

AGENDA

One Newport Partnership – 14th December 2021

4.30 pm - Teams Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the meeting held 22nd September 2021 (minutes attached)

Strategy

4. Gwent Well-being Assessment: Consultation Draft - Tracy McKim (Newport City Council) (report attached)
5. Board Development – Nicola Dance (Newport City Council)
 - i. Note of the Board Development Session – 17th November 2021 (Note attached)
 - ii. Draft Terms of Reference (report attached)

Delivery

6. Local Well-being Plan 2021/22
 - i. Q2 Performance reports from Intervention Leads (reports attached)
 - a) The Newport Offer: Chair, Cllr Jane Mudd, and Steve Ward
 - b) Strong Resilient Communities: Nicola Prygodzicz and CS Tom Harding
 - c) Right Skills: Guy Lacey and Stephen Tiley
 - d) Green and Safe Spaces: Steve Morgan and CFO Huw Jakeway
 - e) Sustainable Travel: Ceri Doyle and Craig Lane
 - ii. Strategy and Performance Board
 - a) Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2021 Will Beer (Chair of Strategy and Performance Board) (Minutes attached)
 - b) Members to suggest any items for discussion by the S&P Board
7. Scrutiny Letter: Chair to introduce (letter attached)

Information items to note

8. Gwent PSB – Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2021 (minutes attached)
9. Regional Partnership Board - Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2021 (minutes attached)
10. Forward Work Programme (attached)
11. Dates of future One Newport meetings:
 - 4.30 pm Tuesday 8th March 2022
 - 4.30 pm Tuesday 14th June 2022
 - 4.30 pm Tuesday 13th September 2022
 - 4.30 pm Tuesday 13th December 2022

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Minutes Newport Public Services Board

Date: 22nd September 2021

Time: 4.30 pm - Teams meeting

Present:

Statutory Partners:

Newport City Council: Cllr J Mudd (Chair); B Owen (Chief Executive Officer)

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

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service: Mike Wyatt

Natural Resources Wales: S Morgan

Invited Partners:

Welsh Government: A John

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC): D Garwood-Pask (OPCC)

Probation Service: A Lewis

Public Health Wales: W Beer

Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations: S Tiley

Newport Third Sector Partnership: C Lane

RSLs: C Doyle

Newport Live: S Ward

University of South Wales: M Cadwallader

Coleg Gwent: G Lacey

Officers: N Dance (PSB Co-ordinator; NCC), R Cornwall (NCC), T McKim (NCC)

Apologies

CFO H Jakeway, SWFRS; CS Tom Harding; J Cuthbert, OPCC; P Stowell-Evans, NYC; C Lane, Newport Third Sector Partnership.

No	Item	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair advised that flowers had been sent to Maisy Evans on behalf of the PSB during her recent ill health. The Chair also advised that Maisy was standing down from the Board. Newport Youth Council would agree its representation on the Board at its AGM.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the first meeting of the new Gwent PSB would be on 1st October and, therefore, this was the last meeting of One Newport Partnership as a statutory PSB. One Newport would continue as a local delivery partnership.</p> <p>Reference was made to the value of the new Gwent PSB having the opportunity to learn from the work and expertise developed through the Newport Partnership and its interventions. This would be raised with the new PSB.</p>	<p>Chair & B Owen</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2021</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2021 were confirmed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Re Minute 7, the Chair advised that UK Government decisions were awaited on Newport's submissions to the Levelling Up and Community Renewal Funds.</p>	
3	<p>Local Wellbeing Plan 2020/21 Annual Report</p> <p>The Board received the draft annual report for approval. Members noted that progress was being reported against the four Well-being Objectives and that each case study in the report demonstrated application of the sustainable development principle.</p> <p>The intention was to publish by the end of September and to use SWAY to aid engagement and ease of navigation. The report would be considered by the Council's Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on 6th October.</p> <p>Members noted the positive progress demonstrated by the annual report and the range of projects being delivered in Newport through partners and communities working together. It was agreed that the foreword should be used to encourage wide distribution of the report to raise awareness of these developments in the city.</p> <p>Members considered that the report should reference the feedback from the Scrutiny Committee at the mid-year point.</p>	

	<p>An adjustment to the formatting was proposed to distinguish more clearly between the Well-being Objectives and the case studies exemplifying progress.</p> <p>The Chair thanked partners and the Partnerships Team for the work undertaken.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>To approve the content of the report subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including Scrutiny's comments of 24th February to Chapter 5 • Adjusting the layout to make more clearly distinguish between the objectives and illustrative case studies • Encouraging circulation of the annual report through the foreword. 	N Dance
4	<p>Local Wellbeing Plan 2021/22 – Q1 Performance Reports from Intervention Leads</p> <p>The Board received progress updates on delivering the Local Wellbeing Plan to 30th June 2021.</p> <p>Intervention leads presented the performance updates and answered questions.</p> <p>Members noted in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the very strong support from Newport's creative community for the City of Culture 2025 bid • the intention to have a second round of participatory budgeting • the commissioning of Ash Futures to work with the Right Skills Board on identifying key future skills issues to be addressed • continuing growth in community involvement in the Green and Safe Network • the Partnership's involvement in a Wales Active Travel Group behavioural change project. <p>AGREED: To note the Q1 performance reports</p>	
5	<p>Strategy and Performance Board</p> <p>The Board received the minutes of the Strategy and Performance Board meeting held on 18th August 2021.</p> <p>Re Minute 3 (Climate Change Action & Decarbonisation), S&PB were proposing the establishment of a sub-group of to align partners' carbon reduction work and climate change action. The sub-group would report into the Newport Offer.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Partnership would need to consider continuation of the Strategy and Performance Board within its structure as part of the new Partnerships arrangements. It was proposed that the S&P Board should continue initially, with its role reviewed in six months.</p>	

