically focussed on addressing congestion issues at peak times, leading to development of initial design ideas have taken place.</p>	<p><b>Workshops</b></p> <p>3 workshops programmed with St David's school, focussing on areas identified as needing improvement to encourage higher levels of walking and cycling to school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route from Tredegar Park to school.</li> </ul>

Steps	Actions	Progress to date	Plans for next quarter
		<p>'Pop-up' community mapping workshops took place at Tredegar Park and Maesglas local shops.</p> <p><b>Community mapping tool</b> Tool developed and implemented capturing residents views on barriers to walking and cycling within Gaer, Maesglas and Duffryn areas. 52 on-line comments to date.</p> <p><b>Design - Installation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic approach and initial design concepts for area around school developed.</li> <li>• Identification of key locations in need of improvement and focus of future design workshops.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement of existing bridge across railway line</li> <li>• Cardiff road crossings</li> </ul> <p>2 pop-up workshops engaging with wider community are also planned at Maesglas shops and Harlech retail park – Tesco.</p> <p><b>Community mapping tool</b> Engagement with key local employers including Statistics Office and IPO.</p> <p><b>Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automated speed volume counts for vehicle approach to school.</li> <li>• Baseline video analysis of area to front of school considering:</li> <li>• Formal and informal crossing behaviour, interaction between pedestrians and vehicles including yield rates of cars to pedestrians, and illegal parking.</li> </ul> <p><b>Design - Installation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops focussed on developing design solutions to identified key locations.</li> <li>• Development of initial concept designs to feed into Newport Highways team.</li> </ul>

Steps	Actions	Progress to date	Plans for next quarter
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed broad approach for design focus, including discussions around internal design sign-off and procurement approaches.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed project web page.</li> <li>Regular twitter feeds through Sustrans and Newport City Council.</li> <li>4000 leaflet drop within NP20 area of Newport.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued twitter and facebook posts.</li> <li>Project press release.</li> </ul>
	Continue the good work undertaken at Ringland Primary on the Active Journeys Programme.	Those currently supported on the Active Journeys Programme are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St Patrick's RC Primary School.</li> <li>Ringland Primary School.</li> <li>St David's RC Primary School.</li> </ul>	Further sessions will take place in each school over the next three months.
	Investigate funding opportunities to increase active travel to and from school.		Healthy & Active Fund bid in progress.
	Develop resources that fit in with the curriculum to support schools.	Sustrans already have curriculum support materials freely available to all schools, available from their <a href="#">Website</a> . Lesson Plans, Literacy & Numeracy Frameworks for KS2 & KS3 as well as Welsh Baccalaureate resources are popular downloads.	Work needs to be undertaken to re-align Sustran resources with the new Curriculum and Health & Wellbeing Area of Learning experience. This is dependent on funding being made available.
	Roll out support to other schools across Newport, use the Eco schools scheme and healthy schools to promote this across the city focusing on most congested areas near schools.	Sustrans encourage all schools to work towards Sustrans School Mark – that recognises excellence in active travel. The framework is free to adopt and has on-line support information. Criteria	Links to be made with Healthy Schools going forward.

Steps	Actions	Progress to date	Plans for next quarter
		within the Sustrans School Mark help schools achieve elements of both Healthy & Eco Schools, and vice versa.	
d) Tackle illegal parking and prioritise walking and cycling in highway design	To be reviewed once parking enforcement has been passed to the local authority in Sept 2019.	For the future	
e) Work with bus providers to implement a low emission bus fleet (5-10 yrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a partnership with bus operators and support the low emission bus ULEV bid.</li> <li>Encourage lower emissions buses to be used in the most vulnerable air quality routes.</li> <li>Work with regional partners to implement integrated ticketing across the region.</li> </ul>	Newport Transport is currently trialling a fully electric bus on two routes between Bettws and the City Centre. Initial feedback from passengers has been positive.	
f) Develop low emission zones / clean air zones. (10-25 yrs)	For the future.		
<b>3) Encourage the use of ultra-low /zero emission vehicles. To include:</b>			
a) Support the installation of electric charging points across the city to encourage the use of electric vehicles (EV).	Work across Gwent on an EV Feasibility Study to identify the most appropriate locations for charging points across the city (this includes E bikes).	Specification agreed amongst PSB partners and tender issued. Tender returns currently being assessed.	Contract to be awarded and full study to be completed.
	Develop an EV strategy.	Review of available examples.	Discussion on appropriate approach / content for a OneNewport EV Strategy.
	Develop a Newport EV brand to encourage the installation of EV points in	For the future.	

Steps	Actions	Progress to date	Plans for next quarter
	commercial areas e.g. Tesco's.		
b) Support and encourage the Newport taxi fleet to move to zero / ultra-low emission taxis. (5-10 yrs)	For the future.		
c) Develop HGV / LGV fuel economy partnership scheme. (5-10 yrs).	Eco stars scheme to be in place from Sept 2018 to March 2019 to give free advice to HGV and haulage firms.	The scheme is now being offered to fleet operators in the city. This will initially target council lead servicers.	Once the council fleet / council associated fleets have been assessed the scheme will target the Caerleon and Caerphilly Road AQMA. It will also target large 'high profile' fleet operators in the city, such as the docks.

## **Appendix 2: Green & Safe Spaces**

The intervention leads Ceri Davies and Huw Jakeway together with intervention support team Emma Wakeham, Andy Robinson and Luke Maggs have met regularly. An intervention workshop was held on 30 August the following organisations were represented by circa 30 delegates:

ABUHB, Chater Housing, Duffryn Community Link, GAVO, Gwent Police, Gwent Wildlife Trust, Magor Marsh, Menter Iaith Casnewydd, Newport City Council (including Partnership, Policy & Involvement, Youth Services, Play Development, Children Services, Environmental Health, Supporting People, Regeneration) Newport City Homes, Newport Live, NRW, Princes Trust, Severn Estuary Partnership, Share Centre Stow Hill, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, YMCA Newport.

The workshop delegates were asked to:

- Develop the actions and changes required to deliver the four short term steps planned for the first 5 years of the plan;
- Lay the foundations for the medium (5-10 years) and long term (10-25 years) steps in the plan;
- Agree a way for individuals and organisations to work together to deliver this change.

The main messages arising from the workshop were:

- A desire to stop planning and start doing;
- to build a momentum and encourage people to join and take ownership of the actions;
- to work with what's in place if its 'fit for purpose' we can always refine later if needed;
- to deliver through the 5 ways of working and using networks of public, private and third sector organisations;
- PSB partners supporting, and facilitating as well as delivering;
- Build on the enthusiasm get in some 'quick wins'.

The initial focus areas were to:

- Develop new community and LA 'green flag' greenspaces across Newport.
- Marketing and promotion of the greenspaces and assets across Newport.
- Build a portfolio of good practice, pilots and projects that deliver the green and safe spaces intervention.
- Promote green infrastructure across the city.
- Develop a green infrastructure strategy.

Immediate next steps:

- Write out to thank all participants include the raw detailed feedback and a copy of this summary PSB report and advising they are our intervention focus group, encourage others to be identified to join.
- Use the additional resources we've secured to kick off some of the partnership engagement work.
- Establish the core delivery group to help us take the actions forward.
- Keep the focus group involved through regular skype meetings and newsletter updates.
- Join Strong Resilient Community intervention workshop.

