

AGENDA

One Newport Partnership

12th September 2023, 4.30pm

Hybrid Meeting – Committee Room 1, Civic Centre, Newport and on Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the meeting held 4th July 2023 (minutes attached)
4. Gwent PSB update – Janice Dent, Newport City Council
 - a. [Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-28](#) (Final version published)
 - b. [Marmot Report](#) (Final Report published)
5. One Newport Local Action Plan Consultation Update – Janice Dent, Newport City Council
6. One Newport Well-being Plan 2018-23 5-Year Summary – Janice Dent, Newport City Council
7. Waste Recycling Regulations – Silvia Gonzalez-Lopez, Newport City Council

Information items to note

8. Newport Local Area Energy Plan Annual Report
9. Gwent PSB – Draft Minutes (subject to change)
10. Regional Partnership Board – Draft Minutes (subject to change)
11. Forward Work Programme
12. Dates of future One Newport meetings:
 - 6th December 2023

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One Newport Partnership

Minutes

Date: 4th July 2023

Time: 4.30pm – Microsoft Teams

Present:

Newport City Council: Cllr J Mudd (Chair); B Owen; Cllr E Corten

Natural Resources Wales: H Bleach

Gwent Police: C/Supt C Williams

Public Health Wales: B Bowden; S Bourne

Registered Social Landlords: C Doyle

University of South Wales: M Cadwallader

Officers: J Dent (NCC); W Tucker (Co-ordinator, NCC); T Brooks (NCC)

Apologies

G Lacey (Coleg Gwent); J Cuthbert (OPCC); S Maddox (GAVO); M Jones (SWFRS); S Morgan (NRW); S Ward (Newport Live); I Hurn (NYC); Mae (NYC); C Lane (Citizens Advice); C Dawson-Morris (ABUHB).

No	Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April 2023 were confirmed as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>Marmot Report Findings</p> <p>Stuart Bourne (Consultant in Public Health) attended to update members on the findings and recommendations from the Marmot Report.</p>	

	<p>It was stated that Gwent is the first area in Wales to establish itself as a Marmot region, with the final report being presented to the Gwent PSB on the 20 July for discussion and formal publication.</p> <p>In response members raised that they were glad that 'attainment' was specifically included in the recommendations but wanted to ensure that this was focused on both opportunity and engagement.</p> <p>In addition, members wanted to ensure they get a sight of the final report to be able to digest the content and recommendations and the impact on their individual organisations and for the local partnership.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>Share the presentation given with One Newport members.</p>	<p>W Tucker</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Gwent Well-being Plan Update</p> <p>J Dent reported that the Gwent PSB meeting that was due to be held in June was postponed, with the rearranged meeting scheduled for the 20 July 2023. At this meeting the Gwent Well-being Plan should be signed off ready for publication.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Newport Local Action Plan Consultation Draft</p> <p>Members were asked to consider the consultation draft of the local action plan and agree the consultation approach planned for Aug/Sept.</p> <p>The Leader thanked members of the Task and Finish Group for all their hard work, including C/Supt C Williams and C Dawson-Morris.</p> <p>Some feedback on the draft plan were given, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy and Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For enhancing education and skills, it was important to be mindful of both attainment and engagement. - The Business in The Community Place Programme is just one example, and this be part of a wider entrepreneur strategy. • Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important to learn from Pill Masterplan to inform the work around the City Centre Masterplan. • Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that 'scale' is considered to make sure any actions that can be delivered across Gwent are investigated so projects aren't duplicated across the region. <p>The Leader explained that any comments received by members and via the consultation period would be considered and inform the final plan.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>i. To approve the consultation draft of the Local Action Plan.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

	ii. To approve the proposed consultation approach.	
6.	<p>Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)</p> <p>T Brooks (Head of Regeneration & Economic Development) attended to update members on the Shared Prosperity Fund and local investment plan, which can be accessed here.</p> <p>The local investment plan is split into three areas: Communities & Place; Supporting Local Business; and People & Skills. With an additional project called 'Multiply' that is a UK government funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills.</p> <p>The funded projects (following an initial delay) will run for 3 years ending on 31 March 2025.</p> <p>The focus areas were developed using public consultation and sits below a more strategic regional investment plan.</p> <p>Any new projects can still be submitted to the SPF team for consideration if more funding becomes available.</p> <p>If members would like more information on any of the projects or have any additional queries, they can do so by contacting Andrew Smailes (Central Lead Manager) on Andrew.Smailes@newport.gov.uk.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>Send the link to the local investment plan to One Newport members.</p>	W Tucker
7	<p>Gwent Regional Green Infrastructure Strategy</p> <p>Members received the draft regional green infrastructure strategy, with an offer that if members would like to make any comments to do so by contacting HelenFairbank@monmouthshire.gov.uk by the 14 July 2023.</p> <p>Any additional queries can be made by contacting Harriet Bleach on harriet.bleach@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.</p>	
8	<p>Regional Partnership Board – Annual Report 2022-23</p> <p>Members received the final draft of the Regional Partnership Board's Annual Report for 2022-23. This was signed off by the RPB at its meeting held last week, with no further changes made to the content.</p> <p>The Annual Report will be published on the RPB's website shortly alongside a Welsh translated version.</p>	
9	<p>Forward Work Programme</p> <p>The forward work programme was noted. Members were invited to submit items for inclusion on the programme.</p>	ALL

10	Dates of Future Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12th September 2023• 6th December 2023	ALL
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12 September 2023

Gwent Public Services Board Update

Purpose

To update One Newport members on the Gwent PSB and to receive the published Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-28 and Marmot Report (Building a Fairer Gwent).

Background

The Gwent Public Services Board was established in October 2021. As part of its statutory functions, the Gwent PSB must publish a Well-being Assessment and a Well-being Plan for the area.

The Well-being Assessment for Gwent was published on 5th May 2022, supported by six local area assessments for Newport covering Central, East, North, South West, North East and North West.

The Gwent Well-being Plan outlines how the PSB plans to improve economic, social, cultural, and environmental well-being in the region. Support for delivering the Gwent Well-being Plan in Newport will fall to the One Newport Partnership, through a Local Action Plan being developed by the Partnership.

Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-28

The final Gwent Well-being Plan was signed off by the Gwent PSB on the 20 July 2023 and can be [viewed on the Gwent PSB website](#). The agreed objectives and steps are as follows:

Well-being Objectives

- We want to create a fairer, more equitable and inclusive Gwent for all
- We want a climate-ready Gwent, where our environment is valued and protected, benefitting our well-being now and for future generations.

Steps

- Take action to reduce the cost of living crisis in the longer term.
- Provide and enable the supply of good quality, affordable, appropriate homes.
- Take action to reduce our carbon emissions, help Gwent adapt to climate change, and protect and restore our natural environment.
- Take action to address inequities, particularly in relation to health, through the framework of the Marmot Principles.
- Enable and support people, neighbourhoods, and communities to be resilient, connected, thriving and safe.

Marmot Report – Building a Fairer Gwent: Improving Health Equity and the Social Determinants

The Gwent PSB in partnership with the University College London Institute of Health Equity have developed a report, with the aim to narrow the health divide across the region.

The full report can be [viewed on the Gwent PSB website](#) alongside additional information on the Marmot principles.

The next steps will be for Gwent PSB partners to take onboard the recommendations and develop local actions based on the report to deliver across Gwent.

Proposal

To note the progress made by the Gwent PSB and receive the final Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-28 and full Marmot Report.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

1. To note the verbal update on progress made by the Gwent PSB.
2. To receive the published Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-28.
3. To receive the published Marmot Report.

Timetable: Immediate

Well-being of Future Generations Act

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is the focus of this report. All actions which are proposed in the Gwent Well-being Plan support the achievement of the Regional Well-being objectives.

Equalities and Welsh Language

All actions which are proposed to support the achievement of the Regional Well-being objectives will be assessed to make sure that they are in line with the Equality Act 2010. All of the documentation relating to the development of the Plan (assessments, the Plan itself, consultation content) has been presented in Welsh as well as English.

Communication

The Gwent Well-being Plan has been published on the Gwent PSB website. A link has also been added on the One Newport website. Promotion of the published plan will be supported by social media campaigns.

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One Newport Well-being Plan 5-Year Summary

Purpose

This report presents the 5-Year summary of the Well-being Plan 2018-23.

Background

To comply with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, One Newport on behalf of the Public Services Board must publish an annual report to review progress against our well-being plan. The first report was published on the 3 July 2019, the second on the 14 October 2020 (delayed due to the impact of Covid-19), the third on the 29 October 2021, and the fourth and final report on the 1 November 2022.

The Act doesn't require an annual report to be published for the final year of its well-being plan. However, at the One Newport meeting on 27 April 2023 the Board agreed that a visual 5-Year summary should be produced to commemorate the end of Newport's Well-being Plan.

Proposal

For Board members to receive a 5-Year summary of the Well-being Plan 2018-23. The summary highlights some of the work that has been carried out over the 5 years by partners across the five Interventions helping to deliver our former well-being objectives. The summary can be viewed in Appendix A.

Following the summary being presented to One Newport, it will be considered by Newport City Council's Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on the 4 October 2023. Representatives of the One Newport Partnership are asked to support that meeting.

Recommendations

One Newport are asked to receive and agree the 5-Year summary and to agree representatives to support the presentation of the summary at the Partnership Scrutiny Committee in October.

Timetable

Task	Deadline
Final summary to One Newport	12 September 2023
Final report to Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	4 October 2023
Publish 5-Year Summary	Early October 2023

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Well-being Plan 5-Year Summary has been developed in support of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The summary also shows how the work carried out the lifespan of the plan has considered the sustainable development principle (long term; prevention; collaboration; integration; involvement) through links to previous annual report case studies.

Equalities and Welsh Language

The 5-Year Summary will be published in Welsh as well as English.

Communication

Once published the One Newport website will include a link to the summary alongside the previous annual reports and will be communicated across the partnership via the One Newport Bulletin and social media.

Background Papers

[Local Well-being Plan 2018-23](#)

[Well-being Plan Annual Report 2018-19](#)

[Well-being Plan Annual Report 2019-20](#)

[Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21](#)

[Well-being Plan Annual Report 2021-22](#)

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Newport's Well-being Plan 2018-23

5-Year Summary



Newport's Well-being Plan 2018-23

Newport's Well-being Plan was originally published on the 1 May 2018 and revised during 2021. The plan set out One Newport's Well-being Objectives, and the steps and actions we would take to deliver them and was in place until the end of April 2023.

On the 8 December 2020 One Newport agreed to a set of revised well-being objectives, which were as follows:

1. Everyone feels good about living, working, visiting, and investing in our unique city.
2. Everyone has the skills and opportunities they need to develop, prosper, and contribute to a thriving, sustainable city.
3. Everyone belongs to resilient, friendly, connected communities and feels confident and empowered to improve their well-being.
4. Newport has healthy, safe, and resilient environments with an integrated sustainable travel network.

We are delighted to showcase a range of work that has taken place over the 5-years covering the span of the well-being plan, demonstrating our shared ambition and focus on improving the well-being of our communities. These examples show that our work programme and approach reflected the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations Act; and our belief that a joined-up public sector working together closely with our citizens, third sector and business community will deliver the best outcomes for our City.

Our Well-being Objectives were delivered under five crosscutting interventions:

The Newport Offer – Strong Resilient Communities – Right Skills – Green and Safe Spaces – Sustainable Travel

Participatory Budgeting in Newport



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Over the past four years Newport City Council, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and One Newport Partners including Gwent Police, GAVO and Newport City Homes have been using a form of public engagement known as Participatory Budgeting (PB) to strengthen volunteering and the third sector, whilst involving local people in decision making.

On the weekend of 14/15 January 2023 the Council and our partners completed our fourth PB programme. This was an open programme that encouraged a range of groups to present their ideas for improving well-being, with details below:

- 530 people took part in voting over 4 sessions, held in Newport Centre.
- 80 projects from across Newport applied for funding and presented their ideas to voters.
- 44 projects secured funding to the value of £300k.
- The successful projects were particularly strong in support for young people // services for older people // mental health & loneliness // sports and fitness // arts, culture & creative arts // environmental improvement / BAME communities

Feedback from participants (applicants and voters) has been really positive. The majority of participants indicated that they had become aware of projects they didn't know about but would be interested in taking part in, most said they would be more likely to engage with services and community groups and almost all thought the process was worthwhile and enjoyable.



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Funding Stronger Communities
Ariannu Cymunedau Cryfach



The first programme in 2019 was a small-scale pilot project funded by the Home Office, using PB to allocate funds within Ringland and Alway to make these communities more resilient to serious and organised crime.

In 2020 ABUHB allocated £100k for a PB programme, entrusting project management to the Council. Despite lock-down conditions we were able to run a successful programme channelling a significant amount of funding into addressing the impacts of Covid.

The following year in 2021, NCC made a major commitment to PB with a two-year allocation of £500k for a Covid Recovery Fund. This was supplemented with significant match funding from the Health Board. The total investment in Newport, to date, is over £750m and is by far the largest in any Welsh local authority area.

Click below for example case studies via Microsoft Sway:

[Participatory Budgeting in Newport \(2021-22\)](#)

[Covid-19 Participatory Budgeting Programme \(2020-21\)](#)

[Tackling SOC by Increasing Social Capital in Ringland & Alway \(2019-20\)](#)

Purple Flag



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Following years of partnership working Newport was awarded the prestigious Purple Flag status in 2022 in recognition of the City's thriving evening and night-time economy.

Purple Flag – similar to the Blue Flag for beaches – is an international award to raise the standards and broaden the appeal of town and city centres from early evening until the late night. This accreditation process run by the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) is the benchmark for good night-time destinations. Areas awarded with a Purple Flag are recognised for providing a diverse and vibrant mix of dining, entertainment and culture while promoting the safety and well-being of visitors and local residents.

Newport City Centre ticked all the boxes with a growing number of restaurants, cafes and attractions, plus major cultural events attracting visitors and residents of all ages, but also recognises that Newport can further grow and improve the city centre offer with already excellent foundations in place.

Highlights from Newport's submission include the invigoration of cafe culture during the pandemic, the proactive work being done around drugs and drink spiking, and the Newport Explorer signage.

A range of local agencies and organisations including Newport City Council licensing team, Gwent Police, the Newport Now Business Improvement District, the Safer Newport partnership and representatives from the business, community and voluntary sector will continue to work together to ensure that the city continues to provide great entertainment, exceptional hospitality and a safe night out for visitors.



Councillor Jane Mudd, Leader of Newport City Council, said:

“This is exceptionally good news for Newport and all the businesses that are part of the night-time economy. It is a tribute to the hard work of our licensing officers and our partners, including Newport Now BID and Pubwatch.