	<p>The Chair reminded members that they could submit items for consideration by the Strategy and Performance Board.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note the minutes of the Strategy and Performance Board ii. Members to nominate a representative to be part of a Decarbonisation and Climate Change Sub-Group if they wish to align their carbon reduction activity and be part of this work. iii. Review the role of the Strategy and Performance Board in six months. 	ALL
6	<p>Right Skill: Promotion of Welsh Language Skills</p> <p>The Board received a paper proposing creation of a partnership-wide working group of officers with responsibility for Welsh language to collaborate on promoting Welsh language skills within the workforce. This work should benefit staff, employers, and the wider Welsh speaking community in Newport. The Group would report into Right Skills.</p> <p>S Morgan noted that NRW would wish to engage with this work. C Doyle noted that RSLs would welcome support in this regard.</p> <p>AGREED: Members to nominate a staff member to be part of a working group to identify collaborative initiatives to support development of Welsh language skills within the workplace.</p>	ALL
7	<p>Safer Newport</p> <p>The Board received an update on progress of the Safer Newport Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and ongoing work through the early phases of recovery from the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the move to a regional PSB and development of a Well-Being Plan for Gwent 2023- 2028 would require a review of Safer Newport’s terms of reference. Safer Newport would continue to work with the One Newport partnership on key updates and progress, and seek support and joint working as appropriate, but was a statutory body in its own right.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note the positive work of Safer Newport over the last six months and continue to support this partnership approach through their own organisations. ii. To circulate members with an update on the strategic planning work in Pill. iii. To note the requirement to amend the community safety partnership terms of reference as part of the current partnership review. 	ALL R Cornwall

8	<p>Socio-Economic Duty and Anti-Racism</p> <p>The Board received a briefing paper on the socio-economic duty that applies to specified public bodies in Wales and on anti-racism initiatives</p> <p>AGREED: To have Board development sessions on both the socio-economic duty and anti-racism initiatives to inform implementation of the Well-being Plan.</p>	N Dance
9	<p>Early Years Integration Transformation Framework</p> <p>The Board received an update on the Early Years Integration Transformation Programme and the findings of the interim evaluation report up to March 31st, 2021. The programme had been running as a pilot in the Bettws area of Newport since autumn 2020, working with families with a child under the age of 7. The work reported into the Strong Resilient Communities Board.</p> <p>AGREED: To note the report.</p>	
10	<p>Regional Partnership Board Minutes</p> <p>The Board received the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2021.</p> <p>AGREED: To continue to receive RPB minutes post-establishment of the Gwent PSB.</p>	N Dance
11	<p>Forward Work Programme</p> <p>The Chair advised that any member could propose an item for inclusion on the forward work programme.</p>	ALL
14	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>4.30 pm Tuesday 14th December 2021 4.30 pm Tuesday 8th March 2022 4.30 pm Tuesday 14th June 2022 4.30 pm Tuesday 13th September 2022 4.30 pm Tuesday 13th December 2022</p> <p>It was noted that that since the new Gwent PSB would be established on 1st October, the One Newport Partnership would cease to be a PSB from this point and would become a local delivery partnership and sub-group of the Gwent PSB. As a minimum, the One Newport Partnership would continue to deliver its Well-being Plan until April 2023, after which it would deliver the new Gwent Well-being Plan locally. However, One Newport would also be able to develop and collaborate on activity outside</p>	ALL

	<p>of the Well-being Plan and members confirmed a wish to move forward on that broader basis.</p> <p>At the next meeting of One Newport, the Board would consider the Partnership Terms of Reference which would in part come from Gwent PSB, with One Newport acting as a subgroup of the regional body, but could also include additional clauses.</p> <p>The Chair recorded her thanks for the work of partners as members of the Public Services Board.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note that this is the final meeting of One Newport as a PSB. ii. The One Newport Partnership will act as a residual body to sign off reports for the current Newport Well-being Plan and continue to report to scrutiny until 2023. iii. The One Newport Partnership should look for new opportunities to collaborate beyond delivery of the Well-being Plan. 	ALL
15	<p>Board Development Session – Way Forward for the One Newport Partnership</p> <p>Members agreed to defer this item to a dedicated session in order to allocate sufficient time for discussions.</p> <p>All to review the slides and provide feedback to N Dance.</p>	<p>N Dance</p> <p>ALL</p>

One Newport Partnership

14 December 2021

Gwent Well-being Assessment

Purpose

To present the consultation draft of the Well-Being Assessment in line with statutory timelines.

To outline the consultation process and next steps for the draft Assessment of Local Well-Being and development of the Local Well-Being Plan for Gwent.

Background

The Gwent Public Services Board (PSB) was established on 1 October 2021. The Gwent PSB is responsible for publishing a Well-being Assessment and Well-being Plan for the Gwent region.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 statutory guidance 'Shared Purpose – Shared Future' sets out a requirement for each PSB to prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area no later than a year before it publishes its local well-being plan. This means that the first Gwent Well-Being Assessment must be published by 5th May 2022.

The guidance states that the use of evidence and analysis for the Well-being Assessment could usefully be divided into two main components:

Situation Analysis – painting a broad picture of well-being within the board's area so that potential priorities for the area can be identified (the assessment of local well-being, the work we are doing now).

Response Analysis – the detailed analysis of individual issues and themes to inform the development of the Local Well-being Plan, this will be developed with the PSB over the Spring period.

The task of developing the assessment was assigned to the PSB GSWAG officer sub-group and the draft Assessment was reviewed and agreed by the Gwent PSB in their December meeting to enable the consultation process to begin.

The five current Well-Being Plans (2018-2023) for each of the local authority areas in Gwent form the delivery arrangements for the next two years and these will continue to be delivered by the local partnerships on behalf of the regional PSB, and scrutinised by the relevant partnership Scrutiny Committees in each of the local areas. This means that One Newport will continue to deliver the Newport Well-being Plan until April 2023.

The Assessment

A Gwent PSB report on the process for developing the Assessment is attached at Annex A. A link to the consultation draft of the assessment is provided [here](#) and the Executive Summary is also attached.

The Assessment is the main 'umbrella' document for Gwent, with each authority area developing its own community area assessments to reflect local communities (there will be five community area assessments for Newport). These high-level community area assessments will form part of the wider Gwent Assessment document, but each authority area may also develop more detailed assessments for use by local delivery partnerships building on any existing work.

The Gwent PSB considered that Local Delivery Groups should receive a copy of the Assessment and begin to consider what their input into the Response Analysis element of the assessment will be. The suggestion is that local groups, including One Newport, may wish to arrange a workshop to support this.

Consultation

The consultation on the draft Assessment runs from now until the end of January 2022.