Since the workshop work has continued and is detailed in the table below:

Step (0-5 years)	Actions to meet the steps	Progress to date up until 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Plans for next quarter (Oct-Dec)
<p>1) Develop a collaborative Newport wide green infrastructure vision and plan which is adopted and delivered by all PSB partners</p>	<p>Investigate and audit city centre Green Infrastructure (GI) and engage the local BID forum (Business District), local business consortiums and willing city centre partners around the use of retrofitting GI solutions to address the ASB issues, improve customer experiences/satisfaction, mitigate effects of poor air quality, increased climate change adaptation, improve resilience of urban wildlife and begin to change perceptions and generate pride in the area.</p>	<p>← Agreed this action under the recent Green &amp; Safe spaces stakeholder meeting after extensive partner discussion.</p> <p>Workshop notes were written up, and high-level aspirations communicated to partners and GI mapping examples produced</p>	<p>Once Ceri is back from leave, we will work with NCC PSB staff (Emma &amp; her team) around how best to use our senior PSB representatives e.g. Ceri &amp; Huw to take these co-owned GI aspirations to the local BID's</p> <p>** there should be a logical link developed between these PSB green &amp; safe actions and the proposed Newport GI strategy, as well as the wider Newport offer" (cross cutting intervention)</p> <p>Agree future ways of working to deliver the Green &amp; Safe theme</p>
	<p>Develop a GI Strategy to support the implementation of key PSB priorities and planning policies and provide a coordinated, evidence backed approach. Include the delivery mechanism on a variety of cross cutting issues and themes, and focus on delivering benefits, and the longer-term vision of the PSB.</p>	<p>Secured significant financial and stakeholder support through NRW &amp; NCC for a PSB secondment role to support this GI work</p>	<p>Recruitment &amp; appointment – develop work planning for the new staff support</p> <p>Role will be tasked with supporting the Green &amp; Safe theme and helping deliver aspects of the GI strategy</p> <p>Break out Newport's section of NRW's GIS GI dataset (this hopefully will underpin a lot of the GI strategy work)</p>
	<p>Produce a strategic plan for the whole county that will build upon the vision set out in the Wellbeing plan to draw together key aims and objectives and demonstrate how health and resilience of ecosystems can be maintained and</p>	<p>In addition to the above resources for the GI theme, we have met with Newport's LDP planning team, Newport countryside team and some other NCC officers around how best to produce a collective GI strategy in anticipation of the new PPW</p>	<p>Research, and begin the co-production Newport's PSB GI strategy (Katie Godfrey: Lead)</p> <p>** our current view is these two actions amalgamate into one , underpinned by the</p>

Step (0-5 years)	Actions to meet the steps	Progress to date up until 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Plans for next quarter (Oct-Dec)
	enhanced for future generations, whilst simultaneously providing benefits to address local need and key issues for the city.	(planning policy wales) and the PSB aspiration around green & safe spaces  During this meeting we also agreed the aspiration to co-produce Wales's first PSB GI strategy	GI strategy production
2) All PSB partners can clearly articulate and demonstrate the benefit of green infrastructure in their services and are working together to maximise tangible benefits (measured and set from the data & trend analysis)	Develop a strategic Newport wide marketing and communications plan for the green and safe spaces intervention. Strategic assessment of Newport's quality greenspaces and key assets with a view to improving the promotion, communication and general data driven marketing of sites, activities and benefits.	Green & Safe meeting discussed this possible option	Depending on the skillset of the new role/staff resource this may form part of the work programme.  Speak with Newport Live and wider PSB partners around sharing joint Marketing and comms resources
	Build a portfolio of existing good practice, pilots and projects underway in Newport and promote these and support them going forward bring out the green and safe theme.	Begun collating information around key projects to research for the PSB theme e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edible Maindee;</li> <li>• Dyffryn Project;</li> <li>• Mini police/rangers;</li> <li>• Sustrans community mapping;</li> </ul>	This will form part of the new role/staff work programme
3) Identify and apply a preventative approach to targeting crime, antisocial behaviour and challenging negative perceptions	Some additional part-time support for the green and safer theme to be funded by NRW and working with Sean from SWFRS and NCC working with existing safer groups and community groups to support communities to take back ownership of the green spaces making them less	The resource requirements have been secured and we are currently in the process of sorting out the governance, finance and recruitment procedures for the new post. However, we do not envisage this new post leading on this area of work, more supporting existing	Recruit and appointment this new role to support and engage with stakeholders (sift planned for 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov)  Provisional meeting planned for 27 <sup>th</sup> (see point 4) November to discuss greenspaces across Newport

Step (0-5 years)	Actions to meet the steps	Progress to date up until 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Plans for next quarter (Oct-Dec)
that deter people from using green spaces and parks.	attractive for ASB.	partnerships and seeking out appropriate lead	
	Work with community councils to develop initiatives to deter misuse of green spaces.	No progress to date	Investigate opportunities as part of the new appointee workplan
	Identify longer term projects to tackle tricky issues such as off-road biking.	No progress to date	
4) Maintain, promote and mobilise people and communities to use green spaces for recreation and physical activity.	Increase the number of green flag/community green flag sites across Newport: develop a protocol; work with communities to select new sites; support applications; identify potential funding; seek accreditation.	Meeting arranged with CLAS and other Greenflag partners to look at possibilities of increasing the numbers of community green flags in Newport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is entailed?</li> <li>• How much this will cost?</li> <li>• Who will do the work&amp; how will we resource it?</li> <li>• When &amp; where can it be delivered?</li> </ul>	Depending on outcome of this partnership meeting (27 <sup>th</sup> Nov), intention is to begin looking at options for Newport around selection of sites for GF and accreditation options.

### **Appendix 3: Right Skills**

The Board members are Coleg Gwent, GAVO, University of South Wales, Newport City Council (Education and Community Regeneration), ABUHB, representative of Newport secondary schools, representative of Newport primary schools, Careers Wales, JobCentre Plus, National Training Federation for Wales and Y Fforwm Iaith. Representatives of other employers and the third sector will also be considered for invitation to the board.

There have been three meetings of the Board: on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November took the form of a workshop discussion to identify potential actions to address the steps in Year 1. Work is now underway to finalise the actions and membership of project groups to deliver them.

Key projects to be delivered in Year 1 are:

- Development of the Newport Commitment ensuring young people are provided with support, choices and opportunities to make a successful transition from school to ongoing education, training and work.
- Model for a shared PSB Apprenticeships Scheme
- A Digital Schools Conference (with Newport Economic Network)
- A STEM /construction sector careers & skills event
- Development of the “ask” of investors / companies / construction companies in terms of skills development and recruitment need
- Work with schools on their Careers work and the support schools /young people need.

#### **Appendix 4: The Newport Offer**

There are very strong links between the Newport Offer aspiration to change perceptions and raise the profile of the city and the work of Newport Economic Network and Newport Destination Management Group (DMG). A meeting of the intervention leads, the Chair of the Destination Management Group and Newport City Council Strategic Director - Place has taken place to discuss how the work should best join up to achieve the greatest impacts for the city.