Kevin Ward, manager of the Newport Now Business Improvement District (BID), said:

“This is fantastic news for Newport's evening and night-time economy, particularly as we move out of the Covid pandemic.

“The BID has worked with the council, the police, Pubwatch, Newport Business Against Crime, and other partners to improve the city centre's night-time offering and Purple Flag status is a just reward.

“As well as the regular services we provide to businesses, last Christmas we distributed anti-drink spiking materials to licensed premises across the city centre, and we will shortly be launching our Night Ambassadors service to provide further assistance to the late-night economy on Fridays and Saturdays.

“But this award is only the start. Improving the night-time economy is a continuing process and the work to retain Purple Flag starts now.”

Click below for example case studies via Microsoft Sway:

[Purple Flag City Centre Safety Award \(2021-22\)](#)
[Purple Flag \(2020-21\)](#)



Foot in the Door



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In March 2022, Newport became home to the biggest ever Foot in the Door (FITD) programme. The programme was delivered by Ffilm Cymru Wales and partners with support from Newport City Council (NCC).

Foot in the Door is an award-winning training programme from Ffilm Cymru Wales that offers new opportunities for individuals and communities to develop their transferable skills into creative opportunities and careers through workshops, training and events and new-entrant paid training placements on film and TV productions in Wales.

Foot in the Door Newport was a collaboration between Ffilm Cymru and NCC. The project involved joint working with organisations in the screen sector, and local partners such as Coleg Gwent, University of South Wales, Pobl, Urban Circle, Screen Alliance Wales, Sgil Cymru and Cult Cymru/BECTU. The project was funded through the UK Government Community Renewal Fund.



Across the 12-month project Ffilm Cymru worked collaboratively with 1,000 plus community members, delivering over 70 activities across Newport for local people to find out more about how they can start a career in the TV and film industry.

Newport's Foot in the Door Team worked with existing programmes in the city, such as Re-start, in partnership with Sgil Cymru to develop roles in production security and were able to open up routes for individuals who previously had not thought the sector to be an option for them.

Organisations from across the Film and high-end TV Sector in Wales partnered with communities they may not have worked with previously.

Click below for example case studies via Microsoft Sway:

[Foot in the Door - Transferable for Film & TV \(2023 Update\)](#)

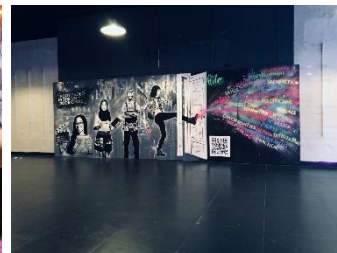
[Foot in the Door - Transferable Skills for Film & TV \(2021-22\)](#)



Bangla Surf Girls Screening -
Credit: Jo Haycock



Theatrical Make Up Workshops -
Credit: Jo Haycock



Mural created by local artist
Consumersmith Fine Art at
Unit 9



Newport School Career Events



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During the pandemic, Newport partners worked together to deliver a series of online sector-based careers weeks for students in Year 9 and above in Newport schools.

The live events were project managed by Careers Wales and many key Newport employers participated, sharing their insights into how to find work in their sectors and the types of qualifications and skills needed, opportunities within their own organisations and a typical working day.

The students also received presentations on educational pathways into the sectors and advice from Careers Wales advisors. All the presentations remain available to students in Newport schools to access as they wish when considering their career choices.

Click below for example case studies via Microsoft Sway:

[Digital Careers \(2020-21\)](#)

[Careers in healthcare, social care and childcare // Green careers \(2021-22\)](#)



In January 2023 the careers event moved from online to be a physical event in the Caernarfon Suite at the Celtic Resort, Newport. Careers Wales worked with its Newport cluster of employers to deliver an “Explore your Future” event. The title and content of the event were based on the suggestions of Newport Youth Council and their views on what would make the event helpful and attractive for young people.

The purpose of the event was to support young people in their GCSE options choices whilst broadening their horizons to the opportunities available to them in the Newport area.



Progression & Collaboration at Post-16



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Newport City Council and Coleg Gwent continue to move forward on the creation of a city centre campus providing first-class further education facilities. It is intended that the city centre campus will be built on the site of the old Newport Centre, forming part of the Newport Knowledge Quarter joining the University of South Wales campus.

USW and Coleg Gwent continue to work together and with other partners to grow and promote opportunities for local learners at post-16. Some examples included:

- Appointment of an Outreach and Engagement Officer in Newport.
- Developing clearer pathways for Coleg Gwent learners into Computing & Cyber offer at USW.
- Supporting the upskilling of existing employers and opportunities for new learners.
- Creating a Research & Development Centre by Welsh Institute of Digital Information (WIDI) at USW's Newport Campus funded by UK Community Renewal Fund.

Click below for example case study via Microsoft Sway:

[Progression and Collaboration at Post-16 \(2021-22\)](#)



Examples of further collaborative work include:

- A new partnership between Urban Circle Newport and USW.
- Nursing Cadet Scheme with Coleg Gwent, USW and Royal College of Nursing (RCN).
- Placements for ALN learners from Coleg Gwent at USW Newport Campus.
- Wales Screen Academy
- Care as Currency Pilot Scheme

Click below for example case study via Microsoft Sway:

[Progression and Collaboration at Post-16 \(2023 Update\)](#)



Learners from Coleg Gwent who have been at USW Newport campus on an enhanced placement.



RCN Cadets at The Grange Hospital on their first day

Bee Friendly City

In July 2019 the former council Leader, Councillor Deborah Wilcox put forward a cross party motion to council to support an initiative from the Friends of the Earth (FoE) to make Newport into a Bee Friendly City. This motion included the objectives to protect and enhance, increase awareness and increase understanding of the importance of pollinators.

Now as an officially accredited Bee Friendly City, Newport City Council continues to strive to increase and enhance habitat for pollinators throughout the authority area.

This led to support to the “No Mow May” campaign, which has helped the Council identify more species rich area and places to prioritise a change in long term grass management. In response more rare and nationally scarce species of bee were recorded in more locations across Newport. The response to this campaign has been found to be largely positive from residents.

Click below for example case studies via Microsoft Sway:

[Bee Friendly City \(2019-20\)](#)

[No Mow May and Newport Bee Friendly City \(2020-21\)](#)

[Buglife Pollinator Project \(2021-22\)](#)



More specific work took place in Friars Walk to create a more inviting space for people and nature. The raised beds situated in the area were sparse and gloomy but provided the perfect opportunity to create a vibrant bee friendly space in the heart of the city. Installing bug boxes and plants has led to a more inviting place, alongside new signage to help passers-by understand the importance.

Click the below case study (via Microsoft Sway) for more information:

[Bee Friendly Friars Walk \(2021-22\)](#)

Greening Maindee

Maindee Unlimited was set up in 2014 to transform Maindee into a sustainable community with a strong local identity, strong local economy and a reputation as an attractive, safe, culturally vibrant and cohesive place to live, work and relax.

One of the areas that Maindee Unlimited has led on is greening of the local area, with projects developed including:

St Mary's Community Garden // Corporation Road // Walkway (from Corporation Road to Maindee Primary School) // Maindee Primary School // Orchard Walk // Wharf Road // Maindee Triangle Café, Community Space and Outdoor Recreation Area // Boat Planter Installation and Associated Landscaping // Maindee Walkway // Eveswell Community Centre

Click below for example case studies via Microsoft Sway:

[Greening Maindee \(2020-21\)](#)

[Greening Maindee \(2019-20\)](#)



Credit: Kathy Barclay



Credit: John Hallam



Greening Maindee Together aims to:

Encourage access to green spaces; engage different cultural groups; teach new skills; improve health & well-being and more active lifestyles; improve knowledge of 'place'; encourage communication, inclusivity and diversity; promote sustainability, green infrastructure and climate change; and facilitate funding for green projects.

Click the below case study (via Microsoft Sway) for more information:

[Greening Maindee Together \(2021-22\)](#)

Green Infrastructure

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Green infrastructure is a network of multi-functional green space and other green features, urban and rural, which can deliver quality of life and environmental benefits for communities.

Green infrastructure is not simply an alternative description for conventional open space. It includes parks, open spaces, playing fields, woodlands – and also street trees, allotments, private gardens, green roofs and walls, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and soils. It includes rivers, streams, canals and other water bodies, sometimes called ‘blue infrastructure’.

Benefits of Green Infrastructure – [view here](#).

A range of projects have taken place across Newport including developing a Green Infrastructure (GI) Map and Assessment; along with carrying out a study into opportunities for more greenery in the City Centre. Examples of GI development across the city centre have included the installation of rainwater gardens.

Click below for example case studies via Microsoft Sway:

[City Centre Green Infrastructure Study \(2021-22\)](#)

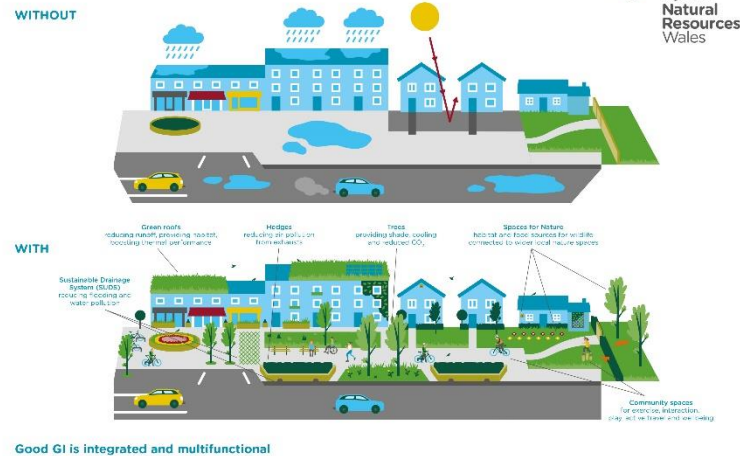
[Green Infrastructure Assessment \(2021-22\)](#)

[Greening City Centre: Green Arc Rainwater Gardens and Enhanced Biodiversity \(2020-21\)](#)

[Green Infrastructure Map \(2020-21\)](#)

[City Centre Greening / Green Infrastructure \(2019-20\)](#)

The Benefits of Green Infrastructure



Before GI installed



After GI installed



Woodland Routes to Well-being



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[Woodland Routes to Wellbeing](#) had successfully received funding from the Big Lottery Create Your Space Programme. Duffryn Community Link is the lead organisation working with Keep Wales Tidy, Growing Space and the National Trust forming the delivery partnership.

This project is for the benefit of people of all ages from the community of Duffryn and surrounding areas, providing opportunities to improve employability, gain skills, access accredited training, improve the environment, improve people's mental and physical well-being.

Click below for example case study via Microsoft Sway:

[Woodland Routes to Well-being \(2021-22\)](#)

Some of the activities that have taken place include:

- Play Sessions
- Woodland Warriors
- Keep Wales Tidy Bid Spring Clean
- Keep Wales Tidy – Woodland Regeneration
- The Laundry – Growing Space



Clean Air Day



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Since 2021 Newport City Council's Senior Scientific Officer, Steve Manning has organised an event each year in association with the national [Clean Air Day](#) initiative promoted by [Global Action Planning](#).

These events have included the involvement of One Newport partners and in more recent times school children.

Why Clean Air Day matters:

- Focuses attention on air pollution.
- Helps to improve public understanding and increase levels of air pollution busting behaviours.
- Showcases that a cleaner air future is both possible and desirable.
- Demonstrates large-scale support for clean air, giving decision-makers a mandate to implement the system changes required.

Click below for example case studies via Microsoft Sway of events held in 2021 and 2022:

[Clean Air Day 2022 - Environmental Guided Walks \(2021-22\)](#)

[Clean Air Day - 17 June 2021 \(2020-21\)](#)

Information on the most recent Clean Air Day 2023 can be [viewed here](#).



Thank You

This summary of activity over the 5-year span of the well-being plan demonstrates the value of strong partnership working in improving the well-being of our communities.

On behalf of the partnership, we would like to thank the many partners, and individual citizens who worked hard to make our plan a success and continue to do so on a daily basis.

This valued partnership approach was demonstrated through the establishment of the Green & Safe Spaces Network. This was an important and significant delivery mechanism for the Green and Safe Spaces Intervention to highlight opportunities for collaborative working, providing expertise and a valuable 'big picture' understanding of all the work going on across Newport.

The annual reports produced during the life of the well-being plan can be [viewed here](#).

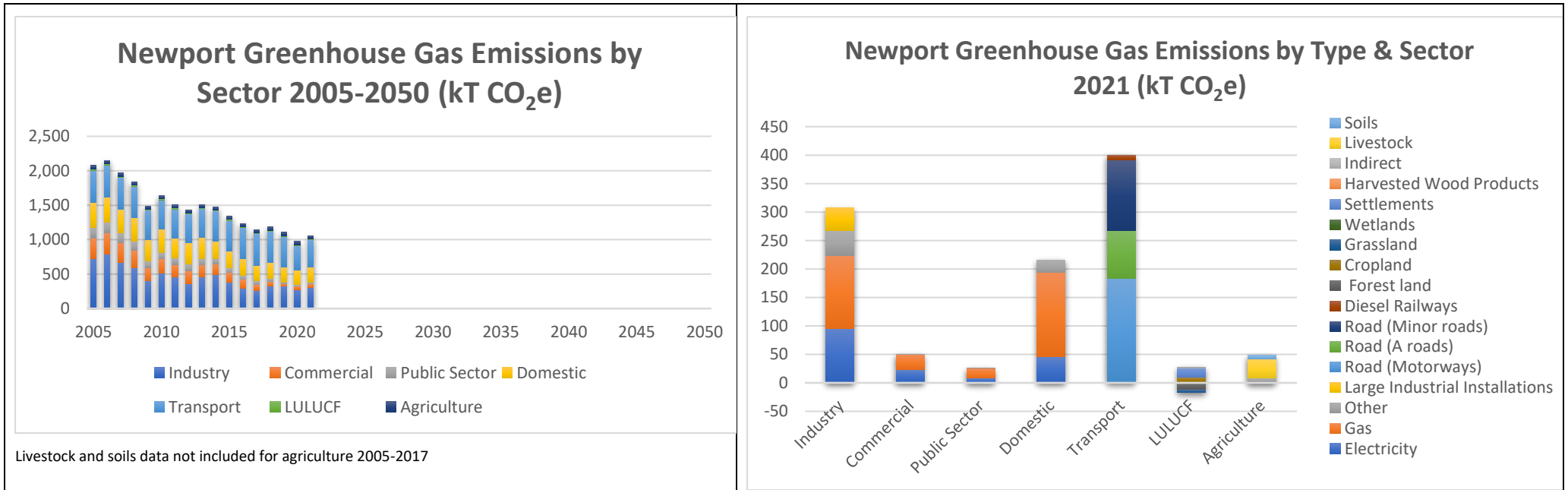
Following the end of Newport's local well-being plan, we move into the delivery of the objectives outlined in the [Gwent Well-being Plan](#). In support of this One Newport and its partners will continue to ensure that our local delivery not only assists the Gwent PSB in delivering their plan but will identify activity in Newport outside of the Gwent Well-being Plan that would benefit from a strong partnership approach through a Local Action Plan.