As part of the statutory consultation process, the draft will be received by local overview and scrutiny committees. Newport's Partnerships Scrutiny Committee will consider the draft Assessment on 20th January 2022.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- i. Note the process for developing next steps for the draft Assessment of Local Well-Being and development of the Local Well-Being Plan for Gwent.
- ii. Members to submit any comments on the consultation draft by 31st January 2021
- iii. Consider arranging a workshop to support One Newport's input into the Response Analysis element of the assessment

Timetable

Task	Deadline
Draft to LDG for consideration	14th Dec
Consultation, including with expert officers	Mid December to end of Jan 2022
Local Scrutiny committee consideration	January/February 2022
Publish (statutory deadline)	5th May 2022

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SUBJECT: Gwent Local Assessment of Well-being for consultation

Report on behalf of the PSB written by the PSB GSWAG sub-group

1	Areas Affected
1.1	Gwent – all local areas.
2	Purpose of Report
2.1	To present the consultation draft of the Well-Being Assessment in line with statutory timelines.
2.2	To outline the consultation process and next steps for the draft Assessment of Local Well-Being and development of the Local Well-Being Plan for Gwent.
3	Background
3.1	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 statutory guidance ‘Shared Purpose – Shared Future’ sets out a requirement for each Public Services Board (PSB) to prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area no later than a year before it publishes its local well-being plan. This means that the first Gwent Well-Being Assessment must be published by 5 th May 2022.
3.2	<p>The guidance states that the use of evidence and analysis could usefully be divided in to two main components:</p> <p>Situation Analysis – painting a broad picture of well-being within the board’s area so that potential priorities for the area can be identified (the <u>assessment of local well-being, the work we are doing now</u>).</p> <p>Response Analysis – the detailed analysis of individual issues and themes to inform the development of the Local Well-being Plan, this will be developed with the PSB over the Spring period.</p> <p>In preparing and publishing the assessment (situation analysis) of the state the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area the board must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set out the communities that comprise the area; • Analyse the state of well-being in each community and the whole area • Analyse the state of well-being of the people in the area; • Include predictions of future trends of the area; • Refer to the National Indicators; • Take into account a number of statutory reviews and assessments when preparing their assessment.
3.3	The Gwent PSB was established on 1 October 2021 and as such the timescales for developing the first regional Well-Being Assessment were a challenge, and it is

	<p>anticipated that the draft will be updated throughout the consultation process. This task of developing the assessment was assigned to the PSB GSWAG officer sub-group and the draft Assessment was reviewed and agreed by the PSB in their December meeting to enable the consultation process to begin.</p>
3.4	<p>The preparation and publication of the Assessment for the Gwent area is set out as a key task in the PSB terms of reference. The PSB agreed the approach to the Assessment at its first meeting and the Assessment subgroup undertook extensive work to meet the deadlines set.</p>
3.5	<p>The five current Well-Being Plans (2018-2023) form the delivery arrangements for the next two years and these will continue to be delivered by the local partnerships on behalf of the regional PSB, and scrutinised by the relevant partnership Scrutiny Committees in each of the local areas.</p>
3.6	<p>The first cycle of Well-being Plans set out how the former PSBs are collectively responding to some of the key issues identified when they assessed local well-being in 2017. This Well-being Assessment is an opportunity for us to determine if our well-being objectives are still the right ones, if we need to be doing more of some things and less of others, and how we can best work together through the new Gwent PSB in a way that positively builds on what has gone before.</p>
4	The Assessment
4.1	<p>The joint Well-being Assessment draws on the knowledge and experience each of the five PSBs gained when producing the last assessments in 2017.</p> <p>Producing a joint assessment is different to producing one for each of the local authority areas. There are aspects that are best considered at a regional (Gwent) level, and others that are more local, affecting individual communities or areas. The assessment has been produced around the four well-being themes set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act: Social, Economic, Environmental and Cultural.</p> <p>The Assessment brings together a range of information to help explain what Gwent and its communities look like and what is important in planning for the future. We've used data collected at both national and local levels; and engaged with people and communities living and working in an area.</p>
4.2	<p>Given the timing of developing this assessment we have considered how the COVID-19 pandemic and related factors, may impact on well-being in the future. There is risk that inequality in our communities will widen which has the potential to influence every aspect of our well-being.</p> <p>As a result, some of the information in the assessment may not be what we would have expected before the pandemic, and so we've had to think about whether data has been changed because of the pandemic before considering what it means for an area or community.</p>
4.3	<p>The Communications and Engagement PSB sub-group developed the engagement around questions previously discussed at G10 (the group in place before the PSB was established) with questions in English, Welsh and the most prevalent minority ethnic languages which were delivered in the local authority areas and with the assistance of communications/engagement officers in the health board, police and community voluntary organisations.</p>

	<p>To enable consistency across the partners involved in the engagement process a common set of questions was developed, building on the approach taken when undertaking the previous local assessment in 2017/18. This enabled us to see whether the views of communities had changed since the last well-being assessment. A stakeholder mapping exercise established the key groups and organisations we needed to target and prevented duplication by the many partners involved in the group. The former PSBs in the region have a range of existing well-being objectives and it was important to understand whether these were still important to communities, as well as provide feedback on work that had happened to deliver the existing objectives.</p> <p>The process followed is included as Chapter 3 of the Assessment. It must also be noted that a primarily digital engagement process will have affected the volume of responses. In 2016-17 the primary method was face-to-face and numbers were far higher. While the numbers of 'engagements' are lower the people that did engage have tended to give quite rich information that is feeding into the relevant sections in the assessments.</p>
4.4	<p>The timeline of establishing a regional PSB, the ongoing COVID pandemic and the new requirement to complete the first regional assessment and supporting engagement activity has presented a range of challenges. It is proposed that this Assessment is a starting point for the Gwent PSB, Well-Being Plan and supporting activities.</p> <p>The data and assessment will improve over time, with further amendments through the consultation process, and in the next phase (Response Analysis). We know that there is more work to be done including: the engagement information is not yet in each chapter, the future trends report is not yet available to be included and more work is needed on the Community Area Assessments.</p> <p>The consultation process will include expert officers, that is staff within member organisations with responsibility for services that deliver on, or who have knowledge of, economic, environmental, social and cultural factors. In effect to 'sense check' the headlines in the assessment and consider their views as it moves through to Response Analysis.</p>
4.5	<p>The Executive Summary of the draft Regional Assessment of Well-Being is attached as Appendix 1 to this Report and the full document can be found here.</p> <p>The Assessment is the main 'umbrella' document for Gwent, with each authority area developing its own community area assessments to reflect local communities. These high-level community area assessments will form part of the wider Gwent Assessment document, but each authority area may also develop more detailed assessments for use by their local delivery partnerships building on any existing work.</p>
4.6	<p>As part of the statutory consultation process the draft will be received by local overview and scrutiny committees.</p> <p>Although agreed in principle, Regional Scrutiny arrangements are not yet established, as such the Assessment will be received by the local Scrutiny Committees in each local authority area.</p>
4.7	<p>It is suggested that each of the non-Council member organisations will also need to take a report to their relevant decision-making body, to note and comment as appropriate on the draft Assessment of Well-Being for Gwent.</p>