With supporting activity, the intention is to:

- Develop a new promotional web presences for visitors / residents, and one for inward investment
- Develop marketing materials with consistent positive messaging appropriate for a growth city.

Other work undertaken to date includes:

- Stakeholder mapping
- Work to define the baseline data and the expected key performance indicators (KPIs) and secondary performance indicators (PIs) for TNO. KPIs and PIs will need to demonstrate progress in changing perceptions of residents, stakeholders, the business community and investors, tourism and leisure.
- Utilising the 6 short term Steps defined in the Wellbeing plan, documenting
  - Why the action is necessary
  - What the action will involve
  - How it will contribute to changing the perception of Newport and the outcomes the actions will achieve

The Newport Offer Board is likely to be made up of a core group of 5-6 representing the audiences the work of The Newport Offer is targeted at:

- Residents
- Stakeholders
- Investors and business community
- Tourism and leisure

## **Appendix 5: Strong Resilient Communities**

The two leads met on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 and the Strong Resilient Communities Intervention Board met for the first time on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

The Intervention Board agreed to concentrate initially on:

- a. building on the work taking in place in Ringland, with a focus on community hubs, community engagement and empowerment, community assets and support for community groups
- b. develop and promote an overarching volunteering programme

Work on these activities will unlock the other short-term steps identified in the Wellbeing Plan for this intervention and will extend the place based approach first developed in Pillgwenlly.

The intention is to adopt a place based approach building on and further integrating the ongoing work on the Ringland Neighbourhood Hub, Newport City Homes' regeneration of Ringland district centre, new health-care facilities and the work on Serious and Organised Crime/community resilience. The Intervention Board will ensure stronger collaboration and integration between service providers at the local level so that services are 'delivered around families'.

The work will be evidence-based, asset-based and will use community wellbeing profiles, spatial data and customer insight.

A stakeholder workshop will be held in January 2019 to involve local agencies and community organisations in the development of the work programme.

# Minutes

## Newport Public Services Board (PSB) Strategy & Performance Board

**Date:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
**Venue:** Committee Room 2, Civic Centre  
**Time:** 2pm

**Present:** Will Godfrey (Chief Executive, Newport City Council); Will Beer (Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Wales); David Letellier (Operations Manager for South East Wales, Natural Resources Wales); Gary Handley (Coleg Gwent; Sara Garland (Head of Service, Newport Locality, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board); Sean Jenkins (South Wales Fire & Rescue Service); and Chief Inspector Richard Blakemore (Gwent Police).

**Also in Attendance:** Tracy Mckim (Policy, Partnership & Involvement Manager, Newport City Council); Nicola Dance (Senior Policy & Partnership Officer, Newport City Council); Louise Moore (Newport City Council); and Wayne Tucker (Partnership Officer, Newport City Council).

**Apologies:** Superintendent Ian Roberts (Gwent Police); Lloyd Bishop (Assistant Director of Performance & Information, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board); Eric Bellew (Group Manager, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service); Huw Jakeway (Chief Fire Officer, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service); Nicola Prygodzicz (Interim Director of Planning & Performance, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board); Martin Featherstone (Chief Executive, Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisation); Ceri Davies (Executive Director for Knowledge, Strategy and Planning, Natural Resources Wales); and Craig Lane (Chief Officer, Citizens Advice Bureau).

No	Item	Action / Decision
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Will Godfrey welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2018) &amp; Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record with the following matters arising discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An item on housing will be added to the next PSB meeting (Council and RSL).</li> <li>For the Communications Protocol, some contact details for PSB member comms teams have been received. This can be raised again at a future PSB meeting if required.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Well-being Plan Performance</b></p> <p><u>Update so far</u></p> <p>Will Godfrey explained that progress made so far across the five Interventions has been mixed, with each one at different stages of development.</p>	

No	Item	Action / Decision
	<p><u>Sustainable Travel (Will Godfrey updated)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel plans were being looked at across organisations, while the M4 Relief Road is still unclear.</li> <li>• Meetings are also taking place with Transport for Wales.</li> </ul> <p><u>Newport Offer (Will Godfrey updated)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are different groups with similar agendas and aspiration e.g. Destination Management and Newport Economic Network. Conversations are taking place to align these areas.</li> <li>• Investigations are being carried out on the possibility of having a Newport website focussed specifically on the city's offer.</li> </ul> <p><u>Right Skills (Gary Handley updated)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings have taken place to gather information on what everyone is currently doing.</li> <li>• Some specific areas have been identified which the group will focus on, with leads to be assigned shortly.</li> </ul> <p><u>Strong Resilient Communities (Richard Blakemore / Sara Garland updated)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer Newport was highlighted including its three strands (City Centre, ASB, SOC).</li> <li>• The scheduled workshop for the intervention had to be postponed and will now be reorganised for January.</li> <li>• The wider place based work within the intervention is being looked at initially in Ringland.</li> <li>• The work around Ringland Hubs was raised, with engagement and stakeholder events to take place in due course.</li> <li>• Other areas will be looking at (e.g. North and West) over the next few months with respect to potential options.</li> <li>• The lessons learned from the Pill intervention were discussed including whether this could be tested in other areas proactively rather than reactively. It wasn't clear that this had been evaluated fully.</li> <li>• Improved links with ONS would also be useful for better analysis.</li> </ul> <p><u>Green and Safe Spaces</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work has been done to identify actions and to develop actions.</li> <li>• NRW are appointing a worker to help implement this work working closely with partners e.g. NCC.</li> <li>• Performance is key in evaluating how well we are doing.</li> <li>• Community space is an important aspect as well as green space.</li> <li>• Potential areas in Newport that could apply for Green Community Flags have been identified. With work continuing on this.</li> <li>• Spatial planning and the city centre masterplan are important in developing this intervention.</li> </ul>	

No	Item	Action / Decision
	<p><u>Reporting to Scrutiny</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicola Dance gave a presentation explaining the role of Scrutiny.</li> <li>The group discussed how we will report to Scrutiny in January and whether we could use a narrative approach rather than a performance dashboard. It was agreed that most interventions would struggle to fully complete the dashboard and therefore a more descriptive update would be better, with specific progress stated when applicable.</li> <li>The Sustainable Travel Intervention could also be tested to see how the dashboard would look and whether it works as a performance tool.</li> </ul> <p><b>It was agreed</b></p> <p>Further discussion at PSB on the intervention that took place in Pill and whether this could assist with a more community regeneration approach (proactive) rather than a community safety approach (reactive).</p> <p>Discussion at PSB on Spatial Planning in the city.</p> <p>Follow up on the relationship between Scrutiny and the Future Generations Commissioner.</p>	<p>PSB Members</p> <p>PSB Members</p> <p>Tracy Mck / Nicola D</p>
4.	<p><b>Youth Support Services Board (YSSB) – Reporting Arrangements</b></p> <p>Louise Moore requested permission for the Youth Support Services Board to report into the Right Skills Intervention Board. This was seen as a positive move and would enhance the work being carried out within Right Skills.</p> <p><b>It was agreed</b></p> <p>To allow the YSSB to report directly into the Right Skills Intervention Board.</p> <p>Clarify the governance arrangements around these reporting changes.</p>	<p>Board members</p> <p>Louise M / Nicola D</p>
5.	<p><b>PSB Support Funding 2018-19</b></p> <p>Tracy Mckim updated on the funding for 2018-19, which were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gwent Futures – A Gwent Futures Conference was held in Newport. A local workshop will be set up in each local authority area. It was suggested that this conference could look at the links with the well-being plan.</li> <li>Happiness Pulse – Due to issues last year it was agreed by the Gwent Strategic Well-being Assessment Group (GSWAG) that the money should be used differently e.g. approx. £3,000 per authority. In Newport, this could be used to fund licenses to enable the future development of online profiles, etc.</li> <li>Climate Ready Gwent – A project was commissioned, with the tender awarded to Netherwood Sustainable Futures.</li> </ul> <p><b>It was agreed</b></p> <p>Send out the Gwent Futures Conference presentations to the group.</p> <p>Provide more information to the group on Climate Resilient Gwent.</p>	<p>Wayne T</p> <p>Emma W</p>