For further information on One Newport's Local Action Plan contact the Policy & Partnership Team at Newport City Council on one.newport@newport.gov.uk or visit the [One Newport website](#).



LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLAN 2022-26

HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022-23



1 Action Plan Overview 2022-26

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	RAG
0.1 Review policies in the LDP					
0.2 Raising Finance					
0.3 Collaborate across LAs					
0.4 Coordinate skills investment					
0.5 Continue stakeholder engagement					
1.1 Partner with RSLs to apply for ORP					
	1.2 Launch council building retrofit programme				
1.3 EPC improvement					
2.1 Publish council EV Strategy					
2.2 Install charge points at council sites and council car parks					
2.3 Transition our owned fleet of vehicles to electric					
3.1 Engage with WPD					
	4.1 Reassess suitability of council owned land for renewables				
4.2 Update LDP policy on onshore renewables					
	4.3 Develop programme of onshore renewable development				
5.1 Become part of SWIC					
	5.2 Encourage low carbon growth through an industrial innovation programme				
	5.3 Engage with WWU				
	5.4 Explore industry waste heat				
	6.1 Map off gas grid properties				
	6.2 Identify business with capacity and supply chains				
	6.3 Map funding and delivery of heat pumps				
6.4 Monitor opportunities for heat networks where new heat sources or major development is planned					
7.1 Support delivery of South Wales Regional Transport Plan					
7.2 Encourage active travel use					
7.3 Encourage public transport use					
	7.4 Discourage private vehicle use				

2 Full Action Plan

Priority Intervention Area / Action		Action Owner	Start Date	End Date	Progress & Next Steps	RAG Status
0 Enabling Actions	0.1 Review policies in the LDP	Planning Policy	2022	2026	Working with Planning policy team to ensure LAEP targets and priorities are included in the new LDP. Areas for consideration include carbon sequestration, onshore renewables (Solar PV and wind), EV charging, sustainable travel options, minimum standards for residential properties.	On track
	0.2 Raise finance and enable procurement	LEAP Programme Manger	2022	2026	Funding plan under development which will consider resources for project delivery, capital funding, grant funding opportunities and funding gaps. However, in the year 2022/23 we have secured £2.5 million for EV charging over 2 years and £490k of SPF funding over 2 years to support business and community decarbonisation and green skills development.	Plan under development
	0.3 Collaborate across local authorities		2022	2050	LAEPs are currently being developed for Local Authorities across the CCR and we are engaged in this process so that we can align with regional action plans.	On track
	0.4 Coordinate widely on skills investment		2022	2050	Working with Regional Skills Partnership Managers to identify gaps in skills and training required. Shared prosperity funding obtained to support green skills development in Newport.	Underway
	0.5 Community and stakeholder engagement		2022	2050	Drafted Board and Governance Structure, planning stakeholder workshops before end of 2023. Links to community engagement for Climate Change Plan and to Community and Business Decarbonisation grants and officer posts that have been obtained through SPF funding.	Underway
1 Building Retrofit	1.1 Partner with Registered social landlords (RSL) to apply to the Optimised Retrofit Programme (ORP)		LEAP Programme Manger	2022	2050	Working with NCH on this.
	1.2 Launch a programme of council owned buildings retrofit	Carbon Reduction Manager	2022	2030	This is underway through the Climate Change Plan and Carbon Reduction Team's work through the Carbon Reduction Plan. Additional project delivery resource has been appointed and	On Track

Priority Intervention Area / Action		Action Owner	Start Date	End Date	Progress & Next Steps	RAG Status
					grant funding applied for. Long term project pipeline being developed.	
	1.3 Public reporting of level of EPC improvement	Trading Standards	2022	2050	Project is underway to raise awareness and enforce the minimum energy efficiency standards for rental properties (A-E until 2028, then A-C). We are currently awaiting confirmation of whether a post can be funded in this area using an SPF grant.	Underway
2 EV & Charging	2.1 Publish council EV strategy / approach	LEAP Programme Manger	2022	Q2 2023	EV Strategy has been through public consultation and is in he final stages of sign off.	On track
	2.2 Install charging points in council offices and car parks	CC Service Manger	2022	Jan 2024	All pay and display car parks complete along with outer free car parks. Residential charging hub created near Telford Depot car park. Public charging on track but fleet charging is subject to funding.	Project at risk due to funding
	2.3 Transition our owned fleet of vehicles to electric	Fleet Manager	2022	2030	We have taken delivery of 14 EVs in 2022/23. We are also currently trialling 1 electric ride on mower and this year have converted 1 additional diesel refuse vehicle to electric, meaning that 7 out of our fleet of 15 are now EVs.	On track
3 Electricity network	3.1 Engage with WPD	CC Service Manager	2022	2028	Support letter sent to WPD to outline capacity needs for Newport. Linking with WPD re ED2 and ED3. Also engaged with Future Energy Scenarios team and they have integrated the LAEP targets into their planning which may influence future investment into the grid in Newport.	Underway
4 Onshore renewables	4.1 Reassess suitability of council owned land for renewables	LEAP Programme Manger	2022	2023	We are looking to commission someone to do this assessment, this also feeds into an objective in the organisational Climate Change Plan to assess the decarbonisation potential of all council land.	Plan in place

Priority Intervention Area / Action		Action Owner	Start Date	End Date	Progress & Next Steps	RAG Status
	4.2 Update policy in the local development plan (LDP) on the development of onshore renewables	Planning Policy Manager	2022	2026	Working with planning policy team to ensure LAEP targets and priorities are included in the new LDP including onshore renewables.	On track
	4.3 Develop a programme of renewable energy developments with appropriate commercial models	LEAP Programme Manger	2023	2024	To be progressed once 4.1 and 4.2 are complete. Exploring group solar procurement scheme and submitted planning for small solar farm to support EV charging at Docksway Household Recycling Centre.	Plan in place
5 Industrial innovation	5.1 Become part of SWIC to enable greater collaboration with industry	LEAP Programme Manger	2022	2050	Newport do not have a cluster plan so we have initiated parallel conversations with key industrial partners.	Underway
	5.2 Promote Newport as a potential site for innovation around low carbon energy		2022	2050	Recent conversations with businesses looking to invest in Newport for innovative decarbonisation technologies such as battery storage, hydrogen production and use and heat networks.	Underway
	5.3 Engagement with WWU		2022	2026	Met with WWU and now have links to WWU carbon reduction and hydrogen generation plans.	Underway
	5.4 Explore industry waste heat opportunities			2050	See 5.2	Underway
6 Heat	6.1 Map off gas grid properties and their ownership types	LEAP Programme Manger	Sep 2022	2023	Mapping will take place via the CCR ECO Flex project	Plan in place
	6.2 Identify business with capacity and wider supply chains		Sep 2022	2023	SPF funded post in final stages of recruitment to support this work, as well as funding to support green skills development.	Plan in place
	6.3 Map out funding and delivery options		Sep 2022	2023	SPF funded post in final stages of recruitment to support this work.	
	6.4 Heat networks for new developments	CC Service Manager	2022	2050	Conversations with organisations looking to be involved in development of heat networks in Newport	Underway

Priority Intervention Area / Action		Action Owner	Start Date	End Date	Progress & Next Steps	RAG Status
7 Transport	7.1 Collaborate and support the delivery of the South East Wales Regional Transport Plan	HoS - City Services	2022	2025	This work is underway working with SEWTC, Welsh Government and TfW. Old Green Roundabout improvements have been through public consultation and funding will be applied for once a design has been confirmed. Bus Rapid Transit route between Cardiff and Newport also in development, subject to funding.	Project at risk due to funding
	7.2 Encourage active travel	HoS - City Services	2022	2050	Work ongoing to improve and increase the active travel network. Behaviour change work also underway with SEWTC.	Underway
	7.3 Encourage public transport patronage	HoS - City Services	2022	2050	This work is underway working with SEWTC, Welsh Government and TfW.	Underway
	7.4 Discourage private vehicle use	tbc	tbc	2050	To be looked at following introduction of alternative transport provision	

3 Performance Indicators & Targets

Priority Intervention Area	Performance Measure		Target Date	Target	Actual Performance	RAG Status	Notes
0 Enabling Actions	No identified performance indicators						
1 Building Retrofit	Homes with deep retrofit measures		2035	21,500		Red	Ave 1,700 per year
			2050	60,000			Ave 2,600 per year
2 EV & Charging	Rapid EV Charging Connectors		2025	80		Green	Ave 14 per year
			2030	145			Ave 13 per year
	Total EV Charging Connectors		2025	1,120		Red	Ave 329 per year
			2030	2,325			Ave 241 per year
	No. NCC EV fleet & plant		2030	368		Yellow	Ave 38 per year
	% of NCC EV fleet & plant		2030	100%			
3 Electricity network	No identified performance indicators						
4 Onshore Renewables	Wind	Additional capacity (MW)	2035	1.1		Green	Aware of businesses that have ambitions to install further
		Total capacity (MW)	2035	17.2			

Priority Intervention Area	Performance Measure	Target Date	Target	Actual Performance	RAG Status	Notes
						wind, but grid capacity not available
	Solar PV	Additional ground capacity (MW)	2050	780.1		200MW approved by planning inspectorate, over-ruled by WG Ave 28MW per year
		Total ground capacity (MW)	2050	796.7		
		Additional rooftop capacity (MW)	2050	153.9		Aware of plans for multiple roof-mounted schemes held up due to lack of grid capacity Ave 5.5MW per year
		Total rooftop capacity (MW)	2050	161.0		
	Onshore Renewables	Additional capacity (MW)	2035	140		Ave 11MW per year
			2050	935		Ave 53MW per year
		Total capacity (MW)	2035	180		
2050			975			
5 Industrial Innovation	Hydrogen production per year (GWh)	2050	621			
6 Heat	Homes with heat pumps	2030	4,700		Ave 600 per year	
		2035	12,700		Ave 1,600 per year	
7 Transport	No identified performance indicators					



Gwent Public Services Board
7th Business Meeting – 13:00 Thursday 20TH July 2023
Notes of Meeting

Present:

Name	Organisation represented
Howard Toplis	Chief Executive Tai Calon Community Housing
Tracy Daszkiewicz	Director of Public Health and Strategic Partnerships Gwent
Cllr Jane Mudd	Newport CBC
Christina Harray	Caerphilly CBC
Cllr Sean Morgan	Caerphilly CBC
Alison Palmer	GAVO
Ann Lloyd	ABUHB
Richard Clark	Torfaen
Paul Matthews	Monmouthshire
Stephen Thomas	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Anne Evans	Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
Jeff Cuthbert	OPCC
Damien McCann	Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent
Beverley Owen	Newport City Council
Matt Jones	South Wales Fire
Sian Curley	Chief Executive OPCC
Ian Roberts	Gwent Police
Cllr Richard Clark	Torfaen BC
Cllr Jane Mudd	Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd

In Attendance:

Louise Bishop	Caerphilly CBC
Anne Evans	Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
Tammy Boyce	UCL
Sharran Lloyd	Monmouthshire
Lyndon Puddey	Head of Public Services Support Unit, Torfaen
Steve Honeywell	Torfaen CBC

Cllr Tommy Smith	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Heather Pells	Caerphilly City Council
Richard Jones	Monmouthshire
Janice Dent	Newport City Council
Karen Williams	Caerphilly CBC
Heather Delonnette	Caerphilly CBC
Mark Cadwallader	University of South Wales
Huw Williams	Newport CBC
Sarah King	Blaenau Gwent Council

Apologies:

Steve Tiley	GAVOo
Cllr Steven Bradwick	South Wales Fire
Stephen Vickers	Chief Executive Officer Torfaen CBC
Cllr Anthony Hunt	
Dr Louise Bright	(Director of Research and Business Engagement University of South Wales)
Huw Jakeaway	Chief Fire Officer
Pam Kelly	Chief Constable
Amanda Lewis	Head of Probation Delivery Unit Gwent
Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby	Leader of Monmouthshire Council

0. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 7th meeting of the PSB.

1. Notes and Matters Arising from the meeting of the Gwent PSB on 15th December 2022

All action points from the previous meeting had been completed or were on the agenda for this meeting and the meeting of the minutes was approved by the Board.

Approval was moved by **Steve Morgan** and seconded by **Stephen Thomas**.

2. DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN FOR FINAL AGREEMENT AND PUBLICATION

Heather Delonnette spoke to this item and explained the draft Wellbeing Plan had been approved by the partner organisations, though the police had raised concerns about resources for delivery and the removal of the community cohesion objective (which has been absorbed into the other two objectives). HD stated that once the plan is approved by the PSB it will be published and online, downloadable versions and easy read versions were all ready.

Comments

Cllr Jane Mudd stated that on page 22 under the section on Strategic Corporate Plans, where it states that their objectives *need* to align to the PSB, that this wording should instead reflect the fact that LA priorities are based on manifesto commitments.

Action: Change ‘need’ to ‘should, as much as possible’

Paul Matthews, Jeff Cuthbert and Steve Morgan, whilst representing organisations who were endorsing the plan recognised that there were concerns about resourcing the delivery of the plan, and that the resource constraints needed to be taken into account when developing the delivery and action plans.

Jeff Cuthbert also spoke to upcoming developments in the community safety agenda coming from the Home Office.

Howard Toplis – Thanked Officers for all of their work. He raised concerns about the absence of an action plan for the Wellbeing Plan and stated that he could not approve the Plan without this. Heather Delonnette responded that the plan is a high-level strategic document, that had been created at a time **of challenge in bringing the five PSBs together into one**. **She stated that, within the timescales**, agreeing a detailed action plan had not been achievable but that this would be developed within the next few months.

Anne Lloyd stated that from the Health Board’s perspective they regard the Wellbeing Plan as one of strategic intent rather than a detailed plan. She stated that the IHE report is very detailed and gives a much more informed view of what exactly needs to be done, and that along with the principles, can be used to form our main priorities.

Christina Harray – also stated the Plan sets out our strategic intention, and that the delivery plan will be developed and brought to the PSB for consideration in Autumn.

Recommendations

PSB members are asked:

- The PSB formally approves the Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-28 as required by the Well-being of future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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The PSB agreed the recommendation with the exception of Howard Toplis who voted against.