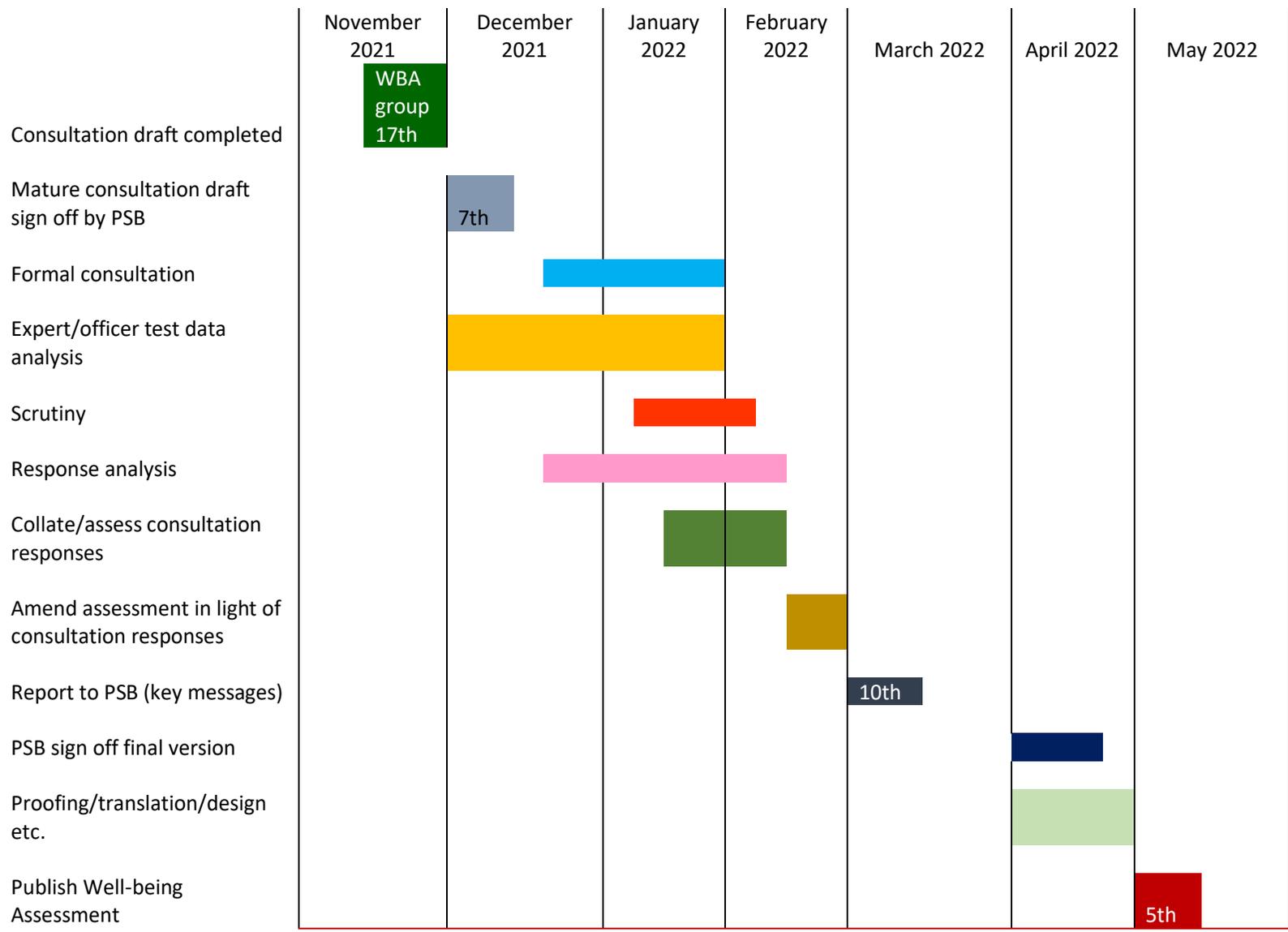
4.8	Local Delivery Groups should also receive a copy of the Assessment and begin to consider what their input into the Response Analysis element of the assessment will be. The local groups may wish to arrange a workshop to support this.
4.9	In preparing its Local Well-being Assessment each Public Services Board is required to fully consult with a number of statutory consultees. The timeline is attached at Appendix 2, key dates: 7th Dec – draft to PSB for approval Mid December to end of Jan – consultation, including with expert officers January/February – local Scrutiny committees 5th May – publish (statutory deadline)
4.10	The draft will be sent to a range of consultees, the statutory requirements are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner; • The Board's invited participants; • its other partners; • such of the persons who received but did not accept an invitation from the board under Section 30 as the board considers appropriate; • the local authority's overview and scrutiny committee; • relevant voluntary organisations as the board considers appropriate; • representatives of persons resident in the area; • representatives of persons carrying on business in the area; • trade unions representing workers in the area; • such persons with an interest in the maintenance and enhancement of natural resources in the board's area, as the board considers appropriate; • any other persons who in the opinion of the board, are interested in the improvement of the area's economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being <p>The PSB will receive a report of key messages from the consultation process at its meeting in March.</p>
6	Next steps
6.1	Consultation on this draft Assessment of Local Well-Being for the period 13 th December 2021 to 31 st January 2021.
6.2	PSB members to support the consultation process within their own organisations, and also at the local delivery groups.
6.3	PSB workshop February 2022 to consider the results of the consultation and provide input to the response analysis.

Draft date 30 Nov 2021

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Assessment Timeline

Appendix 2 – Draft Assessment of Well-Being – Executive Summary





Gwent Public Services Board

Executive summary (DRAFT)

Gwent Well-being Assessment

Document reference: G01



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1. Introduction

The draft Gwent well-being assessment tells us about all aspects of well-being across Gwent and looks at how it is most likely to develop in the future based on challenges such as social and economic differences, an ageing population, health inequality, educational attainment gaps, and climate change. How we collectively respond to these long-term challenges will impact on well-being both now and for future generations.

The assessment covers five very different local authority areas and includes rural countryside areas, urban centres, and valley communities. Each area has its own distinct strengths and challenges related to its social, economic, environmental and cultural experiences.

To help us understand and explain the differences in our communities, local assessments have also been produced telling us about factors influencing the well-being of the people that live and work there. This means that, as well as collaborating on issues that affect the whole region, we will need to think locally about how to provide bespoke solutions and interventions for some of our communities.