No	Item	Action / Decision
6.	<p><b>PSB Work Programme</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Working agenda item has been moved to the March meeting.</p> <p>The Regional Partnership Board was highlighted including the need to better communicate this work to the PSB. The December agenda includes a presentation on the work of the RPB and the Gwent Transformation Offer.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>No other business was discussed.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 2pm @ TBC</p> <p>Items for the agenda to Wayne Tucker.</p>	Board members

## Public Services Board

11 December 2018

### Well-being Plan Annual Report Arrangements 2018-19

#### Purpose

This report is to update on the arrangements for the Well-being Plan Annual Report 2018-19.

#### Background

The statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFG Act) 'Shared Purpose – Shared Future' sets out a requirement for each PSB to report annually on progress toward meeting the well-being objectives outlined in their local well-being plan.

In Newport the [Local Well-being Plan](#) was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. There are five cross-cutting interventions in the Plan which are being worked on during its first year of implementation.

#### Update

Within the statutory guidance, the following points should be considered by the PSB when developing their annual progress report:

- A PSB must prepare and publish a report no later than 14 months after the publication of its first Well-being Plan. This means that the PSB's first annual report for the Well-being Plan must be published no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. Subsequently, an annual report must be published no later than one year after the publication of each previous report.
- In the year following an ordinary local government election, when a new local well-being plan is being prepared and published, there is no requirement to also produce an annual report.
- The report must set out the steps taken since the publication of the board's most recent local well-being plan to meet the objectives set out in the plan.
- The report can also include any other information the board thinks would be appropriate.
- For example, it would be expected that progress would be measured with reference to the national indicators and, where they have been set, the performance indicators and standards for public services boards.
- A board must send a copy of each annual progress report published by the PSB to the Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner, the Auditor General for Wales and the local authority's scrutiny committee.

PSB Members, with the support of the Intervention Leads will need to consider the best format and level of detail to be reported in this first year, in view of the stage of implementation for each of the interventions within the Plan.

## Recommendations

Public Services Board members are asked to:

1. Note the set of requirements for the annual report;
2. Discuss what information should be included in the report; and
3. Note the timetable for developing, agreeing and publishing the annual report.

## Timetable

Task	Date
Initial thoughts/draft to Strategy & Performance Board	May 2019
PSB to agree report	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Present Report to the Partnership Scrutiny Committee	June 2019
Publish Annual Report 2018-19	By 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019

## Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Annual Report of will be developed using the Shared Purpose: Shared Future statutory guidance. The report will acknowledge the progress made in meeting the well-being objectives outlined in the well-being plan and whether the sustainable development principle (long term; prevention; collaboration; integration; involvement) has been applied.

## Communication

A press release will be issued on the Council website when the annual report is published and will be promoted to the partnership and wider public via the usual communication methods. The report and further information will be available on the One Newport website via a dedicated performance reporting page.

## Background Papers

[Delivery & Performance Framework 2018-19](#)

[Local Well-being Plan](#)

[Shared Purpose: Shared Future: Statutory Guidance](#)

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## **Public Services Board (PSB)**

**11th December 2018**

### **Community Voices – Evaluation of the BL engagement and participation project**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the PSB with an overview of the work of the Big Lottery funded Community Voices engagement and participation project, with particular reference to the increased involvement of third sector organisations in Newport in the development of the Well-being Assessment and Well-being Plan.

#### **Background**

This report is presented to the PSB, as the successor to the Local Services Board and the partnership responsible for the development and delivery of the One Newport Well-being Plan. The Big Lottery (BL) programme “Community Voices” was launched in November 2011 as a focussed programme to support the greater involvement of the third sector in the development and delivery of Single Integrated Plans across Wales, following discussion between BL and Welsh Government. The fund was ring fenced to county voluntary councils to bid into in a competitive bidding round to run a portfolio of locally managed projects. GAVO successfully bid to run two portfolios covering the four counties in Gwent with “Valley Voices” serving Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent and “Engage” working with groups in Newport and Monmouthshire. As part of the approval for the bids all CVCs across Wales were required to seek support from the LSB in their area.

The Programme ran for five years with the GAVO portfolios launching in July 2013. The key theme of the Engage portfolio was equalities and consisted of ten projects managed locally by third sector organisations, that aimed to facilitate greater equality in our communities for all people including those with disability, parents and families, minority ethnic groups and people who feel isolated to engage with the design and delivery of services.

The Portfolio had four outcomes to work towards:

1. People with existing and potential sensory and other physical impairments will be able to communicate with service providers about the services they need and receive. Sight Cymru, British Deaf Association Wales, SEWREC
2. People who are isolated for whatever reason will have more opportunity to be involved in the development of services that meet their needs. Hafal, RVS, SEWREC, Charter Housing, Stroke Association, Newport People First

3. Parents in Monmouthshire will be able to be more involved in the planning and delivery of services for them and their children. Action For Children
4. BME young people in Newport will have a greater opportunity to have a voice in areas of service that directly affect them. SEWREC

Participating organisations from Newport included:

HAFAL  
Sight Cymru  
Stroke Association  
Royal Voluntary Service (RVS)  
British Deaf Association Wales  
South East Wales Race Equality Council (SEWREC)  
Charter Housing  
Newport People First

Details of each of the projects can be found in the [Final Evaluation Report](#) and the [Impact Report](#). During the programme a Mid Term Evaluation was undertaken to ensure the portfolio was meeting the aims of the BL and Welsh Government. Each project in the portfolio also took part in a film project to showcase their work supporting their participants to become more engaged with statutory services.

During the five-year programme, the Well-being of Future Generations and Social Services and Wellbeing legislation was enacted, setting community and citizen engagement into legislation, and replacing Local Service Boards and Single Integrated Plans with Public Services Boards and the requirement to produce an assessment of well-being for each county and a Well-being Plan. The flexibility of the BL Programme allowed projects to re-focus their activities to engage with the well-being assessments and the development of the Well-being Plan.

The final evaluation and impact report was produced as the programme came to an end in June 2018.

Unfortunately, a GAVO bid to BL People and Places for a project to build on and develop the engagement work undertaken through this programme was unsuccessful. However, a number of legacy projects from the individual organisations are identified in the reports.