Action1: On page 22 under the section on Strategic Corporate plans, change ‘need’ to ‘should as much as possible’

Action 2: Delivery Plans will be developed and brought to the PSB for consideration.

3. BUILDING A FAIRER GWENT REPORT

Paul Matthews stated that we all share a concern about inequity and inequality, and that these remain despite the effort put in by many organisations. He said the report is a comprehensive piece of work that holds a mirror to ourselves.

He stated that, following the report, the question being put to the PSB was do we want to commit to becoming a Marmot region, given the challenge and volume of work this will present, and reputational damage if we commit and fail to deliver. It will mean committing the PSB members to considerable reform (as distinct from transformation) and will require a clear path and capability that does not currently exist in Gwent.

Tammy Boyce stated that the IHE report is a bottom-up report based on what stakeholders think is possible. She stated that there are data packs on the website that each LA can use as a resource and update. She also reiterated that the goal is to reform what is happening in Gwent. Tammy stated that Gwent is the first Marmot region in Wales and other PSBs will be looking to see what we achieve. To achieve requires leadership from the PSB and each LA to say we can address health inequalities by focusing upon them.

Tammy stated that there has been a lot of focus from the WG on wellbeing and this has led to health inequalities worsening. She stated that there is a need to focus on those whose lives can most be changed, who are experiencing inequality. She stated its about where we choose to invest time. She also stated that we need to look at how we pool resources in the PSB and do we need to pool resources in a different way in different areas.

Comments

Cllr Sean Morgan thanked Tammy for the report.

Stephen Thomas stated that he believed we should take up the challenge and that it will make a big difference. He stated he was thrilled at the work that had been done and thanked those responsible.

Cllr Jane Mudd said the report is excellent, poses more questions than answers and that challenging ourselves is important. She also stated that she queries some of the recommendations which seem to reflect the role of Public Health in England rather than Wales. She also queried if we could achieve the level of structural change needed to deliver some of the recommendations, pointing to issues beyond the direct control of PSB members such as the level of Local Housing Allowance which is set by the Treasury. Jane stated that, whilst reiterating her passion and commitment to this area, there are a lot of issues to work through particularly in relation to statutory duties and governance arrangements and that it was not clear how these could be worked through.

Steve Morgan said that he would have expected our natural resources to have been more explicit and significant in the report but that otherwise it was a helpful and excellent report.

Tracy Daszkiewicz said that Jane had made good points about how we move from policy to practice. Tracy stated that she has been a Director of Public Health in two LA areas in England, and that her role as a Director of Public Health in Gwent is to challenge health inequalities, to create health equity and to improve health outcomes. Tammy acknowledged that only about 15% of the population are in health services and that services that enable good health are delivered through Councils, with housing, educational attainment, and employment/employability being really important in achieving health outcomes. She said that she was looking forward to us going forward as a partnership, creating the detail, and understanding priorities and roles and responsibilities to enable us to deliver. She said she

was really excited by the art of the possible together and having the eyes of Wales on us as we lead in this area.

Tammy Boyce responded to Cllr Mudd by stating that they have written a report which states how to change things not just how things are. She added that Public Health Wales had been clear that they did not want to be reorganised but are instead in talks about how to work differently.

Tammy stated that changes in Health Inequalities will take years, but we can stop the decline, such as in life expectancy, through the choices that the PSB members make as leaders.

Recommendations.

In March 2022, Gwent PSB signalled its collective ambition to address inequity and its root causes. Since then, a significant amount of work has taken place on behalf of the PSB, resulting in the report being presented today.

With the publication of this report, PSB members are asked to re-state their commitment and ambition to address inequity and its root causes.

A further report in to the PSB to show how we will embed the Marmot recommendations (wherever possible) into the Well-being Plan delivery.

The PSB agreed to accept the report and recommendations.

Action 1 There will be a further report to the PSB to show how we will embed the Marmot recommendations (wherever possible) into the Well-being Plan delivery.

4. PSB ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Richard Jones presented a framework to plan, monitor and evaluate against priorities in the Wellbeing Plan. He stated that it is a draft framework that will be shaped around the resources and ambition as a delivery plan is created.

He stated that the framework sets out a series of principles and agreeing these will mean the development of the framework will align to the PSB's ambition.

Draft performance measures and indicators and reporting templates are included.

Richard highlighted that it is recommended that each partner organisation identify a lead organization, or officer, for each priority to drive forward the work and that additional officer resources are identified within the organisation.

Comments

Cllr Jane Mudd – thanked the GSWAG working group. Jane said that the principles were sound but that there need to be changes to reflect the political accountability of local authorities, as the suggested frequency of reporting was not enough.

Cllr Sean Morgan responded that the recommendations had already been changed to biannual reporting.

Steve Morgan stated that there is more work to be done around the governance and role of the PSB board, and how the local and regional work fits together. He stated that he is supportive of having named leads for the steps and he would volunteer for the climate and nature lead. He said that lots of the steps are cross cutting and go hand in hand with officer support. He stated that we need a good mix of representation so that we do not become siloed in our thinking.

Steve Morgan and **Ann Lloyd** stated that their organisations had performance management capability to support this work.

Anne Lloyd said that the relationship of the PSB and the RPB is a sensitive area and that the recommendations needs to be rephrased. She stated that she and Sean Morgan work to ensure a co-operative relationship between the two boards.

Cllr Sean Morgan stated that the recommendations had already been revised prior to the meeting and read out the redrafted recommendations:

Recommendations

To establish an effective PMF, the PSB is asked to:

- Agree the draft framework provided and proposed plans to further develop and implement the PMF, in line with the principles, to effectively performance manage the desired delivery of the wellbeing objectives.
- PSB agree the principal of a lead PSB sponsor for each of the steps in the Wellbeing plan, to drive action and maintain ambition.

The final performance framework will be reviewed on a biannual basis.

The redrafted recommendations are unanimously agreed by the Board.

FEED BACK FROM LOCAL DELIVERY GROUPS

David Arnold from Blaenau Gwent said that they had a workshop with a really helpful presentation from Stuart Bourne. He stated that transport had come out as a big issue in BG, and that good ideas had come out of the workshop.

Heather Delonnette (Caerphilly) said that they had a workshop last month and that about 60 people attended and were asked for their ideas for actions for each step. Transport had been a big issue, the need for a wellbeing service not an ill-health service, decarbonising homes and businesses, maximising income and a universal basic income.

Sharran Lloyd (Monmouthshire) said they held an LDG meeting last month with wider partners and spent a lot of time cross-referencing the steps with the IHE report and with local strategies

and plans and looking at resources and data at a local level. They also looked at how to strengthen links with the PSB where they don't have enough local resources.

Huw Williams (Newport) said that their consultation draft had been agreed and a consultation plan and timetable, The consultation would run over August and September with a local action plan due to be signed off in September by which time they expect to have delivery structures in place.

Puddy Lyndon (Torphaen) said they had held an LDG workshop and found similar themes to other LAs. The workshop was well attended and they thanked Stuart for his presentation. They did extensive mapping of the five steps with partner strategies to avoid duplication.

Sarah King is to take over Charing GSWAG from the August meeting.

Steve Morgan – said that there is a need to be clear on Plans overseen by the PSB and those by the RPB, and how to make sure local and regional plans marry well together.

Action 1: Add to PSB agendas updates from Local Delivery Group

Action 2 Add to PSB September agenda need to agree a lead PSB sponsor for each of the five steps.

5. THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Alison Palmer - stated that this had been drafted with GSWAG and was based on good practice from the WG. She stated that it lays out who we work in partnership with, how we maximise the benefits of using Third sector services and support and how we communicate with the sector.

She asked the group to agree the narrative of the document in principle.

She stated that the report is missing a local agreement, as an appendix, for each locality.

Alison stated that the next step would be to ensure that the right structures are in place in each LA, and to work with the LDGs.

COMMENT

Howard Toplis stated that it is better for RSLs to engage on a local level as he cannot speak for all RSLs at a local level. He also stated that RSLs do their own community work.

Alison Palmer replied that GAVO provide and deliver community work with other organisations and so did not feel that there was a conflict but that this is about maximising benefit. .

Cllr Jane Mudd -said that Newport could not agree this as they would need to seek advice from procurement. She also stated that some of the narrative is out of date and that her officers would pass on an update.

Cllr Sean Morgan said that there could be an agreement in principle to allow the report to be redrafted.

Anne Lloyd said she would need to take this back to the Health Board to check that it does not contravene any other contractual arrangements. Anne also said she would draft a revision to give to Alison such as the change of the role of Public Health Wales.

Alison Palmer recognised that the report had been developed over time so some of the detail will have changed. She stated Steve Vickers had previously asked for comments and so it was helpful to get these now at the meeting.

Jeff Cuthbert said that he could not see any direct reference to policing or to his office, despite providing funds to a variety of third sector organisations.

Alison stated that PCC is in the document as they are a member of the PSB and they do not identify individual funds in the report as there are so many.

Recommendations

The Gwent PSB is asked:

- To agree in principle the narrative of the Governance document (Appendix 1)
- To agree and support the next stage of the process which reviews the Third Sector structures in each County.
- After such review, to work and support the changes made to the structures for maximum Third Sector impact into not only the Gwent strategic aims but the County aims through the Local Delivery Groups
- After the structures are in place, to agree through the Gwent PSB the additional appendices that sit behind the overarching Third Sector Partnership Agreement.

The recommendations were agreed with the addition of ‘in principle’ to the first recommendation.

Action 1: Cllr Jane Mudd to ensure her officers update information on Newport in the report.

Action 2: Anne Lloyd to check the report does not contravene any existing contractual arrangements in the Health Board

Action 3 Anne Lloyd to update sections relating to the Health Board and Public Health Wales.

6. REGIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (STANDING ITEM)

Scrutiny Committee has been established and all Members have had access to relevant training from WLGA. Cllr. Tommy Smith from BG (Chair), and Cllr. Williams from Caerphilly (vice Chair) will rotate on an annual basis.

Committee agreed its terms of reference and Performance Management Framework that the PSB has seen today. Sixth of September is the next meeting.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- Coordinated Support for Ukraine
- Community Safety Review

Heather Delonnette stated that Ukraine is now being treated as business as usual and will no longer be a standing item for the PSB.

Sharran Lloyd stated that Karl Williams is drafting a report and working with the OPC and that will be given to Pam Kelly to take to the PSB.

Jeff Cuthbert said that the Home Office are leading on a Community Safety Review. It is not sure yet what the new provision will be from the Home Office in terms of Jeff's role or leadership of Community Safety or networks. However, the changes are expected by the end of the year if parliamentary time allows.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (24TH MAY)

Heather Delonnette said this was embedded within the papers but that Heather Pells will circulate to all members after the meeting.

Heather stated that PSBs were represented. There was a caveat that it might be too soon for PSBs to have embedded their roles with clarity, and PSB Chairs expressed a desire for more regional working and expressed a disconnect of their structures compared to RPBs. There was a possibility of a conference to look at how PSBs should move forward.

JOINT LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COMMISSIONER – HEATHER DELONNETTE

Heather Delonnette stated that this letter looked at the scale of the challenge and looking at where PSBs were making the most difference. They are planning an event for PSB members and asking for feedback on what support is needed for delivery on wellbeing plans.

Action1 – Heather Pells to circulate both letters to members.

JEFF CUTHBERT AND SIAN CURLEY SPEAK TO 'FROM HARM TO HOPE- THE GOVERNMENTS 10-YEAR DRUGS STRATEGY'

Jeff Cuthbert stated that this is a very important document and there is a need to ensure policing arrangements are similar to those in England. There is a need to incorporate the document within Health and area planning boards. Work is continuing within Police Partnership Boards and it is hoped to have something more substantial to take to the next PSB.

Tracy Daszkiewicz said she had a role in from Harm to Hope in her previous role and offered to speak with Jeff about how she could assist in this work.

8. NEXT MEETING, DRAFT AGENDA

The next meeting was scheduled for **21 September 2023 @ 13:00pm via MS Teams –**

Draft agenda items were as follows:

The Chair thanked all attendees and those who helped draft papers for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Action Summary

Agenda Item	Action detail	Responsible
2	Action1: On page 22 under the section on Strategic Corporate plans, change ‘need’ to ‘should as much as possible’	Heather Delonnette
2	Action 2: Delivery Plans will be developed and brought to the PSB for consideration	Heather Delonnette
3	Action 1 There will be a further report in to the PSB to show how we will embed the Marmot recommendations (wherever possible) into the Well-being Plan delivery	Heather Delonnette
4	Action 1: Add to PSB agendas updates from Local Delivery Group	Heather Pells
4	Action 2 Add to PSB September agenda need to agree a lead PSB sponsor for each of the five steps.	Heather Pells
5	Action 1: Cllr Jane Mudd to ensure her officers update information on Newport in the Third Sector Partnership Agreement.	Cllr Jane Mudd
5	Action 2: Anne Lloyd to check the Third Sector Partnership Agreement does not contravene any existing contractual arrangements in the Health Board	Anne Lloyd
5	Action 3 Anne Lloyd to update sections relating to the Health Board and Public Health Wales.	Anne Lloyd
7	Heather Pells to circulate the letter from the Minister of Finance and Local Government and the Future Generations Commissioner and feedback from the regular meeting between the Minister for Finance and Local Government and PSB Chairs	Heather Pells

**Regional Partnership Board – Monday 12th June 2023 (9:00am)
Virtual Meeting**

Present/Apologies/In attendance:

Name	Designation	Organisation
Ann Lloyd (Chair)	ABUHB Chair	ABUHB
Nicola Prygodzicz	CEO ABUHB	ABUHB
Tracy Daszkiewicz	Executive Director for Public Health & Strategic Partnerships	ABUHB
Hannah Evans		ABUHB
Alyson Hoskins	Head of Adult Services	BGCBC
Jo Williams	Head of Adult Services	CCBC
Cllr Elaine Forehead	Exec Member Social Services	CCBC
Jane Rodgers	Director Social Services	MCC
Cllr Ian Chandler	Exec Member Social Services	MCC
Sally Ann Jenkins	Director Social Services	NCC
Cllr Jason Hughes (Vice Chair)	Exec Member Social Services	NCC
Jason O'Brien	Director Social Services	TCBC
Cllr David Daniels	Exec Member Social Services	TCBC
Stephen Tiley	Third Sector Rep / Chief Executive Officer	GAVO
Edward Watts	Third Sector Rep	GAVO
Anne Evans	Third Sector Rep	TVA
Paula Kennedy	Housing Rep	Melin Homes
Lorraine Morgan	Citizen's Panel Chair	Citizen's Panel
Support		
Chris Commins	Assistant Finance Director (Out of Hospitals & Partnerships)	ABUHB
Roxanne Green	Assistant Director Partnership & Integration	PMO
Phil Diamond	Head of RPT	RPT
Claire Selmer (Minutes)	Business Officer	RPT
In Attendance		
Mike Jones – Presenting	Financial Services Manager	CCBC
Dr Paul Edwards – Presenting		ABUHB
Christopher Dawson Morris – Presenting / Observing	Interim Director of Planning & Performance	ABUHB
Rani Dash – Presenting	Director of Corporate Governance	ABUHB
Ian Matthieson – Presenting		USW
Owain Jones – Presenting	Head of Subject for Health & Social Care	USW
Chris Hooper - Presenting	Facilitation & Engagement Officer	Regional Team
Apologies		
Tanya Evans	Director Social Services	BGCBC
Cllr Hayden Trollope	Exec Member	BGCBC
Dave Street	Deputy Chief Executive	CCBC
Will McLean	Education Rep	MCC
Christine Kemp-Philp	Citizen's Panel Vice Chair	Citizen's Panel
Melanie Minty	Provider Forum Rep	Provider Forum