We put much effort in considering well-being in a joined-up way, have collaborated widely in producing this assessment, and have involved people that live and work in our communities.

There are parts of our communities where the data is telling us that well-being is good:



Gwent has a diverse economy that is well placed to contribute to the industries of the future, including contributing towards the transition to a zero carbon wales, providing decent jobs for future generations.



Gwent's rich culture and heritage plays an important role in supporting people's well-being, from bringing people together, helping to combat loneliness and providing opportunities to learn new skills, to supporting healthy lifestyles and enjoyment of the environment. Gwent is also well placed to contribute towards the creative economy sector and to contribute to the future prosperity of the region.



Our communities are strong with many people feeling connected to their neighbourhoods and proud of their surroundings. During Covid-19 lockdown we have seen our communities come together to support the most vulnerable their friends, family, neighbours.



Gwent's distinct and iconic natural environment is a significant resource providing a rich, biodiverse habitat for plants, mammals and invertebrates. It includes the Gwent Levels, the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and part of the Brecon Beacons National Park, all attracting many visitors to Gwent.

The well-being assessment also highlights the inequality that exists in our communities, that has the potential to impact on all aspects of well-being both at a personal and community level. There are also a range of challenges that could potentially widen these inequalities in the future and impact negatively on well-being.

People who live in more deprived communities have fewer years of life that are free from ill health and are more likely to have shorter lives. This is evidenced by the gap in healthy life expectancy across Gwent.

Additionally, children from deprived households achieve poorer school results; limiting their opportunities and increasing the risk that poverty will be passed from one generation to the next.

We also know that some people in our communities are experiencing in-work poverty, and that the amount of disposable income a household has will impact on their ability to afford food, transport, energy and to be digitally connected – especially as costs increase.

The assessment is telling us that house ownership is unaffordable for many low-income households, and house prices are rising, which is putting pressure on our social housing stock. Future Gwent will also need more housing stock that meets the needs of an aging population and changing family structures and is resilient to a changing climate.

Some of the data is also telling us that interventions are treating the symptoms rather than the cause, for example food banks and free school meals are indicators of the inequalities that exist in our communities. We want future generations to get decent work,

earning enough money to buy the things they need, to live in warm homes to make healthy life choices. We will all need to work together to prevent problems from occurring or worsening.

Gwent is abundant in natural resources, but not all our natural resources are in a good condition and we know that biodiversity is in decline. Improving the condition and resilience of our natural resources means that we will be better able to address challenges such as climate change, poverty and inequality, as well as contribute to the economy by providing jobs in the industries of the future such as renewables, energy efficiency and decarbonisation and supporting good health.

Many of the unsustainable approaches that are putting pressure on our natural resources are also causing the climate to change.

We need Gwent's natural resources to be resilient to the impacts of a changing climate including more extreme weather events.

There will also be challenges associated with transitioning to a low carbon future, and we will need to consider the whole energy system – heat, power and transport. Whilst projections of milder winters associated with a changing climate may help to reduce fuel poverty, we know that much of our housing stock has poor thermal efficiency and will be challenging to retrofit.

This assessment has been done during a time of global pandemic. Covid-19 has impacted on the economy and social interactions and has put our healthcare system under pressure. Lockdowns and furlough have led people to home school, stop using public transport, or even to lose their jobs. Businesses have been closed or

working at limited capacity while others were able to move online, many were not and so had to close.

Covid-19 has seen more services moving online, although this brings various benefits, we also understand that there is a risk of people being left behind by this shift, so we will be mindful of this when looking at future service delivery.

The long-term impacts of Covid-19 are not yet fully understood, and these along with challenges such as climate change, and leaving the European Union, have the potential to further widen inequalities and affect how well-being develops in the future.

For some of the challenges Gwent is facing, public services already have collective and individual programmes of work already in place. In the next phase of planning for well-being, we will need to determine if our approaches are still the right ones, if we need to be doing more of some things and less of others and how we can best work together. Covid-19 has already seen public bodies working at pace and across boundaries to tackle problems and the new Gwent Public Services Board will use these approaches, positively building on what has gone before to improve the long-term well-being of people living in Gwent.

2. About Gwent

Area 	The total area of Gwent is 158,500 hectares – approximately 7.6% of the total area of Wales.
Population 	The estimated population of Gwent is 594,164, approximately 19% of the total population for Wales ¹
Population density	The population density of Gwent is 3.75 persons per hectare. The population density is 1.52 people per hectare in Wales.
Dwellings 	The dwelling count in Gwent is 275,882 approximately 18.2% of the total number of dwellings in Wales ² .

General	For the purposes of assessing well-being, Gwent has been broken down into 22 local community areas.			
Blaenau-Gwent Ebbw Fawr North Ebbw Fach South Ebbw Fach Sirhowy	Caerphilly Upper Rhymney Valley Mid Valleys West Caerphilly Basin Mid Valleys East Lower Islwyn	Monmouthshire Usk & Raglan Monmouth Severnside Abergavenny Chepstow & Lower Wye	Newport City Centre North West South West North East East	Torfaen Cwmbran Pontypool Blaenavon



Figure 1: Map showing the 5 Gwent local authorities.

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Overall population	The overall population in Gwent is projected to increase by 6.2 % between 2019 and 2043, roughly similar to the Welsh average (5.2%). For Gwent this would mean 36,987 extra people ³ .
Aged 16-64	The number of people aged 16-64 living in Gwent is projected to slightly rise by 0.7% by 2043, similar to the Welsh average (-0.5%). For Gwent this would mean 2,367 extra people in this age range ⁴ .
Aged 65 and over	The number of people aged 65 and over living in Gwent is projected to increase by 31.2% between 2019 and 2043, roughly similar to the Welsh average (29%). For Gwent this could mean an extra 37,263 people in this age range ⁵ .
Aged 85 and over	The number of people aged 85 and over living in Gwent is projected to increase by 74% between 2019 and 2043, slightly higher to the Welsh average (69.5%). For Gwent this could mean an extra 10,615 people in this age range ⁶ .

There are many benefits from people living longer including the positive contribution they can make to family and the wider community. We want our older people to be as healthy as possible for as long as possible.

An aging population could mean higher demand for social care and health services in the future. An aging population will require housing that meets their needs.

Understanding how the population might change in the future can help us think about key well-being challenges and opportunities such as an aging population.

The number of older people in Gwent is expected to rise in the next 20 years.

3. Social Well-being

The assessment highlights the inequalities that exist in our communities around health, housing and education and that these are often interconnected; housing quality can impact on health and poor health can impact on educational performance and people’s ability to find or sustain employment.