### **Proposal**

This report accompanies the presentation of the final Evaluation Report of the Engage portfolio and the Impact report for the GAVO programme as a whole. It highlights the successes of the individual portfolio projects and the learning from the BL initiative to promote the involvement of citizens. The Evaluation Report also highlights the importance of supporting organisations and citizens to develop the skills to become more involved in civil society and the design and delivery of the services they are recipients of.

## Key Benefits/ Points of Learning:

- People from “hard to reach” communities were supported to engage with the Wellbeing Assessment and development of the Wellbeing Plan
- People have influenced the way services are designed and delivered
- Third sector organisations have a key role to play in facilitating engagement with the wider community and with specific groups who are least likely to engage
- Consultation and engagement needs to be as accessible as possible to the wider community, and the opportunities to engage need to be offered in a sustained and regular way to build relationships in communities.

## Recommendations

PSB members are asked to:

1. Receive the Community Voices reports and note the work undertaken to increase the involvement of specific groups and community organisations in the design and delivery of services.
2. Acknowledge the success of the projects in increasing the capacity and confidence of their members to engage with the statutory sector.
3. Intervention Leads include third sector representation in delivering the Well-being Plan and consider the role the third sector can play in engaging with and involving local communities.

## Well-being of Future Generations

The sustainable development principle is key to the involvement of people in communities in the design and delivery of services. Third sector organisations have a reach into both geographical communities and communities of interest and can be a gateway to collaboration and involvement with and by statutory services. Third sector organisations are already at the heart of local grass roots support and can be a key link to prevention.

## Communication

The Engage Final Evaluation report has been published on the GAVO website.

## Background Papers

List any background papers here with hyperlinks where appropriate.

- [Engage Final Evaluation](#) (available in Welsh and English)
- Community Voices Impact Report (available in English and Welsh)  
<https://www.gavo.org.uk/community-voices>
- [Community Voices Films \(available in English and Welsh with subtitles\)](#)

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## **Public Services Board (PSB)**

**11 December 2018**

### **GWENT VAWDASV PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018**

#### **Purpose**

This annual report is provided to Gwent Public Services Boards (PSBs) following agreed governance and reporting in 2017. As key accountability partners in the delivery of the VAWDASV strategy the five Gwent PSBs have discharged statutory responsibilities under the VAWDASV (Wales) Act 2015 through the Gwent VAWDASV Partnership Board. This arrangement provides a formal link into the Gwent PSBs with VAWDASV reporting being in support of well-being plans submitted to Welsh Government.

The Gwent VAWDASV Strategy 2018 – 2023 was published in May and this annual report offers an update on work up until that point.

#### **Background**

The Gwent VAWDASV Strategy is required under the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 which calls for the public sector in Wales to work together in a consistent and cohesive way to prevent VAWDASV and to improve the outcomes for individuals and their families affected.

Gwent is unique in its position as the Welsh Government pilot area for regionalisation and, as the pathfinder region, is bringing together the strategic governance, development and co-ordination of the VAWDASV agenda ahead of other regions in Wales. The role of the VAWDASV Partnership Board is to develop, approve and monitor the regional strategy on violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence as required under the Act.

Following an independent evaluation (Cordis Bright 2016), governance was reviewed and the new Board and sub group structure introduced in April 2017. The regional strategy for VAWDASV seeks to influence, shape and contribute to meeting key regional policy priorities across other agendas. There is alignment and on-going development across regional boards and significant integration of work with Gwent Safeguarding.

During National Safeguarding week (November 2017) Gwent led on the theme of Domestic Abuse and hosted a national conference aimed at bringing together professionals from

across Wales who are working strategically to tackle Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence. The conference was attended by over 130 attendees. A copy of the Draft Regional VAWDASV strategy was launched at the event.

### Strategy Development

The Gwent VAWDASV strategy has been developed by the regional VAWDASV Partnership based on needs assessment and consultation work completed by Welsh Women's Aid over 2016/17. Following public consultation the strategy was signed off during March 2018, as required by the Act, by the five Local Authorities and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. Documents are hosted on the Gwent Safeguarding Website.

Survivor engagement has significantly informed the development of the Strategy and continues to be an important aspect for delivery as well as informing the framework for survivor engagement moving forward.

### Delivery Plan

There has been significant work over 2017/18 in identifying key objectives for the year under the 6 Strategic Priorities and developing the Delivery Plan and sub group structure to ensure progress is made. The Strategic Delivery Group (SDG) drives forward the work of the Partnership Board by: Ensuring multi-agency protocols and procedures; creating and driving the delivery plan to meet the strategic aims; enabling voices within the partnership; monitoring performance and informing and reporting to the Partnership Board.

*A highlight report outlining progress against each of the Strategic Priorities is provided in appendix 1.*

### Framework for Survivor Engagement

During 2017/18 work has progressed to develop guidance for survivor engagement. The assigned task group is working towards collated web-based information on the Gwent Safeguarding Website. Consultation with survivors and service users has taken place and identified preferred mechanisms for participation. This work will inform service development but will be equally relevant across all Strategic Priority work-streams. Survivors across Gwent have engaged in strategy consultation and the identified structure for engagement and best practice has underpinned this work.

A Review into a Survivor's Experience of Domestic Abuse in Gwent was commissioned by the VAWDASV Partnership Board undertaken by SafeLives. This review due to be shared in 2018/19 has a focus on ensuring consistent and high quality services are available based on victim need.

### Domestic Homicide Reviews

During 2017/18 the five Gwent Public Services Boards agreed for the progression towards aligning Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) with Gwent Safeguarding infrastructure. There

was a need identified across the region for a more consistent and improved approach to commissioning/conducting reviews and for establishing the structures for disseminating learning to improve practice following a domestic homicide.

A separate Chair and Authors specification has been drafted and the group proposed developing this work further by following the model used for Child Practice Reviews (CPRs) and Adult Practice Reviews (APRs) in Gwent. This looks at moving away from a commissioning model and to utilise professionals in existing roles and ensure that learning is captured and disseminated as part of established safeguarding structures. Work is progressing to pilot a combined review with an independent evaluation by Cardiff University.

Depending on the outcomes of the pilot consideration will need to be given to the financial cost of reviews as there is not currently capacity within the Safeguarding Business Unit to do this within existing resources.

Welsh Government membership on the Planning Group has ensured a two way communication with regards to developing and directing the work in Gwent with additional links to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel.

DHR panel training was delivered in March 2018 and was attended by delegates from agencies across the region with the aim of strengthening the quality of DHRs thus improving the learning.

Work around emerging themes of published reports has allowed the Partnership Board to ensure they are captured in the delivery of the Strategy going forward.

#### A Review of Sexual Abuse, Violence and Exploitation Services in Gwent

In January 2018 a Review of Sexual Abuse, Violence and Exploitation Services in Gwent was commissioned by the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner. Upon completion, the review will be presented to the VAWDASV Partnership Board for their consideration.

#### Funding and Strategic Context

Welsh Government have published a draft Commissioning Guidance for VAWDASV Services during 2017/18 and have communicated their intentions for regions to progress towards collaborative commissioning from 2018/19. The Welsh Government VAWDASV Grant funds the Regional Team and contributes (50%) to the Regional IDVA Service. It is the regionalisation of the IDVA service that has prompted much of this work.