1.	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were noted. Chair apologised for cancelling the previous meeting due to long and complicated papers being received late in the day which members were unable to open.</p> <p>Chair congratulated Dave Street on being appointed as Deputy Chief Executive. Jo Williams will now attend RPB.</p> <p>Chair requested that we meet in person for the July meeting.</p> <p>Action: Arrange an in person meeting for July. Regional Team</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising – March 2023</p> <p>These were agreed to be a fair reflection of the previous meeting. There were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>RPB Chair's update</p> <p>a) Meeting with Minister</p> <p>Chair advised that there was a meeting with the Minister on 3rd May. The Minister was really exercised about Further Faster and announced last week that there is £30m to take this forward, which we will pursue with vigor in Gwent and ensure we utilise this in the most effective way.</p> <p>The 1,000 Beds equivalent, this reached 680 beds. However, it was not just about the beds but about getting people to use them. We should have the details of this in our Winter Plan review.</p> <p>b) RPB Chair's action</p> <p>There have been no Chair's actions since the previous meeting. Chair advised that she only took action then as it was a financial action which we had to undertake. She noted that It is not appropriate for her to action on behalf of 6 x statutory bodies, and it is hoped this will be picked up under the Governance Review.</p> <p>c) Trusted Assessor correspondence</p> <p>Chair advised that Welsh Government (WG) want to come and speak to us about our Trusted Assessor Plan. She raised concern as we have a varying platform of schemes in Gwent, and asked when they plan to visit.</p> <p>Phil Diamond (PD) advised that WG visited GASP last week and there was a presentation, some discuss and much debate. We have been asked to produce our Plan by 30th September. A Task and Finish Group has been set up which includes Heads of Services and ABUHB and they will meet to bring the Plan together for Gwent.</p> <p>There were mixed views from WG, but there is the intention for us to move forward with the most appropriate use of the model. PD noted there is definitely the intention for this to work, but there needs to be an element of realism from WG. Chair noted she looks forward to receiving the proposal by the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Bring Trusted Assessor proposal to the next meeting. PD</p> <p>d) Allied Health Professionals (AHP) funding – RPB endorsement</p> <p>Funding was provided to the Health Board and will be signed off there. However, in terms of endorsement they have asked for it be brought to RPB for awareness. PD agreed to chase this up with Peter Carr. Hannah Evans (HE) is happy to assist with this if needed.</p>

e) Right Sizing Welsh Government correspondence

The right-sizing toolkit and template were developed just before the pandemic, which affected us in terms of engagement. There are some factors we can take on board in Health and Social Care, but the template is primarily a data collection template and there is a large amount of data sifting needed to get this right. The template is not useful in its current format but we will look to engage with WG regarding good practice development.

PD advised that this has partly been picked up in other areas of delivery. In the Redesign of Older People's Services they are collecting information regarding care home vacancies, and Domiciliary Care allocated hours. However, in terms of the current template, it is very complex and will create a lot of duplication. Chair asked that we put this to WG tactfully.

Chair queried what this information is being used for. PD noted this will be overtaken by the Pathways of Care data, and the Redesign of Older People's Service Policy. Chair noted we need sensible discussion around this at the RPB Leads meeting, as we need a different approach.

d) Section 16

Chair noted a message from WG about Section 16 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act, about the duty to promote regional flora, and they will be getting back to us about this. PD advised that this is part of the Rebalancing Care Consultation, which is made up of 8 x separate consultations rolled into 1. It will take time and energy to work through and respond to this as a region. The Social Value Forum plan to look at some guidance and a Code of Practice and at a 1 x umbrella approach, with events organised at a regional level.

Decisions Made Together: Inclusion and Experience event has been arranged for 28th September (Christchurch Centre, Newport). This is a citizen focused Third Sector event where we can launch the rebranding of the Social Value Forum (Section 16 Forum) and set out any changes, as well as considering how we will continue to engage.

Chair advised that we will discuss the Rebalancing Care Consultation further next time, to be able to submit a response from the Gwent RPB, along with the Further Faster response. By then we should be able to advise on what the bid looks like in respect of the £30m.

4. a) Frailty budget sign off

PD noted the report has gone through both Leadership Group and GASP. RPB are being asked to look at the recommendations of the report, and to agree whether this can be signed off. The Section 33 stipulates that the budget needs to be signed off here.

Mike Jones (MJ) advised that in December the locality Managers and Finance Leads highlighted pressures they would face in the forthcoming year. These were presented to Leadership Group and GASP and whittled down, the report was then updated before being brought to RPB sign off.

Sally Ann Jenkins (SAJ) advised that the Local Authorities have had a lengthy discussion with Mike Jones MJ about the Local Authority contributions. They were unsure what that would look like, especially as the budgets had already set in relation to that. However, she now feels reassured that we are in a position to sign this off.

Chris Commins (CC) noted that he has been through the figures/forecast and is happy with these.

HE noted we need to make sure we link this to what we get through investment, in terms of intended impact/outcomes. It would be good practice if we get into always linking both so we know

whether it had the intended impact. Chair agreed and noted we need an impact report to ensure we are using resource in the best way possible for the outcomes for people in Gwent. She queried when we can have the report as she has been asking for 6 months.

PD noted a detailed presentation was produced for the May meeting, with some high level information on performance and data. However, Mel Laidler has since left ABUHB and this was removed from today's agenda. Her replacement has only been in post for a few days and PD suggested we need to go back to look at the data. The budget is managed by Caerphilly but data is collected within the Health Board, he queried who would be best to link to regarding this. HE noted there have been some changes in leadership, but we need to ensure we bring something to the next meeting. As part of our partnership we need to find a way to bring together budget information and some data, to give us assurance we are getting value out of this significant investment. She agreed to link to PD and the ABUHB colleague best placed to expedite this.

Action: Discuss how we bring together the Frailty budget and data to ensure we are getting the best outcomes. HE/PD/ABUHB colleague

Lorraine Morgan (LM) noted when we talk about impact/performance data this is confusing for citizens. They need to understand real outcomes which show there is a change in the service. Chair agreed and we will ensure we pick that up.

Chair asked all if they are happy to sign off the recommendations and budget. This was agreed.

Action: The budget and recommendations were agreed. Agreed

PD asked MJ if he was happy, from a governance point of view, to receive a copy of the minutes with confirmation that RPB have agreed the Frailty budget. MJ agreed this would be helpful.

Action: Send a copy of the meeting minutes to MJ. Regional Team

PD agreed to look at producing an outcomes report. Also, given the budget pressures and some difficulties this year in agreeing the budget, there needs to be a review ahead of next financial year.

Action: Look at producing an Frailty outcomes report. PD

Action: Review of Frailty budget needed ahead of the next financial year. PD

b) Redesign of Older People Services and Frailty

HE advised that a lot of work is being done in terms of the Admission Avoidance agenda, discharge, and linking the Winter Plan work. There has been some realignment of programmes in the Health Board to strengthen and align with other areas. She is happy to bring a comprehensive presentation to the next meeting.

PD noted there are many items linked e.g. the Redesign of Older People's pathway/Frailty and also Further Faster, we should have a substantial item next time to pick these up. Chair agreed.

5. Care as Currency for Education

Dr Paul Edwards (Dr PE) advised that Care as Currency is about whole system engagement. From a Secondary Care perspective this is about the safe flow of patients and giving better care in ABUHB by potentially increasing Domiciliary Care provision. As well as developing a local workforce to help individuals from the community become professionals in Health and Social Care.

Dr PE noted that at Grange University Hospital last week there were difficulties with patients coming into/leaving hospitals and a number of ambulances waiting outside the hospital due to a lack of beds. Delayed discharges can lead to harm in patients, and we are also seeing the cancellation of operations which has reputational damage to the service.

Dr PE gave an example of how Care as Currency would work. A young person within the Health Board wanted to become a Midwife but the course was oversubscribed. However, they agree to engage with the Care as Currency pathway, they would have an induction as a Carer and would agree to work with a company for 37½ hours a week for 3/6 months. If the paid work is successful the individual would receive a certificate of from Coleg Gwent which they would be able to show to USW, and this could potentially guarantee an interview to become a Midwife. If we had 100 x students working 37½ hours a week for 3 months, this would equate to 45,000 care hours, this would promote safe flow and help develop our Health and Social Care workforce.

Gwent Careers Consortium (GCC) includes members of Coleg Gwent, ABUHB, the University of Wales (USW), Torfaen Social Services, Third Sector colleagues. Chris Hooper (CH) advised that the GCC was initially set up to introduce a new source of staffing who are already engaged with the sector. There are many students doing a Health or Social care qualification, and the aim is to link them with the Health and Social Care market. It is about supplying a sustainable pipeline of talent to the Local Authorities and Hospitals and also to the local Care Providers.

The College Consortium aims to develop skills and talents within local communities and aligns with the 7 x key themes of the Joint workforce Strategy, which has been developed by HEIW and Social Care Wales.

CH noted they want to make sure care work is appealing and are looking at rebranding as Care as Currency. This would add value in the region to a range of people who would recognise the brand and perhaps enter the sector to work within Health and Social Care.

There are many students going to college at 16 to do the Health and Social Care qualification. They usually going on to do university courses and Health degrees but we are missing these individuals within the Social Care Sector.

The Care as Currency pilot plans to promote and recognise the value of work experience in the Social Care Sector. The aim is to incentivise students to come into local Social Care as a way to progress, then go on to the Health degree courses available to them. The pilot looks to add value to the Health and Social Care degree courses, as it will support a higher education application, as well as bringing students into part time paid employment. It is hoped once they start employment they will continue to work part time as a way of supporting their studies. It is hoped this will create a pipeline of talent, and hopefully improve the selection for students from disadvantaged backgrounds with Health and Social Care aspirations.

The aim is to start in September, focusing on Level 3 year two Health and Social Care students purely based on age. Feedback from providers is that they are looking for students 18+, due to insurance. CH advised that there have been conversation with USW to launch a similar pilot targeting pre-registration Nursing students who have not met grade requirements, to offer them an alternative route. Moving students into Care as Currency as a way to support their application when they re-apply in March 2024.

Bluebird Care, Newport are our initial partners and will be employing 3-4 students for a minimum of 6 months (part-time) when we launch in September. The pilot could potentially provide us with sustainable resource for a regional staff bank, and ABUHB are currently looking at something similar.

Owain Jones (OJ) noted there is much opportunity with this initiative, and it is about identifying people with an aptitude for Health and Social Care, and raising awareness of the opportunities. There are a number of initiatives in Health at the moment, but there is an obligation to make students aware of all possible opportunities. Matching the student skill sets and ambitions with the opportunities available.

The overarching aim is to look at how we normalise the care experience. OJ has had discussions with Dr PE and noted the ability to care is a ubiquitous skill requirement for people in a wide range of careers. Therefore, we want to normalise and develop the right values and behaviours within the workforce.

Nicola Prygodzicz (NP) noted she supports this work and it is a huge opportunity for both the individuals (to support their future development) and the organisations (for capacity).

Cllr Jason Hughes (Cllr JH) noted he started his career working for a staff bank and had a few years' experience of Care before moving into Social Work. It is really helpful to have experience before you apply for courses, and that is 'the carrot', but the offer of an interview is 'a strong carrot'.

Cllr JH raised concern that initially 3 months was mentioned and then potentially 6 months. For many Care Providers there is an element of training and induction and he suggested we look at extending to a longer programme.

Cllr JH queried what we think the capacity to expand this programme is in the long term and how many students would there be if the pilot is successful? CH advised that students will complete the mandatory training with Coleg Gwent and the Provider, so it will be a partnership. The plan is to see if this works and if there is enough interest, and then roll it out across the other campuses. However, we will have slightly limited numbers as Providers are looking for people 18+. CH noted he is unsure how many students 18+ there are at present, but this is something we need to go back and discuss.

LM noted she welcomes this initiative and anything which increases a quality workforce. However, she queried whether this will increase the workload for existing Practitioners. In Secondary Care and in the community it is always a worry how staff will be supported when supervising students, as it takes quite a few hours out of the work they are already doing and adds to their workload. CH advised that students will be employed for at least 6 months, with mandatory training and induction before they start. Bluebird Care are confident they are able to manage this, as they would with any person they recruit. Coleg Gwent are also there for support.

LM noted that when she worked with Health Professions Wales they looked at a matrix of skills where you could cut across pathways and had Health and Social Care Practitioners. HIs is of great value to older adults, because many of their health needs create the need for Social Care support at home. She queried how that aspect is being looked at. She noted some universities have a foundation course in Understanding Health and Social Care so students have the option to choose either route. It is about having a matrix that allows/enables people to go elsewhere if they change their mind or want to change their pathway. CH noted the Care as Currency pilot already

does that as many who attend Coleg Gwent have already chosen Health and almost bypassing Social Care, and this is a way to encourage them into Social Care, 'as currency' for their Health degree. Perhaps this will change their mind regarding their pathway, it is also the opportunity to 'make people stick'.

CH advised that Monmouthshire are looking at a Place Based Care pilot where Community Care Workers are looking at upskilling in terms of basic health tasks e.g. taking blood pressure etc. This is still at the early stages but potentially this will eventually link in.

OJ noted there is quite an interesting landscape in terms of the transfer between different awards and facilitating progression e.g. the Social Services Practitioner qualification, there is an opportunity to move from that into the second year of the Social Work degree. There are other similar initiatives and a range of different awards which students can progress from. We will be providing some wraparound support and help to open the eyes and ears of students so that they recognise the value of the experiences they have.