Children and young people need to have the best start in life is clear and we know that much of the inequality and poor life circumstances experienced in our communities is preventable or its impact can be reduced.

We also know that the most disadvantaged in our communities are more likely to experience some of the negative impacts of a changing climate –whilst milder winters will help to reduce fuel poverty, we know that much of our housing stock is harder and more expensive to heat in cold weather or cool in hot weather.

Increased rainfall also increases the risk of flooding. People who are more disadvantaged are less likely to have insurance, making it harder for them to repair their homes.

3.1 Deprivation

WIMD identifies areas with the highest concentrations of several different types of deprivation. The index provides evidence about the most deprived areas of Wales and ranks all small areas in Wales from 1 (most deprived) to 1,909 (least deprived).

WIMD is currently made up of eight separate domains (or types) of deprivation. Each domain is compiled from a range of different indicators⁷. The domains included in WIMD 2019 are:

- **Income**
- **Education**
- **Community Safety**
- **Employment**
- **Access to Services**
- **Physical Environment**
- **Health**
- **Housing**

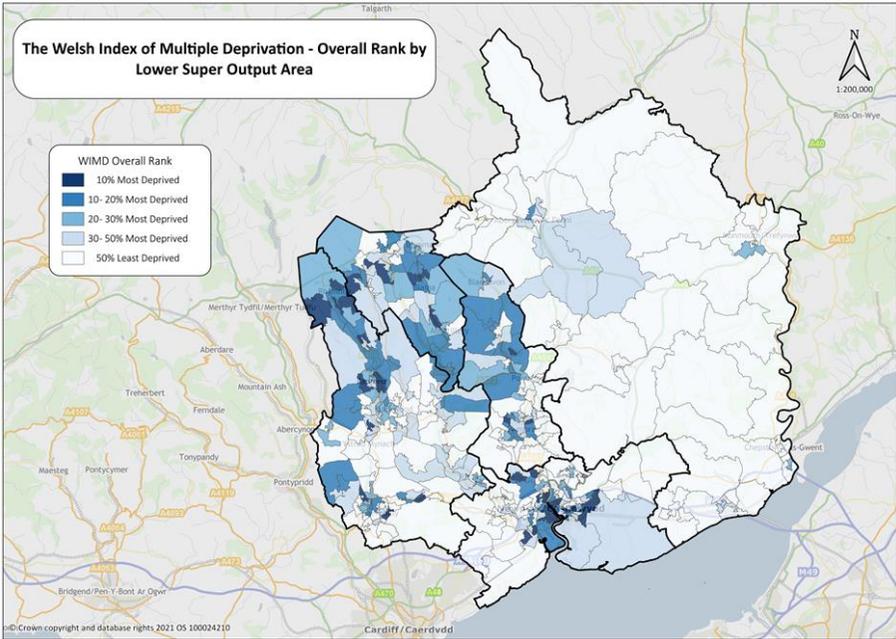


Figure 2: Gwent local authorities in highest overall WIMD deprivation ranking

The thematic map shows more overall deprivation in the valley communities as well as surrounding the town and city centres. Alongside these areas of deprivation are areas of significantly less deprivation, which make the differences starker.

Overall deprivation	The number of LSOAs in the top 20% most deprived overall in Wales per local authority ⁸ .		
	Area	Number	%
	Blaenau Gwent	21	45
	Caerphilly	26	24
	Monmouthshire	1	2
	Newport	33	35
	Torfaen	19	32

27% of the Lower Super Output Areas in Gwent are within the top 20% most overall deprived in Wales. Blaenau Gwent has the highest proportion in Gwent (45%) and Monmouthshire has the lowest (2%). St. James 3 in Caerphilly is the most deprived LSOA in Gwent and is ranked 3rd most deprived in Wales.

3.2 Housing

A home is a vital part of people’s lives – it affects their health, their quality of life and the opportunities available to them. Decent homes are essential for well-being along with being able to afford to heat their homes, especially during the cold winter months.

Housing is also central to our communities and it drives the demand for local services, shops and facilities and can attract investment. Without a settled home people may have difficulties accessing employment, education, training and health services.

All development, including housing, has an impact on the environment and needs to progress in a way that is sensitive to local areas, limits energy consumption and embraces a sustainable approach to planning and design.

The WIMD housing domain is constructed of indicators which include people in over-crowded households, likelihood of poor-quality housing, likelihood of housing containing serious hazards and likelihood of housing being in disrepair⁹.

The thematic map shows the most housing deprivation is clustered around Newport city centre which has 12 LSOAs in the top 10% deprived in Wales, with the highest being Victoria 3 (10th most deprived in Wales). Elsewhere the pattern of housing deprivation across Gwent looks quite spread out, but noticeable in much of Monmouthshire where other categories of deprivation are generally low. This might be due to people being asset rich and income poor.

This may also be due to a lack of suitable housing to move or downsize to.

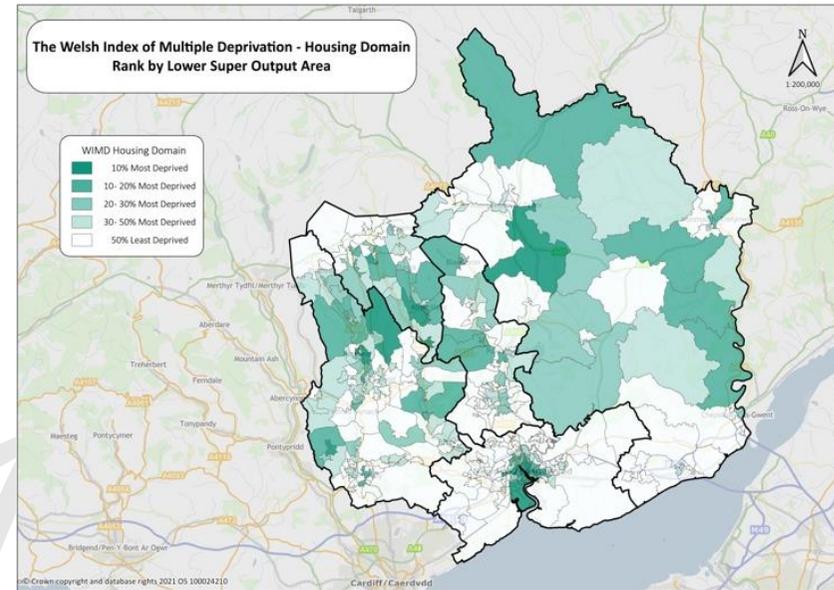


Figure 3: Gwent local authorities in highest housing WIMD deprivation ranking

Housing deprivation	Number of LSOAs in the top 20% most deprived for housing in Wales per local authority ¹⁰ .		
	Area	Number	%
	Blaenau Gwent	13	28
	Caerphilly	14	13
	Monmouthshire	6	11
	Newport	24	25
	Torfaen	8	13

Blaenau Gwent has the highest proportion of most deprived (28%) in Gwent and Monmouthshire has the lowest (11%). Victoria 3 in Newport is the most deprived LSOA in Gwent and is ranked 10th most deprived in Wales.