Meetings have been held with Welsh Government officials and Chief Executives regarding governance arrangements and all areas across Wales have been asked to submit regional footprints for VAWDASV funding to commence during 2018/19. There is however

significant discord between Welsh Government's expectations and intentions of a regional approach with regard to time scales, current resources and the complexity and uncertainty of the funding landscape. The Partnership Board have submitted a position paper to the Minister with responsibility for VAWDASV as an opportunity to offer a voice of reality that can assist understanding and support meaningful next steps. Meetings scheduled with the Minister and Officials during 2018/19 seek to highlight concerns and influence.

At the time of writing there is no confirmation around 2019/20 funding due to uncertainty around the VAWDASV Grant being in scope for the Flexible Funding Programme.

The regional VAWDASV premises at Mamhilad are funded up until March 2019. There are risks beyond April 2019 that have been raised throughout 2017/18. As it stands there are no opportunities to use VAWDASV Capital Grant for lease purposes. Whilst this premises is seen as a flagship development and opportunities are being explored it is unclear even if funding is approved where the regional team/partnership Board business would be housed post April 2019. This has implications for joint working being developed across Safeguarding Boards. There are opportunities being sought to explore formal alignment and greater collaboration of regional functions across both Gwent Safeguarding Boards and the Area Planning Board.

#### The national context

During 2017/18 the VAWDASV Policy Team moved to the Community Division of Welsh Government. The Minister responsible for the VAWDASV portfolio is the Leader of the House and Chief Whip, Julie James. Two National Advisers were appointed in January 2018. A link to Welsh Government Progress Report 2017-2018:

<http://www.assembly.wales/laid%20documents/gen-ld11618/gen-ld11618-e.pdf>

#### Looking forward - 2018/19

The development of work over 2017/18 has given a framework for moving forward. The focus of the Partnership Board has been defined. The Delivery Plan for 2018/19 outlines the Partnership Boards commitment to the next 12 months activity that will contribute to the pursuit of the **prevention** of violence and abuse, the **protection** of victims and the **support** of all those affected in Gwent.

#### **Proposal**

As noted in the governance proposal submitted (20<sup>th</sup> June 2017) the legislative requirements to publish and report against well-being plans are aligned to that of the regional VAWDASV strategy. The Gwent VAWDASV Strategy 2018 – 2023 was published in May and this annual report offers an update on work up until that point.

## Recommendations

This report is provided for information only.

**Timetable**     Immediate

## Well-being of Future Generations

In line with The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 the Partnership intends to deliver on the actions within the strategy using the “sustainable development principle” and following the five ways of working to ensure they work collaboratively with people and communities, avoid repeating past mistakes and tackle some of the long terms challenges.

Accordingly this will be achieved by:

- *Prevention: Recognising that early intervention is the primary overarching principle to tackling VAWDASV and improving outcomes for victims and those closest to them, particularly children in families.*
- *Integration: Consider how the violence against women domestic abuse and sexual violence objectives impact upon each of the well-being goals, and on the objectives and priorities of other key statutory services strategies.*
- *Collaboration: Members of The Partnership Board will work collaboratively with partners and stakeholders to ensure that the actions, objectives and targets of this strategy are met.*
- *Involvement: We will ensure that we engage and involve the right people at the right time with a focus on survivor engagement.*
- *Long Term: We will approach regional commissioning and the implementation of an agreed sustainable funding model pragmatically and ensure that the short term needs of survivors continue to be met whilst any longer term reconfiguration is undertaken*

(Gwent VAWDASV Strategy page 25)

## Communication

This report does not contain information of a restricted or confidential nature and has been submitted to each of the Gwent Public Services Boards.

## Background Papers

Links to the Gwent Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy:

- [Gwent Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence Strategy 2018 - 2023](#)

- [Gwent Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence Strategy 2018 – 2023 - Welsh version](#)
- [Gwent Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence Strategy 2018 – 2023 \(Easy Read Version\)](#)
- [Gwent Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence Strategy 2018 - 2023 \(Easy Read Welsh Version\)](#)

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## Appendix 1

### Delivery Plan Highlight Report

#### ***Strategic Priority 1: Increase awareness and challenge attitudes of VAWDASV across Gwent:***

The Engagement and Communication is a joint sub group of the VAWDASV Board and the Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards. A VAWDASV communications task group has been established that has led on key objectives:

- Develop publicity and resources to raise awareness of VAWDASV amongst local communities, employers, family and friends of survivors and perpetrators; aligning this with the National Communications Framework where appropriate and Home Office communication resources aimed at raising awareness of VAWDASV
- Improve access to high quality and up to date information on VAWDASV and the help available in public spaces and online (accessible in the main community languages and alternative formats)

Progress to date has included supporting the development of the new Gwent Safeguarding website and a framework for VAWDASV integrated pages. The Regional Directory of services has been updated and will continue to be reviewed for inclusion in the website. The VAWDASV communications task group has aligned with the work of the Welsh Government Communication Group. The '#THIS IS ME' campaign was launched on the 29<sup>th</sup> January and was promoted with community groups at International Women's Day events in March. White Ribbon Events have run across the region and posters disseminated to safeguarding leads to be displayed in council and public buildings.

The five Local Safeguarding Networks continue to develop a local focus across adult/children safeguarding and VAWDASV. The local Practitioner Forums are coordinated via these groups with a focus across the VAWDASV agenda. Stalking and Harassment were a key topic presented at November events. Key messages from the VAWDASV Strategic Delivery Group will be reported in to the 5 x Local Safeguarding Networks.

The VAWDASV communications task group have identified an overarching theme topic for 2018/19 (sexual violence) that will inform Local Safeguarding Practitioner Events, information stands, regional conference and will build a network of contacts for 'comms' and 'campaigns' amongst VAWDASV partners and stakeholders to disseminate information. The VAWDASV team communication bulletin has been developed as a newsletter format.

The Live Fear Free helpline continues to be shared across Gwent and on the VAWDASV Regional Twitter page.

***Strategic Priority 2: Increase awareness of children and young people on safe, equal and healthy relationships, and that abusive behaviour is always wrong***

Healthy relationship sessions are delivered by Spectrum in schools across the region in all Local Authority areas. In 2017/18 around 5,781 primary and secondary pupils accessed the program in Gwent which is funded across Wales by Welsh Government. During this year a regional lead from Education has been nominated to assist and drive forward work around Strategic Priority 2; with the support of the regional team and key partners a Gwent approach to safe, healthy and respectful relationship education can be developed within formal and non-formal educational establishments and based on the principles of the 'Whole Education Approach'. On a national level the region will take direction from the recommendations of the Sex and Relationships Education Expert Panel.