OJ noted LM's query and advised that it is not possible to summarise activity but there is a lot of effort to join this up. If someone has aptitude, interest and ability, we will make sure that they are facilitated to progress the career they want to. However, it is about understanding the landscape and matching the skills/ambitions with the opportunities which are available.

Cllr Ian Chandler (Cllr IC) noted this is a positive initiative. However, he queried what the primary objective of the pilot is. This is helping in terms of the educational component and career progression, but we are selling this as increased capacity. Given the constraints, training requirements etc, he is not sure how much capacity this will bring.

Cllr IC queried what the impact will be on those in receipt of care via the pilot, and what criteria we are using to evaluate the success indicators/timescale. If we are looking at opportunities for people to move in a Social Care profession, the timescale and the pipeline for that is much more considerable. It is not a short term evaluation. He noted he wants to understand the criteria for success which would indicate we need to scale up, as well as the opportunity for scaling up.

Dr PE noted we need to establish the conduit/pathway before we see any significant impact. It will take time, but essentially we will help to develop our own workforce. Individuals will go from Coleg Gwent to working in Health or Social Care. The Grange University Hospital Unscheduled Care dashboard for Wales shows that we are in 'red'; status often. We cannot move patients, so the impact would be that by these students acting as Domiciliary Care, this will help promote the flow of patients going out of hospital, as well as helping to prevent patients going in. This would have a big impact on Primary Care .

Chair noted it is important we see a copy of the Evaluation Framework, which takes into account the issues being raised.

Action: Share the Evaluation Framework with RPB. Dr PE/CH

Jason O'Brien (JO) noted that in terms of measurables, there is an immediate increase in the workforce/capacity within the Care Sector. However, it is uncertain what the longer term impact will be, how many of these individuals will go on to permanent/longer term careers within the care sector and what the clear measurables/outcomes are. However, he queried why we would not support this, as we are struggling with both short and longer term workforce. This gives a

reward to individuals embarking on a career in Care and gives them the chance to learn during that career. This is another string to our bow. The Monmouthshire Micro Carers pilot may be able to share learning and let us know of any potential issues/hiccups, and we can learn through the process as we deliver it.

Stephen Tiley (ST) noted that it is a positive approach and queried how the Third Sector can help to support the young people trying to progress their career, to make sure they are on the right pathway. He suggested that in a few years we look at the things which have gone right and unpick and learn from these. Perhaps looking at how we can expand this even further. Not just the Care workforce, but people who want to get involved in different sectors also.

SAJ queried whether this applies a Pathway to Social Work course, as well as to a Health qualification. CH confirmed that it is supported.

SAJ noted that of the individuals 18+ who are eligible, she would be interested to know how many will be in a position to take this up. She raised concern regarding consistency of care for those who are being supported, and noted 3 months is not acceptable as we have a duty to these vulnerable people. Chair agreed this is fundamental as we need an evaluation of the regime for the care we are providing, to ensure that the people being cared for are receiving the optimum treatment, care and consideration.

Cllr David Daniels (Cllr DD) queried whether the placements are being paid in line with the Provider pay rates and in line with the National Minimum Wage age range. If we want them to make Social Care as a career of choice, we should pay them in line with someone else who is doing exactly the same job. CH advised that they would be paid the Bluebird Care hourly rate, which is approximately £11 an hour.

Edward Watts (EW) advised that he is fully supportive of this. However, he hopes that the pathways are clear for hard to reach and ethnic minority groups, and that the training looks at prejudices and how to handle them. OJ suggested some assurance is needed and agreed to share the website pages which they have developed for potential applicants.

Action: Share the Care as Currency website pages. OJ/CH

OJ advised that conversations with Care Providers have focused on the idea that they want to train the students in line with the training they give their employees. To ensure consistency and to create an environment where students feel they could engage in ongoing employment during the course of their studies. The idea is to provide them with a good experience and one that they want to continue with.

Chair queried what is required of RPB. CH advised that they came here today to secure endorsement. Chair agreed we are happy to endorse this. CH noted they would also appreciate any support with promotion/endorsement through the various Comms channels.

Action: The Care as Currency pilot was endorsed by RPB. Agreed

Chair noted it is important we have a formal suite of objectives and list of achievements which they are aiming to secure as a consequence of these objectives. We need to know the standards against which people are being judged, in order to protect them and the people they are caring for.

<p>She thanked all for the update today and noted Ministers are interested in any innovation to enhance the market for employees, especially in Social Care. If we have the written objectives and the outcomes we are aiming to achieve, we can share these with the Ministers and see what endorsement they can give.</p> <p>JO commended CH for the work he does in relation to workforce as he is really passionate about this and always thinks outside the box, he noted this pilot is a good example of that.</p>
<p>6. Winter Plan review and system pressures</p> <p>a) Evaluation and next steps</p> <p>Jo Williams (JW) is now Chairing GASP. At the meeting last week it was agreed that a special meeting/workshop is needed to do an evaluation of the Winter Plan. She raised concern this should have come to RPB before now. We clearly need the evaluation to inform the other things which come out of WG. A meeting will be arranged before the end of June.</p> <p>Action: Winter Plan evaluation can be added to the July RPB agenda. Regional Team</p> <p>Chair raised concern regarding the variance between the data we use and which WG uses, and we are unable to cross-corrolate. We need to be in a position to take the Winter Plan through the statutory bodies by the end of September, and we need to be well prepared. If we can see the results of last year's Winter Plan we can see what worked and what did not, what we would like to pursue and what could be done in a different way.</p> <p>Cllr JH noted that evaluation is important but this needs to be outside the box thinking and not just a box ticking exercise. If we keep doing the same thing every year we will be in the same position next time. We need to understand the problem, what is causing it and get solid data/evidence and change it.</p> <p>LM made a plea that we start to focus more on preventive work and supporting this via RPB. She noted there are 3 x programmes in Gwent, under a charity she Chairs, which have just stopped because there was no response to a request for further funding. These are the same programme which are doing well in Swansea and have been evaluated and grown, as they are having an impact on keeping older people healthier.</p> <p>Tracy Daszkiewicz (TD) thanked LM and Cllr JH as their comments and noted we need to be doing both in terms of preventative measures e.g. keeping people warm and safe, falls prevention, making sure people have access to food deliveries through the winter months etc. It is not just about reactive planning but about how we baseline and measure our impact on outcomes, not just In terms of measuring steps along the dashboard. She noted this is something that we can input into and make a stronger plan as we go into winter this year.</p>
<p>7. Sparkle Feasibility Reports</p> <p>Sparkle have completed 2 x Feasibility Studies, which have been shared with members as it is important they are sighted on these reports. In terms of the governance process, Chair has delegated that initial discussion was to take place at Children and Families Board. They met a month ago and emerging themes were identified. The next step will be to take it through Leadership Group and then bring the recommendations back to RPB.</p> <p>Jane Rodgers (JR) noted partners had significant time to look at the reports individually, from their agency perspectives. They came back together for a positive discussion at Children and Families Board. The reports stimulated a lot of discussion around a range of important issues regarding developing services for children with complex needs. Chair thanked JR and PD for the update.</p>

8. RPB Statutory Duties & Self-Assessment

a) Governance/staffing Review

Chair noted that the Governance Review is complicated further by the latest consultation on strengthening the role of RPB. However, it is time to review the governance of the partnership and its roles/responsibilities. The volume of decision making and money we are overseeing has escalated enormously since RPB was initially formed, and some of the governance does not make it easy to operate effectively with statutory organisation rules.

Chair asked all if they would be content to allow us to commission a governance and staffing review because our responsibilities have grown, to make sure we can discharge our responsibilities as effectively as possible. This was agreed.

Action: Governance and staffing review to be commissioned. Agreed

Cllr JH agreed that we need to look at how we function as a Board e.g. the amount of reports we had today, he suggested we have shorter and more succinct meetings focusing on issues. Otherwise there is a danger we will focus on just getting through the reports and not focusing on the contents. Chair agreed we will need a different approach for future meetings, as this is not fair on partners.

ST agreed and noted we need a clear understanding of WG is asking. He noted that under 5.3 it states the report will be available by the end of June but that is a tight timescale. Chair agreed and asked Rani Dash (RD) whether the timescale is realistic. RD advised that if agreement is given by the partnership today, we can potentially produce a final report by end of July. We need to secure someone to do the work, and as soon as they are in place a month turn around is reasonable. She asked if she could have commitment from individuals in this process to make that achievable. ST agreed that with involvement from partners, the end of July seems possible.

Cllr DD noted from a member's perspective that we are fairly unique as we are not Practitioners and do not necessarily have the background needed to participate meaningfully in a number of things. There needs to be a greater level of support to induct and refresh the knowledge/memory of members.

Cllr DD raised concern that some of the language is inaccessible, which makes it prohibitive to participating. The language needs to be reviewed as it is like 'catching a moving train', as each item is something that has been happening/moving for a year or more and we are expected to jump on it midway through or towards the end. He suggested the best thing to do is ask questions. Chair agreed that where decisions need to be made we must present information which is meaningful, clear and understandable.

RD agreed that this is tight and we need to build in some flexibility if we can, but we can provide an update to the partnership midway through the review to give a sense of progress. In terms of Phase 2, that needs to be further scoped. The outcomes of Phase 1 will determine whether the RPB governance model is fit for purpose and whether that needs to be adapted, which will inform the scoping of Phase 2.

PD noted that at the moment it is worth recognising that the financial governance sits with the Health Board, as the banker of funding etc. Whereas the Board governance and statutory duties of the Social Care and Wellbeing Act sits with the Regional Partnership Team. He suggested

starting with the Regional Team, but that this needs to be joint. He is happy to pick this up outside the meeting and take onboard any comments from members.

Cllr JH noted that the governance review needs to take into account the expectations that the Senedd are putting on RPBs, to ensure that what we come up with fits their expectations.

JR noted she would like some clarity about what we endorsing and whether it is the Phase 1 review. The end of July timescale is quite tight given that some individual interviews are proposed. We want to move this at pace but do not want that at the jeopardy of not having the right people involved. She queried what the timescale will be for Phase 2 or whether it is too early to say. RD noted one of the underpinning principles of the review is to take a view on whether the governance model enables the RPB to effectively discharge its responsibilities.

ST queried whether when talking about financial governance and the governance structure, will all partners be involved in that conversation so we can capture all information. Chair agreed all would be involved.

b) Self Assessment/Membership

PD advised that the self-assessment gives us an opportunity to look at how the Board is run through the governance. This is something new which has been introduced into the Code of Practice for Rebalancing Care. We are ahead because we piloted it last year, but there may be an opportunity for a simpler self-assessment.

In terms of meetings, it is time for an overhaul in the way we run meetings and the number of reports which come in, as many have struggled just working through the papers.

PD noted that it is no surprise that the agenda item which has taken the most time today is in relation to the College Consortium. This is something everyone can engage with and is about future proofing Health and Social Care. As an RPB, we need to be recognising our role in future proofing in Gwent, and in terms of what services will be needed in the next 2-3 years. A focus on that higher level agenda is needed.

PD suggested that he create a brief self-assessment, recognising the comments today that we need to review the way meetings are run. RD suggested it might be helpful to align this with the governance review to support pace and avoid duplicated effort.

c) Draft Annual Report

PD advised that the RPB Annual Report is a statutory duty placed on the RPB. A draft report has been completed, and is heavily stipulated by a WG template we have to complete. However, we are looking to include case studies to highlight the progress made. We will aim to circulate the draft report to RPB and the Strategic Partnerships over the next 2 weeks for comment/feedback and will then submit this to WG by 30th June.

As part of the next steps, from a governance point of view, we need to forward both the Area Plan and Annual Report to each of the Local Authorities and Health Board for sign off. There was a stipulation placed on the Board that the Population Needs Assessment needed to be taken through full council and Health Board for sign off. This is not the case for the Area Plan, but PD noted he would like to take the Area Plan and Annual report to full Council Scrutiny Committees and will link with Directors and Elected Members to look at how best to do that. Hopefully, that will give the Board some assurance.

<p>Cllr IC raised concern that if we receive the draft report in the next few weeks, this does not give us long to comment. PD clarified that the Annual Report will be circulated in the next few days and there will be a 2 week consultation period for members.</p>
<p>9. Strategic Partnership Progress reporting: Carers Board and Annual report</p> <p>PD noted that in terms of the governance reporting of the Area Plan, Strategic Partnerships have committed to a Performance Framework and Area Plan sections are organised and overseen by the relevant Strategic Partnerships. Updates are also provided to Leadership Group regarding risk. However, ultimately we will be moving back to a reporting process where Strategic Partnership Chair present once a year to RPB. He thanked JO and colleagues for restarting our previous way of reporting today.</p> <p>JO advised that the papers set out some of the key points which have been picked up. He thanked Naheed Ashraf for the amount of work and effort it has taken to produce these reports.</p> <p>The national priorities have been pulled into 2 x regional Area Plan priorities which clearly link:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Support unpaid carers to care through flexible respite, access to accurate information, peer to peer support, effective care planning and through increased public understanding. 2) Improve well-being of young carers and young adult carers, and mitigate against the long-term impacts. <p>The progress being made against this work is RAG rated. Those highlighted in amber are where work is taking place to mitigate risk and lead these to green. The rating relates to where these are at the moment, rather than any significant risk in moving these on. Those highlighted in red are where we are reviewing other local, regional and national plans to identify areas of collaboration, alignment and alignment of resource. That is a common factor for every part of every workstream that comes through the Board and through the whole range of activity that takes place across Local Authority areas and ABUHB footprint. We need to join up service provision so we are not duplicating and are getting the best value for money.</p> <p>JO advised that he has Chaired the Carers Board for the past 12 months and prior to that he was on the Operational Sub Group for young carers. He noted that he has always seen good and prudent financial planning there. Within some areas they sometimes scramble around at the end of the year either looking for money or because they have a surplus they cannot spend. However, they do not experience that within the Carers Board.</p> <p>A risk of £191,000 has been identified going into next year, which is linked to discharge, as mentioned on page 37 of the report. The £191,000 had already been allocated within workstreams but WG have directed that we use this dedicated funding to support hospital discharge.</p> <p>£247,000 was received for short breaks for carers, and a positive model has been developed, which is being led through Newport but is on a regional basis.</p> <p>£145,000 has already been distributed under the Small Grants Scheme. Individuals have been very receptive, welcoming and appreciative of this scheme. John's campaign, is the framework for assisting people and paid carers who are living with people with Dementia.</p> <p>Torfaen was the first employer awarded with the Carer Friendly Accreditation and if anyone would like information on the course JO would be happy to share it.</p>

The Young Carers in Schools programme has approximately 100 schools engaged, and around 1,528 carers have been identified.