For many low-income households, purchasing a house is unaffordable. Single applicants would have to spend 7.6 times their salary in Monmouthshire and 3.8 times in Blaenau Gwent.

Average cost of property



The average cost of a property across Gwent during 2020¹¹.

Area	Average sold price
Blaenau Gwent	£109,498
Caerphilly	£159,854
Monmouthshire	£312,219
Newport	£211,593
Torfaen	£180,052

Average annual gross pay



Average annual pay across Gwent during 2020¹².

Area	Average annual pay gross	House price to income ratio
Blaenau Gwent	£28,531	3.8
Caerphilly	£31,550	5.1
Monmouthshire	£41,285	7.6
Newport	£32,187	6.6
Torfaen	£33,405	5.4

Given house prices, having enough social housing is increasingly important, especially for low-income households.

The latest Wales Government data shows the following amounts of affordable housing that was constructed in 2019-20, and the numbers planned for 2020-21.¹³

Additional affordable housing	2019-20 Delivered	2020-21 Planned
Caerphilly	126	86
Blaenau Gwent	12	138
Torfaen	141	74
Monmouthshire	113	165
Newport	239	232

Figure 5: Table showing Additional affordable housing by area¹⁴

Low-income households can spend a disproportionate amount of their income on heating their homes. People living in poorly insulated and/or poorly heated homes may also have high energy costs. We know that there are high levels of fuel poverty in many areas across Gwent, something that is being exacerbated by rising energy costs, and in particular the large increases that have been seen in 2021.

	All Households	No. of Households in fuel poverty	% of households in fuel poverty
Caerphilly	77,000	7,000	9%
Blaenau Gwent	31,000	3,000	11%
Torfaen	40,000	3,000	8%
Monmouthshire	39,000	4,000	10%
Newport	63,000	6,000	9%

Figure 5: Households in Fuel Poverty by local authority, 2018¹⁵

The UK climate risk assessment identifies risks to health and well-being from high temperatures. It also highlights that the level of risk to current and future homes in Wales is unknown ¹⁶.

Climate change is also expected to increase the frequency, severity and extent of flooding¹⁷. Flooding events can significantly impact homes, businesses, key infrastructure and whole communities. **59%** of properties (home and businesses) in flood warning areas in Gwent are signed up to NRW’s flood warning service¹⁸. This service provides warning messages by phone, email or text message to properties at risk of flooding.

The number of single person households is predicted to rise by over 30% in the next 20 years impacting on the need for housing. Despite this, there is likely to be less suitable land available for development as flood plains and other lower lying land becomes increasingly prone to flooding.¹⁹

Future Gwent needs housing that is resilient to a changing climate. We will also need more housing stock that is suitable for an aging population and changing household structures.

Although much of our housing stock has poor thermal efficiency and will be challenging to retrofit, there will also economic opportunities related to decarbonising the region’s housing.

A recent study carried out for Gwent identified that wind has the potential to generate sufficient electricity to power over 300,000 homes and that ground mounted solar could potentially generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of over 4 million homes²⁰.

3.3 Health

Poor health can impact the people in our communities – their educational attainment, family life, and ability to access and sustain decent employment. We also know that housing, education, employment, income, community safety and environmental factors can all impact people’s mental and physical health.

The WIMD health domain is constructed from indicators which include GP-recorded chronic conditions, limiting long-term illness (LLTI), premature death, GP-recorded mental health, cancer incidence and low birthweight babies²¹.

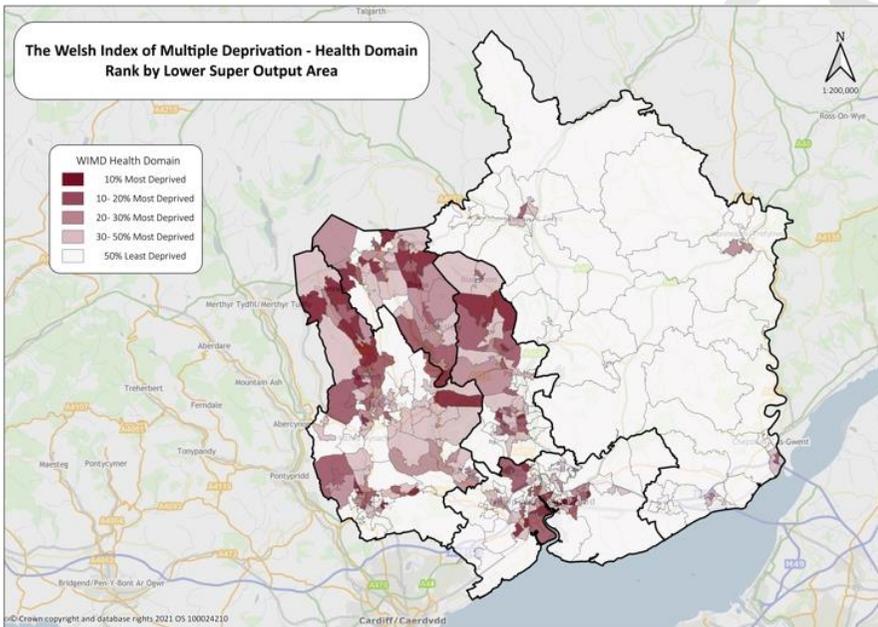


Figure 4: Gwent local authorities in highest health WIMD deprivation ranking

The thematic map shows that **significant health inequalities** exist in Gwent and there are pockets of communities across Gwent that health deprivation is in the top 10% most deprived. These are cluster mainly in Newport, Torfaen, Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent.

Health deprivation The number of LSOAs in the top 20% most deprived for health in Wales per local authority²².

Area	Number	%
Blaenau Gwent	17	36
Caerphilly	27	25
Monmouthshire	2	4
Newport	25	26
Torfaen	18	30

Blaenau Gwent has the highest proportion of LSOAs that are most deprived for health (36%) in Gwent and Monmouthshire has the lowest (4%). St. James 3 in Caerphilly is the most deprived LSOA in Gwent and is ranked 7th most deprived in Wales²³.