***Strategic Priority 3: Increased focus on holding perpetrators to account and provide opportunities to change their behaviour based around victim safety***

A Gwent Perpetrator Intervention Stakeholder event was held in January. This aimed to bring together a regional approach to addressing Strategic Priority 3. The event was hosted by the VAWDASV team in partnership with Dr Cerys Miles who is a forensic psychologist within HMPPS, seconded in to Welsh Government, to look at perpetrator intervention. Part of this work has included a pan Wales survey looking into the detail of perpetrator programmes being delivered. The regional team have assisted in targeting the survey at programmes currently being delivered in Gwent and the event sought to further inform this work; the Gwent Mapping Report will be published in 2018/19. Cerys is currently developing standards that will inform service development and commissioning. Stakeholders at the event have proposed aligning with Strategic Priority 6 (Service Development) to ensure an integrated approach to perpetrator intervention/services.

A review of Specialist Domestic Violence Courts is due to commence in 2018/19 under the auspices of the All Wales Criminal Justice Board.

***Strategic Priority 4: Make early intervention and prevention a priority***

Early intervention and prevention is articulated for each strategic priority throughout the Delivery Plan and ensures a focus on the whole VAWDASV agenda and all protected characteristics.

Gwent Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) Review:

A review of MARACs was undertaken by SafeLives during 2017. This review highlighted significant concerns with MARACs operating across the region. The MARAC Review Task Group is working to an action plan that is driving forward the recommendations provided by

the review. Work is focussed upon the development of protocol and guidance; the role of MARAC Chairs; risk assessment; information sharing; training and awareness raising; protected characteristics; review of DACC/SharePoint; resourcing; multi-agency engagement and quality assurance. The action plan reports into the Strategic Delivery Group for scrutiny and implementation.

***Strategic Priority 5: Relevant professionals are trained to provide effective, timely and appropriate responses to victims***

With its 'pathfinder' status Gwent has sought many opportunities for pioneering new ways of working. Gwent has been an early adopter site for 'Ask and Act' targeted enquiry, developing policy and training to support national roll out. The Regional Training Sub Group has led on the following key objectives for 2017/18:

- Monitor and review the regional implementation of the National Training Framework (NTF), ensuring compliance by professionals in relevant authorities (Groups 1-6) and supporting specialist services to achieve Group 4-5 training requirements.
- Ensure a programme of multi-agency training is available locally (including development of the NTF specialist syllabus) for all professionals on a range of VAWDASV topics
- As the early adopter site roll out the Ask and Act training to services who are subject to National Training Framework (Groups 2 & 3) and other suitable service professionals
- Evaluate the NTF to ensure early intervention/ preventions, the whole VAWDASV agenda and protected characteristics are a priority focus

Trainer agreements have been developed based on the proposed model of delivery. A Welsh Government Ask and Act Grant for specialist trainers have been secured. There are relevant authority trained trainers across 5 x local authorities and ABuHB. During 2017/18 almost 15, 000 Local Authority and Health staff accessed Group 1 training (eLearning/face to face modules). 267 Local Authority and Health staff accessed Group 2/3 Ask and Act training.

Feedback around training materials has been provided to Welsh Government and the contracted provider of Ask and Act training; the region has sought to enhance resources by providing case studies that provide examples of all experiences under the VAWDASV agenda. The Gwent Training Sub Group has developed a good practice guide to be shared across the region to support effective implementation of the NTF by relevant authorities.

There are limitations to the current delivery model for training as prescribed by Welsh Government. The Gwent Training Sub Group has submitted a risk/solutions paper across all National Training Framework delivery as part of end of year reporting against training plans.

During 2017/18 669 professionals have accessed multi-agency regional training on a range of VAWDASV specialist topics. This training is delivered by specialist sector providers and bookings managed by the Gwent Safeguarding Business Unit.

During 2017/18 the regional team have supported Gwent Local Authorities' to review work place policies. This is both an important step for the region in relation to early intervention, prevention and support and also to support the roll out of Ask and Act. Effective and up to date work place policies are integral to the dissemination of Group 1 training which aims to reach 100% of staff. The coordination and management of this work remains with the Training Sub Group.

***Strategic Priority 6: To provide victims with equal access to appropriately resourced high quality need led strength based gender responsive services.***

Whilst the Regional Strategy is not a commissioning strategy the Partnership Board recognise that a collaborative approach to commissioning will ensure a greater focus on the delivery of and access to services that meet the needs of people in Gwent. Without this the intentions of the strategy cannot be achieved.

As a Pathfinder region Gwent can provide insight into on-going work in the region that seeks to enhance and develop an effective strategic response to improving services:

- The Service Development Group is building upon the work of the Needs Assessment to develop a risk register and to look at a Gwent model for VAWDASV services which is recognised by commissioners.
- The Review of Sexual Abuse, Violence and Exploitation Services in Gwent will inform how sexual abuse, violence and exploitation services are commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This work will provide opportunities for further reaching influence around commissioning decisions.

Issues have been raised around the lack of focus upon male victims within the strategy. The specific needs of male victims are something that needs to be understood and acknowledged and is the focus for engagement work planned for 2018/19.

## **Public Services Board (PSB)**

**11 December 2018**

### **Welsh Government Affordable Housing Review**

#### **Purpose**

To update the board on the progress of the Welsh Government review into affordable housing supply and the contribution being made by the local authority and its partners.

#### **Background**

Welsh Government has commissioned an independent review of the supply of affordable housing in Wales. The context of this review is shown in the chart at appendix 1.

A written call for evidence was made with a deadline for responses of the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The call for evidence contained questions relating to the supply of affordable housing in Wales. A summary of NCC's and Community Housing Cymru's responses are attached at Appendix 2.

Much of the call for evidence is focused around measures that, whilst increasing housing supply in the short-term, may have negative impacts in the medium to long term. NCC feels that this is contrary to the provisions of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and has included this in its response. In addition to submitting a written response NCC were invited to sit on specific work streams dealing with housing standards and assessing housing need. Representatives from RSL partners also sit on other work streams.

The review is due to conclude and report in Spring 2019 and some preliminary findings have started to emerge. It is encouraging to see that many of the issues raised have been acknowledged. These include the key issues of quality versus quantity and concerns that standards may be lowered in the pursuit for higher numbers of affordable units. The impact housing has on other policy areas is also recognised as is the need for greater partnership working, although this is caveated with the acknowledgement of the current skills and capacity issues facing many organisations. It is clear recommendations are likely to be made for changes to things such as housing standards and grant allocations. It is unclear what form these changes will take or how different they will be to the current system.

It will be for Welsh Government to act on the findings of the review, with any significant changes likely to form part of a manifestos post 2021.

## Proposal

It is proposed that the PSB notes the content of this report and the summary of NCC and CHC responses.

Since housing is key to many aspects of the PSB's Well-being Plan, a paper on housing matters in Newport more generally will be added to the PSB's forward work programme.

## Recommendations

- I. PSB members to note the summary of NCC and CHC responses to Welsh Government's affordable housing review.
- II. PSB to consider housing matters in Newport at a future Board meeting.

## Timetable

Task	Deadline
Note the response.	Immediate
PSB to consider housing matters in the city	March 2019

## Well-being of Future Generations

NCC has highlighted concern in its response that some measures to increase housing supply in the short term (such as a lowering of standards for housing) may create problems in the longer term.

The link between housing and health is well established and lower standards and higher densities may lead to problems for both individuals and communities in the future. The importance of partnership working has been recognised by Welsh Government.

The proposals relate to the One Newport Well-being Plan since housing is key to many aspects of the plan and any changes to national housing policy will be reflected in it.