Challenge include:

- 1) The Cost of Living crisis and budget pressure which are having an impact on resources etc.
- 2) Identification of Unpaid Carers remains an obstacle, both self-identification and identification within the professional arena e.g, there is an issue identifying carers from within an ethnic minority, and some work has been done to look at that so we can gain a clearer picture.
- 3) The adverse challenges we experience each year e.g. winter pressures, staff recruitment and the continued effort to support people living with Covid.

JO noted that while for the vast majority of us the COVID pandemic is at the tail end, if not over. For carers, there is still a great level of vulnerability, anxiety and fear because they are caring for the most vulnerable and taking significant efforts to protect and shield themselves.

JO gave an example where a young person identified themselves as a young carer after a session in assembly. The young person wanted to go away on a residential weekend but was anxious because of their caring needs and about leaving. Support was given to the family member and the young person was able to go away with the school. It is really positive to enable individuals to release some of their level of anxiety and provide them with that level of support.

The next steps are:

- 1) Support carers with Hospital Discharge – this is a national priority where there will be significant funding implications.
- 2) Further adoption of the Carer Friendly Accreditation Scheme across the RPB and partners. Also for partners to commit and promote the accreditation schemes for young carers.
- 3) For all partners to ensure a sustained role of Carers Champion at senior level in each partnership.
- 4) Strengthen planning across RPB, ISPBs and NCNs to ensure support to carers across communities.

JO noted the report is in-depth but provides a good breakdown of activity, and is a positive means by which we can come back to RPB and evidence our priorities and how effective we are being in our processes. Chair thanked JO for the comprehensive report and a clear executive summary.

PD advised that Chris Kemp-Philip (CKP) is the Carer Rep on this board and we will reinforce this through the Terms of Reference. JO noted that CKP's role and function on the Strategic Board has been invaluable. LM noted that she would like to acknowledge the astounding support she receives from CKP at Citizen's Panel also.

Chair queried what further we can do about the identification of carers, as we need to be much clearer within our organisations. JO advised that Torfaen are accredited and within that process identified clear categories. In relation to the categorisation which constitutes an unpaid carer, it is about how we enable carers to come forward and self-identify. Many carers may not see themselves as providing care. For some there may be a small amount of support which then develops into something larger and becomes 'the norm'. He noted that the Young Carers in School programme is a crucial link and we still need to target other schools across the region.

Cllr DD noted that carers are not the same and have very different experiences, and this creates a challenge for identification. There is also a stigma attached to being a carer, and we need to get around that as it is an obstacle to people getting help and support.

Cllr DD advised that the feedback he is getting from carers is that there is still an issue getting respite as and when they need help. However, it is in everyone's best interest that they get that support and these carers do not get burnt out. If unpaid carers are struggling, it falls back on us. However, the ongoing Domiciliary Care issues dictate when and how these unpaid carers can take respite. An increased focus is needed on respite opportunities, and further discussion at a future meeting would be welcomed. JO noted that he hopes the Short Breaks scheme will see some significant change. However, if there are any individuals who would like to unpick this, he would be keen to be involved.

Chair thanked JO for the helpful update and noted that we all enjoyed the case study because it brings home how difficult that these things are for individuals.

10. Views from the Citizen's Panel

Members of the Citizen Panel we asked to help co-produce the Advocacy Strategy for Gwent. This will now be a regular update on the agenda. LM noted she would like to collect some evidence/data of where advocacy could have been used e.g. where someone was awaiting hospital discharge or Social Care support.

There are still problems in receiving and collecting prescriptions for older adults. LM noted that their Health Board representative has asked for specific details in order to report back on this.

Hospital Discharge is a standing item, but LM raised concern that they have rarely had a representative from the Health Board to come and talk about issues. LM noted that she hopes this will change now that the Carers Partnership is looking at hospital discharge.

In the light of the RPB Commission Housing Report in 2019 by Julia Osmond from Public Health, Citizen's Panel now have a Housing Rep who will report back on particular issues. At the recent meeting this was around new build flats and how the rent was thought to be unaffordable. The Commission Housing Report distinctly talked at rentals being affordable, and housing options for older adults being affordable and accessible.

The Communication and Engagement Strategy is ongoing and Citizen's Panel are waiting for their involvement in development of the Strategy. At the moment they are waiting for WG guidelines/criteria to be signed off.

LM and other members of Citizen panel will be attending the Making Decisions Together Event, which is about co-production, which is core to the role of the Citizen's Panel.

Over the next month Citizen's Panel will be voting on their top priorities in the Area Plan.

Llais Cymru are now a regular Citizen member and LM is meeting up with Morgan Jemma next week.

LM referred to the WG programme where each Local Authority has been given funding to appoint a Co-ordination Officer. She has met the Newport officer but queried whether anyone can find out if each Local Authority has an appointed Officer, as this will link with Home First, Community Connectors and the work of the Health Board.

<p>Chair asked HE to pick up on the issue regarding Hospital Discharge representation. She noted that she looks forward to hearing about the Area Plan priorities at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Arrange Hospital Discharge representation at Citizen's Panel. HE</p>
<p>11. Views from Provider Forum No items raised.</p>
<p>12. Views from the Third Sector</p> <p>ST gave an update on the 3rd Sector Forum meeting on 15th May. There was a presentation from the County Volunteer Council (CVC) and there was focus on what has been working well and areas we can work on to improve some of the services. Also, the next steps as a CVC and working with the Third Sector to get the voices of various public partners across.</p> <p>ST advised that there was a presentation about Hubs and how these can work in each region, as well as an understanding of what the term 'Hub' means. It would be useful to discuss the RPB requirement and perhaps Health colleagues could give that update. It would be really helpful to have a broader understanding what it is we are trying to achieve. It will also give the opportunity to talk about some of the main issues affecting the RPB and how the Third Sector can get involved in those.</p> <p>ST noted that they have had positive feedback about the funding for services and expansion of services. Hospice at Home and the Carer Crisis Service have been given an opportunity to expand, and the collaboration between groups and the Third Sector has been positive.</p> <p>ST noted that the Third Sector see a large area of support they can give to the preventative agenda. There have been a lot of Public Service partners working with Third Sector organisations to look at how they could co-produce services, which has been positive and has created diverse opportunities.</p> <p>Challenges include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Cost of Living Crisis 2) Funding/Funding cycles are still an issue, as is competition for funding as Third Sector organisations are competing against each other. Therefore, tendering of financial processes is a challenge. 3) Longer term funding and more resources are needed for the sector. 4) Staff recruitment and retention is still a challenge. The Third Sector are not able to pay the rates that Public Service partners are able to and are therefore unable to recruit/retain staff. 5) Awareness regarding governance and an understanding of how RPB works. If it is challenging for us to understand what is out there, it must be even more difficult for people outside RPB. <p>The following themes have emerged from the Sector:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Improving collaboration. 2) The importance of evaluating good practices. 3) Evaluating outcomes rather than numbers. 4) Prevention and intervention. The prevention agenda is key in the sector 5) The cuts that are happening in Public Services (Local Authorities and Health) and any opportunities for the Third Sector to be involved. 6) Building more of a trust with Local Authorities, <p>The following key messages were given:</p>

- Third Sector involvement in meetings - It is really helpful to have the Third Sector at these forums, however these meetings need to be targeted, accurate and timely as it is often volunteers who attend.
- It was suggested that we write some of the points down as we move forward, and have a written narrative around the work we are doing. ST suggested linking to PD to discuss this further.
- There have been conversations around how the PSB is going to progress and how some of the work will channel through the Gwent. ST will link to the Chair to ensure the Third Sector are engaged.

The Third Sector agreement has been written up and will be agreed shortly. This gives a platform for the sector to get involved in some of the conversations and support structure of the Gwent PSB. ST noted that he is keen to ensure there is a voice in each of the local delivery groups.

Anne Evans (AE) agreed that there are too many forums which the Third Sector are being asked to attend, and this is not helpful. NP noted we are really keen to listen and learn, and volunteers are a really important resource for us. She apologised and noted she will urgently link to Tanya Strange and her Team to look into this. AE thanked NP.

AE noted the application process is closed for the RIF and there is no application form available on the website. We keep hearing from the sector that they have put an application in but have not had a response. She suggested we have a corporate timeline so that anyone who puts an application in would get a response within 28 days for example. If they are not happy with the response they then have a timeline to raise their concerns. This prevents people being left in limbo when they have put hard work into applications. She noted she also finds it difficult to separate the financial governance from the operational governance because they crossover. Chair asked HE if she could investigate this concern further with ST and AE and try to resolve it. HE agreed as this is a negative experience for the Third Sector, especially when you are engaging in partnership working.

Action: Look into issues around the RIF application process for the Third Sector with ST and AE. HE

EW raised concern that we need more of a focus on ethnic minorities and hard to reach groups. Many ethnic families have their children as interpreters, and do not see themselves as carers when they are, and we need to understand what is going on. We need to get the message out there and not just stick to what would be 'the norm'. Chair agreed that we need to consider that in everything we do and take part in.

ST advised that the concept paper looks at how we maximise the Third Sector in some of the preventative models and to help with the hospital discharge issues we have in Gwent. The paper has been to Leadership Group and has been endorsed, and they have asked ST to bring this to RPB for information. He noted he has been asked how he is funding this, and queried what the governance is for applying for funding.

The concept paper outlines an idea that could work across Gwent, to have a team would link in with Local Authorities, the Health Board, Community Connectors etc and look at where Third Sector organisations could have capacity to fill some of those gaps and support organisations to expand or look for further funding/other opportunities. AE noted there seems to be a disconnect between the sector and accessing RPB, and we would like to bridge that with in-house people who are there to do that job. They will work with the sector to connect with the RPB and mutual teams,

to help and inform the governance arrangements. There is definitely a disconnect that we need to address.

ST queried how to take this forward, as perhaps it ties into the governance review conversation. He raised concern that if he is uncertain how to approach this, it will be very challenging for other Third Sector colleagues.

HE queried whether there is scope for the governance review to look at how we are structuring ourselves and how we maximise time and effort. She noted that from a Health Board perspective she is keen to meet with AE and ST to look at the interface issues, and perhaps with PD at a later stage. It is good that these challenges have been brought here but we need to remove those barriers and ensure we are collaborative.

Chair advised that HE will meet with them to discuss a more concrete way forward.

Action: Link to ST and AE to discuss how the Third Sector interface with RPB. HE

PD noted that in terms of the governance paper RD presented, perhaps as a start point we need to go back to that proposal and ensure the concept paper is included in the formal review of governance and capacity. Chair, ST and AE agreed that would be helpful.

Action: Third Sector concept paper to be included in the governance and capacity review. Agreed

Chair noted that it would be helpful to have Leadership Group's view on the concept paper. JR advised that Leadership Group were generally supportive of the principle that was being outlined in the concept paper. Trying to ensure there is strategic alignment with and the intentions/priorities of the RPB. To enable Third/Voluntary Sector organisations to have that full awareness so they can co-ordinate and develop bids accordingly.

JR noted that prevention is the 'bedrock' of everything we are trying to, particularly in relation to winter planning, which is not really just about winter anymore. Prevention being the start point. It is then about having resources within the Third/Voluntary Sector organisations and the capacity to allow them to expand and develop in other ways and align to the RPB agenda.

JR advised that she is broadly in favour of the ideas explored within the concept paper but does not have the answers to how it could be supported/funded. However, she suggested that building it into some of our strategic plans and winter planning is potentially a way forward.

Chair noted that in respect of the concept paper, it will be an important function within the governance review. The outcomes of which will go back to Leadership Group to explore further ways of endorsing and supporting the recommendations which come forward. She noted that we want to enable the Third Sector to be able to work effectively with other RPB partners to achieve the goals we have set ourselves.

13. Partnership Programme Development & Delivery
a) End of year finance report 22/23

There are two reports included in the papers, an update for month 12 and month 1. The month 12 figures are based on the submissions from all organisations. CC noted they are currently doing a year end audit for month 12 to check if any funding can be reclaimed where

spend did not materialise as forecast. He noted they are using the same process used in previous years and following governance processes.

Revenue surplus before the winter spend was £2.9 million. This slipped by about £290,000 between month 11 and 12, but that was indicated in the previous RPB meeting. However, given all the additional winter pressures we had across the RPB, we were able to report full spend to WG.

In terms of Capital there was a surplus of £11.2m. The Rebalancing Capital fund surplus of £5.9m has been carried forward to this financial year. The programme managed element of £3.7m has been carried forward with the Housing Associations as agreed by WG.

There was slippage of £1.5 million for the Housing with Care Fund, so we did not draw that down from WG. However, we did have the highest spend across Wales. CC noted he is sure RPB are aware how difficult it was to commit and incur some of that spend, so it was a positive result overall.

CC advised that the funding allocation for 2023/24 is detailed on page 11 of the report and we have a £306,000 reduction in funding. However, he noted there are some key points to pick out, as there is only a reduction of £150,000. There is a ring-fenced allocation of £100,000 for Short Breaks for Unpaid Carers, as requested by WG and which partners should all be aware of. There is also a £50,000 reduction in the Learning Disabilities programme, but this was a one off allocation for 2022/23.

In relation to the Neurodivergence funding, we have not had the £270,000 for last year, but £720,000 has been earmarked subject to robust plans being submitted to WG by RPB.

There has been an uplift in the Integrated Autism Services of £113,000.

When we factors all of these in, we have had an increase of about £414,000, subject to Neurodivergence funding being accepted by WG.

CC noted that a decision can hopefully be made today in respect of the Intensive Positive Behavioural support. This was previously funded separately on a recurrent basis, and in 2022/23 WG moved this under the RIF, but did not appear to tell us. He noted that in the meeting he and Roxanne Green (RG) had with them about the changes, they did not highlight this. They have spoken to other Health Boards and it has caused them confusion also, as they have been having the same conversations with WG. Following discussions last year, WG agreed to fund it separately last financial year. However, there will not be an additional funding allocation this financial year and it will be part of the RIF.

Looking at the governance as an RPB, we have not signed it off to come from the RIF because we had a separate allocation. However, we do need to make a decision whether we are happy this comes from the overall RIF funding.

In terms of the month 1 paper, we have a Revenue budget allocation of £27.2m. We currently have a slippage of £2.9m. CC advised that as mentioned previously, in terms of final reclaimed amounts, we could be looking at a pot of about £3m. There has also been reference to the Further Faster funding which is likely to be coming in.

CC advised that in relation to the Third Sector accessing funding, there is a pot of £3m. He noted

that we have already mentioned the Intensive Positive Behavioural support and the Winter Plan evaluation coming from GASP next time, and we need to discuss how we fairly circulate that surplus.