## Communication

None

## Background Papers

List any background papers here with hyperlinks where appropriate.

- Review Context
- Summary of NCC and Community Housing Cymru Response
- NCC Full Response

## Appendix 1 Welsh Government Review Context

### 20,000 new affordable homes.

Welsh Government programme for Government commits to delivering 14,000 new affordable homes to rent and 6,000 through Help to Buy Wales.

Affordable rent delivered:  
2016/17 - 2,547

Help to Buy delivered:  
2016/17 - 1,864

### Independent Review of Housing Supply

Commissioned April 2018 and reports April 2019

### Topic Specific Workstreams

1. Understanding Housing Need - Michelle Aspey NCC rep
2. Grant Allocation and Intervention Rates
3. Rent Policy
4. Standards/DQR - Sally Davies NCC rep
5. Local Authority Building
6. Modern Methods of Construction
7. Public Sector Land
8. Capacity of Public Sector and RSLs
9. Use of Existing Powers
10. Leveraging the Investment Potential in Stock Transfer and LA Organisations

### Call for Evidence

Closed September 2018. NCC submitting evidence via:  
Our own response, and group attendance.

## Appendix 2

### Summary of Newport City Council and Community Housing Cymru Responses

- **Understanding Housing Need**

**NCC** - Most people on Newport's common housing register are seeking socially rented accommodation and there is limited awareness of the other tenure options available. Issues such as Newport's geographical location and wider infrastructure improvements impact on need. The local authority strategic housing function is vital in understanding housing need and how best to address it.

**Community Housing Cymru** – There is a shortfall in supply of all tenures of housing. Whilst housing is a priority now that needs to continue in the future, there is limited evidence in respect of demand for housing (as distinct from need). Want the Local Housing Markets Assessments produced by local authorities to be more granular.

**Summary of Responses** – Broad agreement on the need for better data. If LHMA's are to be more granular there will be an issue around capacity for local authorities, especially as the data will have a very limited shelf life as even relatively small changes have a big impact on lower geographic levels.

- **Grant Allocation and Intervention Rates**

**NCC** - The current arrangements with respect to grants and zoning are working effectively. Any proposed changes should be carefully assessed, as there would be a potential resource implication. The system is already sufficiently flexible and allows local authorities to manage development programmes. We would caution against linking grant allocation too closely to identified need as it does not mean there is the resources or capacity to meet that need, rather it should be one of a range of factors considered, which the current system allows.

**Community Housing Cymru** – Does not feel that the current grant system is flexible enough or that there is a clear enough link between identified need and funding. As in the NCC response, the RSLs feel that competitive bidding would be an inappropriate way of distributing grant. They also wish to retain zoning, albeit in a slightly altered form.

**Summary of Responses** – Disagreement between NCC and the CHC about whether changes need to be made to the way grant is allocated but agreement that bidding

or competition for grant would be an inappropriate way of distributing grant. It could potentially see a reduction in standards and quality and possibly an increase in land values.

- **Rent Policy**

**NCC** - Welsh Government should maintain a rent policy and not pass control of rents onto Registered Social Landlords. RSLs are already able to set their own intermediate rents and there have been occasions where NCC and other local authorities have had to intervene because they have been set too high.

**Community Housing Cymru** – Believe housing associations should be able to set their own rents.

- **Standards/Development Quality Requirements**

**NCC** - DQR should be retained, with the amendments proposed in the 2014 review. All new homes should achieve high space standards and high standards of energy efficiency. It could be argued that Market Housing should achieve these same standards in order to meet the aspirations of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

**Community Housing Cymru** – DQR should be retained in an amended form.

**Summary of Responses** – Whilst NCC and CHC have submitted differing responses there is some scope for reaching a compromise. Both agree that standards relating to things such as space should be retained but could concede that some elements of DQR could be adapted.

- **Local Authority Building**

**NCC** - Limited response as we are a stock transfer authority. Highlighted the importance of the strategic housing function in ensuring new developments are appropriate, affordable and meet identified need.

**Community Housing Cymru** – Non stock holding authorities have a vital role to play in setting the strategic direction for housing in their areas. Emphasise the need for RSLs and LAs to work in partnership and raise the possibility of LAs commissioning RSL development teams to undertake work.

**Summary of Responses** – NCC agree with CHC that LAs and RSLs need to work closely together.

- **Construction Supply Chain including Modern Methods of Construction**

**NCC** -There are many advantages to off-site manufacturing but domestic supply chains and skills need to be developed in readiness for the UK leaving the EU.

**Community Housing Cymru** – underline the importance of modern methods and the need to develop home-grown supply chains.

**Summary of Responses** – there is consensus on this point about the need to develop local supply chains and the benefits this could bring to communities in Wales.

- **Public Sector Land**

**NCC** - Local authorities have to achieve the maximum value for any land they dispose of which can making selling to a Registered Social Landlord difficult.

**Community Housing Cymru** – Acknowledge the difficulties public bodies can face in bringing land forward. Suggest a social as well as monetary value be placed on land.

**Summary of Responses** – All respondents acknowledge the difficulties that can be involved in bringing public land forward for development. Any potential initiatives need to be mindful of the duty of public sector bodies to achieve the maximum return for any assets that are sold, particularly in a time of austerity.

- **Capacity of Public Sector and RSLs**

**NCC** - local authorities face continuing challenges in respect of their budgets. More needs to be done by the Welsh Government to promote the value of the strategic housing function.

**Community Housing Cymru** – there is a shortage of specialist development staff both amongst RSLs and in the construction industry more generally. Acknowledge the impact austerity has had on local authorities.

**Summary of Responses** – consensus across respondents that there is a lack of capacity in both RSLs and LAs.

- **Use of Existing Powers**

**NCC** - the use of existing powers is often dependent on sufficient resources being available at local authority level.

**Community Housing Cymru** – response not yet published.

- **Leveraging the Investment Potential in Stock Transfer and Local Authority Organisations**

**NCC** - limited response as we are a non stock holding authority. The Welsh Housing Quality Standard has led to significant improvements to the social housing stock. This standard should be maintained in the long term.

**Community Housing Cymru** – highlight the importance of Dowry Gap Funding in enabling RSLs to meet and sometimes exceed the Welsh Housing Quality Standard.

**Summary of Responses** – agreement that the Welsh Housing Quality Standard needs to be maintained. A strong representation from Community Housing Cymru for adequate funding from the Welsh Government to ensure this is possible.

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12 March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-being Plan Performance Monitoring Quarter 3</li> <li>• Housing Matters</li> <li>• Spatial Planning</li> <li>• Neighbourhood working – Ringland Community Campus update</li> <li>• Newport Intelligence Hub</li> <li>• Vulnerable Intelligence (SWFRS)</li> <li>• Scrutiny Committee feedback</li> <li>• Sub Group Terms of Reference</li> <li>• Strategy and Performance Board minutes</li> </ul>
20 March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academi Wales “Healthy Board” training</li> </ul>
11 June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Appointment of Vice-Chair</li> <li>• Well-being Plan Annual Report</li> <li>• Safer Gwent</li> <li>• Strategy and Performance Board Minutes</li> </ul>

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