In terms of the Neurodivergence fund, there is a meeting on 19th June with the Children and Families Board and MH&LD Strategic Partnership to develop the plans for this. He asked all if they are content with that suggestion.

CC advised that there is a monthly tracker on page 21 of the report which was used to monitor whether financial information was being received on a timely basis. He noted most did, which is positive.

ST queried, in relation to the £3m underspend, whether there have been any conversations or plans to utilise some of that money in the pipeline. CC advised this is being picked up via the Strategic Partnerships. However he noted earlier conversation about potentially missing the opportunity and how you put bids those in. ST noted there is additional complication as they are an umbrella organisation and it takes a bit longer to put a bid together. However, he is offering their support as a Third Sector and asked if they can be involved in conversations sooner than they currently are.

Chair asked all whether they are happy to accept the Intensive Positive Behavioural support being moved to the RIF. All agreed. **Agreed**

Action: Intensive Positive Behavioural support to be moved to the RIF. Agreed

RG advised that his will be included in the evaluation scope/work over the summer, as it is coming under the RIF. Chair agreed that would be helpful.

Chair suggested we continue as discussed with the Neurodivergent plans. **Agreed**

Action: MH&LD Strategic Partnership and Children and Families Board to develop the Neurodivergent plans. Agreed

Chair asked if CC can come back to us regarding the surplus after this has gone through the Strategic Partnerships.

Action: Report back on the surplus once this has been discussed via the Strategic Partnerships. CC

b) RIF End of year reporting

CDM noted that the report sets out all the details around the particular programmes. It is the requirement of WG that we submit these as part of the formal reporting. He noted they have been working with other regions to try and pilot a new way of reporting which will hopefully be easier and more focused on outcomes rather than outputs. This is a work in progress but is a shift in the right direction e.g. from the intensity of services through to self-help support to moving people across the spectrum.

CDM noted that the Executive Summary highlights the £27.5m allocated to us in 2022/23 through the RIF. With this funding we have supported over 75,000 individuals across Gwent. Which is approximately just under £300 per head of the total we were able to reach. We have been able to

support 19,000 carers, over 12,500 Dementia contacts and 25,000 people interacted with our support and well-being services.

CDM noted that the reporting template allows us to see the continuum of how we are trying to move people to through to services offering wellbeing information and advice.

The Small Grants Initiative is run by CVCs and they are doing positive work there. Over 3,000 people have been supported directly via the Third Sector as well as making a massive contribution to the wider programmes.

LM welcomed the report but raised concern regarding the number of zeros and lack of referrals. CDM advised that this is partly due to issues with data capture, as we do not have the data system in place yet and it is about how we capture those things. However, he noted that they have clear and integrated data/information which can be shared with RPB to give assurance that money is being spent effectively and that we are seeing the outcome benefit.

LM noted that it is disheartening that we are in 2023 and there is so much happening with technology, but yet we cannot get the data. She noted one of the main reasons the Bertzog Model failed was because they could not capture data regarding the number of staff/size of teams, outcome data or patient experiences. We have a long way to go and need to move much faster.

Chair agreed and queried whether these reports have gone to the Strategic Partnerships for endorsement and note. RG confirmed that they will be going to the Strategic Partnerships. Chair noted it is very important they do because we will back into discussion around tapering of the RIF soon, and therefore an evaluation of these schemes is critically imperative. We need to ensure this is accurate and can stand up to scrutiny, because by the end of September RPB Chairs are intent on writing to the Minister to ask her to defer tapering again. It is unsure how successful we will be in convincing the Minister yet again, as it is uncertain that she has the same flexibility she had last year.

Chair noted that it is really important that each statutory body understands which schemes worked and which did not, what is adding value or might not be if tapering comes into effect. The evaluation needs to really concentrate on outcomes against objectives because we will need to have that information by September. Therefore, it is critically important the Strategic Partnerships themselves inform the discussion paper which will go out at the end of September to each of the Statutory Bodies for consideration.

CDM queried whether RPB are content for him to submit the full End of Year pack to Welsh Government for the Revenue. This was agreed

Action: End of Year pack (Revenue) to be submitted to WG. Agreed

CDM noted this has involved a huge amount of work and thanked the PMO for pulling this together. He noted earlier concern raised by the Chair and will follow up with WG about what they do with this information. Chair thanked all for the update and for the hard work which has gone into this.

c) RIF Strategic Capital Plan

CDM noted that, positively, some of the effective financial governance we have means we were able to utilise more of the funding available to us than other regions were. We also had the highest number of bed spaces.

Gwent managed to utilise 87% of the Housing with Care Fund, whereas 52% was utilised nationally.

There is the requirement to have a 10 year Capital Plan around the way we allocate Capital funding. CDM noted that in the report they have tried to set out the process by which we are putting together that 10 year Strategic Capital Plan together.

Part one is about being really clear about what we have and using detailed asset mapping to look at what we hold across the region on an area by area basis. Then using the information we have about need and building on the Population Needs Assessment, and understanding that need. This will allow us to make decisions about how we prioritise Capital based on needs of the population.

A series of workshops will be held in July and a draft Capital Plan will be brought to RPB. The requirement from WG is that we provide a plan by the end of July, but a plan of this nature needs to go formally to the individual statutory bodies for sign off. CDM proposed that they bring the final draft plan to RPB at the end of July and then take this formally through the Statutory Bodies. He queried If all are content to support that, as it will involve quite a lot of work in terms of co-ordinating the information.

SAJ queried that if the report comes to us at the end of July, when will we need to take this through our structures, and when would it be anticipated that we could complete that process by. RG advised that they have estimated September – October as they are conscious of the August recess, and she can work with us to set those dates.

SAJ noted that it depends how far we have to take this, because if we have to go Scrutiny Cabinet, that is a two step process and will obviously take slightly longer. RG agreed to follow up with SAJ on this outside the meeting.

CDM queried whether all are content with this approach to the capital. This was agreed.

Action: Outlined approach to Capital agreed. Agreed

Chair noted that we need to be pragmatic as we are sending in a report to WG that has not been agreed, but we are going to have to put a caveat on it. CDM agreed and noted that he will also have a conversation with WG because of the deadlines and expectations we are set around these things. He noted there seems to be recognition that we are not a statutory body, and therefore documents should go through statutory partners for governance also. He will pick this up with Shelley Davies and Matt Jenkins in WG. Chair agreed that would be helpful.

d) PMO Capacity escalation

CDM noted that regarding the capacity of the PMO, there is an ask around spending the money we have available to provide resource in the context of the review we talked about earlier. There is a real need to focus on evaluation between now and the end of this year to support us in making decisions, with a focus on Capital in particular.

CDM advised that paper sets out a number of posts they would be looking to put in place to support the focus on evaluation and assurance. Especially around the work of GASP, the Capital work and around performance and making sure we have good governance and support.

<p>CDM noted here recognises he has come to ask for posts in the context of where we all are financially. However, this is about good governance and assurance. What we are asking for is to spend money that is allocated to us for this purpose. There is currently £55m across Revenue and Capital and we would be looking to spend less than 2% to make developments to provide strong assurance and process to support the evaluation, and support decision making this year.</p> <p>Cllr JH raised concern that we cannot look at allocating money when we are undergoing a governance review. We need to do that and the capacity review before we move on to this. ST agreed and noted this will give us an understanding about where that funding is coming from and how the process needs to be bottomed out. Cllr DD supported Cllr JH and ST's comments.</p> <p>NP noted that she recognises this is difficult as there is a governance review ongoing which might change how we do this. However, she suggested that we need to understand what the impact is if we do not progress with the additional capacity, and also what difference it could make if we did.</p> <p>CDM raised concern regarding the Capital allocation, as there is more Capital being pushed via the RPB mechanisms. It is important we strengthen that and ensure oversight of the pathway, as well as money to support the infrastructure. He noted we in the context of an evolving world where we are increasingly going to come under scrutiny around our Capital spend. He suggested we ring-fence part of the money for that, and for the other posts which are about bolstering the evaluation process.</p> <p>HE agreed and noted that as a partnership we could potentially have risks in the Capital space. She acknowledged the challenges colleagues have raised in terms of the review. However, there is significant process interaction with supply chain partners and this is very resource intense to do it properly. She noted, considering the significant Capital investment, she would be surprised if it comes out that we are over resourced, but she is happy to take the steer of the RPB.</p> <p>Cllr JH raised concern whether these posts are the right ones, as it is difficult to make that decision until we are aware what the allocation should be.</p> <p>Chair noted that if we have ring-fenced monies for Capital support, RPB would need assurance that the additional resources/people required comply with what the money is to be used for, and do not go over that funding. She suggested more information is needed on this.</p> <p>Chair asked HE to take this away and work on it, as there is a sense of hesitancy in the views/comments of RPB members. HE agreed to look at this.</p> <p>Action: Work on the report regarding ring-fenced monies for Capital support. HE</p>
<p>14. Key Messages from Strategic Partnerships (if required)</p> <p>Chair advised that it would be helpful if we can have an update from one of the Strategic Partnerships at each of the future meetings. PD advised that when the Strategic Partnerships update, he would like this to be accompanied by a citizen story to highlight some of the initiatives we have.</p> <p>Action: Update to be given at a future RPB meeting. Strategic Partnerships</p>
<p>15. Regional Leadership Group notes consideration (if required)</p> <p>Leadership Group was originally scheduled for today but was cancelled due to the rescheduled RPB meeting. PD agreed to speak to the Leadership Group Chair and Vice Chair outside the meeting to find a new date.</p>

	Action: Find a new date for cancelled Leadership Group meeting. PD
16.	<p>Welsh Government and other correspondence</p> <p>a) Llais schedule of presentations This was shared for information. PD advised that Gemma Morgan from Llais will be joining RPB as an observer. Chair agreed.</p> <p>Action: Gemma Morgan to attend RPB as an observer. Regional Team</p> <p>b) Workforce perceptions This was shared for information.</p>
17.	<p>Items for future meetings No additional items raised.</p>
18.	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) Partnership Learning Event PD advised that Chris O'Connor has asked for a report to be brought to the next meeting to highlight the outcomes of the event. This is a formal report with clear recommendations. He noted that the Partnership Learning Event was well attended. We heard from a number of organisations outside Gwent and looked at good practice, which we could potentially pick up as a region.</p> <p>Action: Partnership Learning Event report with recommendations to be brought to the next RPB meeting. CO</p> <p>b) Rebalancing Care PD advised that there have been a large number of changes. It is important that we correlate responses and that these are thorough and comprehensive. He noted this is an opportunity to say how we take forward the new Citizen's Charter, the new Social Value Section 16 Forum, development of the RIIC Hub etc.</p> <p>The Decisions Made Together event on 28th September will pick up on a number of the points raised today and will be an opportunity for us to highlight as a region how we will take this forward.</p> <p>c) Recruitment and Retention Cllr JH noted that recent conversation around the challenges of recruitment. Merthyr Vale Housing are currently doing a pilot of 4 day working week. This has had really positive feedback and they are potentially looking to implement it. He suggested that we invite the Director of Merthyr Vale to a future meeting to discuss this and talk about thinking outside of the box and changing the way we approach some of these challenges. We could also potentially discuss the impact on Third Sector partners, Health and Social Care. Chair agreed this would be helpful and asked if this could be arranged.</p> <p>Action: Merthyr Vale Director to be invited to a future meeting to update RPB on the pilot. Regional Team</p>
19.	<p>Next meeting: Tuesday 11th July 2023 (2:00pm) – Venue TBC Tuesday 19th Sept 2023 (2:00pm) – Venue TBC Tuesday 14th Nov 2023 (2:00pm) – Venue TBC</p>

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Agenda Item	Meeting Date	Action	Lead	Update
1.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange an in person meeting for July 	Regional Team	
3c.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring Trusted Assessor proposal to the next meeting. 	Phil Diamond	
4a.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how we bring together the Frailty budget and data to ensure we are getting the best outcomes. 	Hannah Evans / Phil Diamond / ABUHB colleague	
4a	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send a copy of the meeting minutes to Mike Jones Look at producing an Frailty outcomes report. Review of Frailty budget needed ahead of the next financial year. 	Regional Team Phil Diamond Phil Diamond	
5.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the Care as Currency Evaluation Framework with RPB. Share Care as Currency website pages. 	Dr Paul Edwards / Chris Hooper	
6.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Plan evaluation to be added to July RPB agenda. 	Regional Team	
10.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange Hospital Discharge representation at Citizen's Panel. 	Hannah Evans	
12.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look into issues around RIF application process for Third Sector with ST and AE. Link to ST and AE to discuss Third Sector interface with RPB. 	Hannah Evans	
13a.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report back to RPB on underspend once this has been discussed with the Strategic Partnerships. 	Chris Commins	
13d.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work further on the report around ring-fenced money for Capital support. 	Hannah Evans	
14.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to be given at a future RPB meeting. 	Strategic Partnerships	
15.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find a new date for cancelled Leadership Group meeting. 	Phil Diamond	

16a.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gemma Morgan to attend RPB as an observer. 	Regional Team	
18a.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership Learning Event report and recommendations to be brought to the next RPB meeting. 	Chris O'Connor	
18c.	12.06.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merthyr Vale Director to be invited to a future meeting to update RPB on the pilot. 	Regional Team	
6	14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange a Winter Plan Workshop for RPB members. Proposal from RLG after the workshop regarding the way forward. 	DS/PD RLG	Date identified but meeting cancelled. Final report to RPB meeting 16 th May
9	14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at how we implement effective communication and engagement. 	PD	Review of Third Sector and Provider Forum in line with need for new Social Value Forum. Awaiting COPs from WG
10	14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take forward discussion around a more structured system for reporting in to RPB. 	PD	See above
11	14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check regarding the bids for 2 x homes in Blaenau Gwent. 	RG	
13	14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reissue the RLG Notes when finalised. 	PD	Still awaiting sign off
16	14.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss Health Board representation. Presentation to be circulated to all. 	AL/SD PD	New members added Circulated with minutes
4	17.01.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring the 2023/34 Frailty budget to RPB for sign off. 	Mike Jones	16 th May meeting
16	15.11.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face to face RPB meeting to be arranged in early 2023. 	RPT	Ongoing

One Newport Forward Work Programme

December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newport Local Action Plan (sign off following consultation) • Board Development Plan / Review of Sub-groups • <i>Key Cities</i> • <i>Young Persons Promise</i> • Gwent PSB minutes • Regional Partnership Board minutes • 2024 meeting dates
March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Action Plan performance reports • <i>City Centre Placemaking Plan</i> • Gwent PSB Minutes • Regional Partnership Board minutes
June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwent PSB Minutes • Regional Partnership Board minutes
Sep 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwent PSB Minutes • Regional Partnership Board minutes

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