Blaenau Gwent has the highest proportion of residents with limiting long-term illness (27.7 per 100 population) compared to Wales (22.7). However, local authority level statistics can mask localised pockets of higher concern with the highest LSOA in Gwent being St. James 3 in Caerphilly with a rate of 40.7, nearly doubling the Wales rate.

Blaenau Gwent is also the local authority with the highest premature death rate (before age 75) across Gwent, being 467.1 per 100,000

population, compared to Wales (382.4). Again, when looking at smaller geographies, the highest LSOA is Pillgwenlly 4 in Newport with a rate of 1006.0, more than doubling the Wales rate.

Healthy life expectancy data shows a level of health inequality throughout our communities. On a Gwent wide basis, this ranges from the lowest in Blaenau Gwent, being 55.9 years for males and 57.0 years for females, to the highest in Monmouthshire, being 66.4 years for males and 66.1 years for females²⁴. This is a gap of 10.5 years for males and 9.1 years for females – again showing the inequality that exists across Gwent.

We don't yet know what the long-term impact of the pandemic will be on health. [Build Back Fairer: the COVID-19 Marmot Review](#) published in December 2020 looked at socio-economic and health inequalities in England and highlights that the inequalities that exist in communities contributed to the high and unequal death toll from COVID-19 in England. The report also identifies that some health inequalities have been exacerbated by the pandemic and that investment in public health will need to be increased to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on health and on health inequalities and their wider determinants. The report concludes that much that can be done to improve the quality of people's lives with the right long-term policies, that health inequalities can be reduced²⁵.

3.4 Community safety

Community safety, how much crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour affect us and our communities, is an important issue for us all. It's not just about solving crimes, but also about looking at what can be done to prevent these activities happening altogether.

The WIMD community safety domain is constructed from indicators which include criminal damage, violent crime, anti-social behaviour, burglary, theft and fire incidences²⁶.

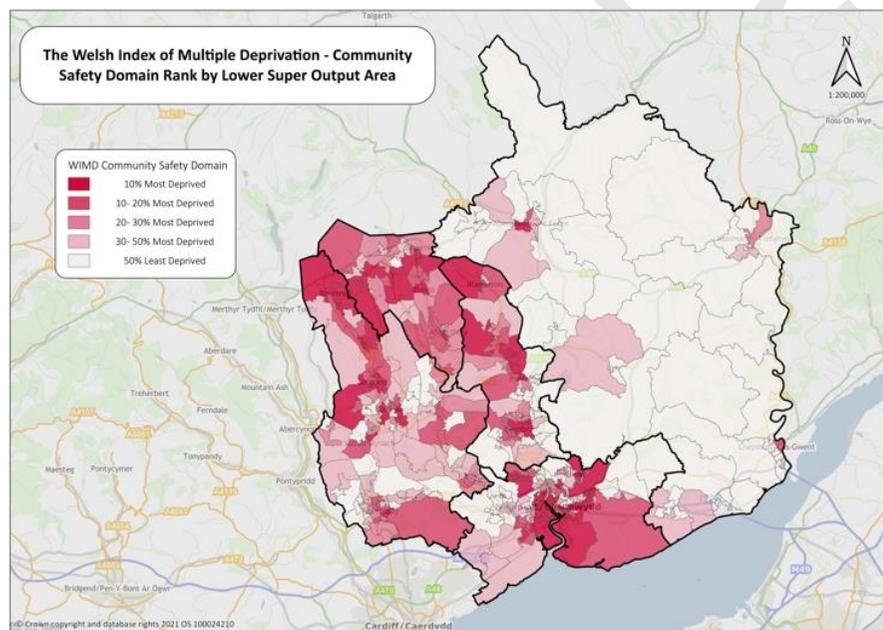
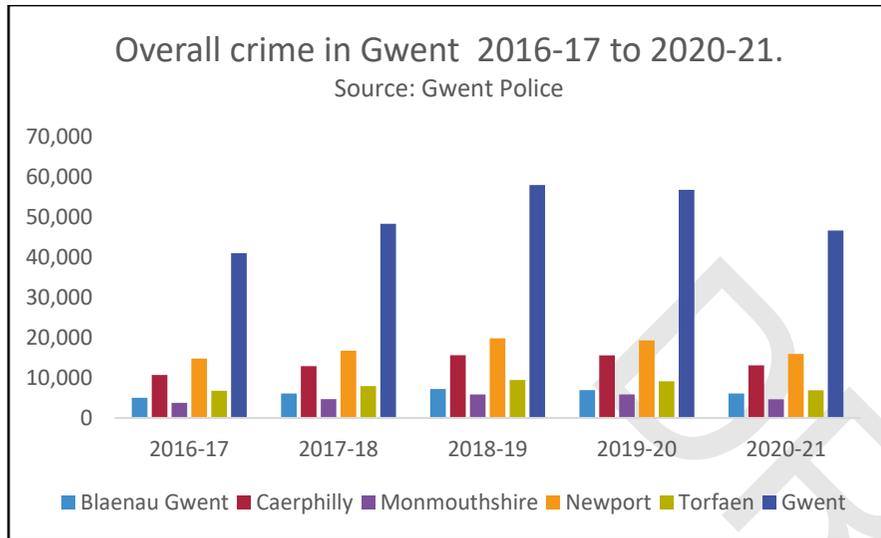


Figure 5: Gwent local authorities in highest community safety WIMD deprivation ranking

Area	Number	%
Blaenau Gwent	25	53
Caerphilly	33	30
Monmouthshire	3	5
Newport	45	47
Torfaen	23	38

Blaenau Gwent has the highest proportion of LSOA in the top 20% most deprived for community safety (53%) and Monmouthshire has the lowest (5%). Stow Hill 3 LSOA in Newport is the 2nd most deprived in the whole of Wales in terms of community safety, with the highest factors being criminal damage (7.64 per 100 people), anti-social behaviour (16.68 per 100 people) and theft (3.7 per 100 people).

Overall crime levels in Gwent, and each of the constituent local authorities, increased between 2016 and 2019, before decreasing in the following two years (2019-20 and 2020-21)²⁸ which may in part be due to the restrictions in place as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.



3.5 Education

A good education can play a key role in enabling young people to take full advantage of the opportunities available to them and to achieve their potential.

The WIMD education domain is constructed of indicators which include the average point score for foundation phase, key stage 2 and key stage 4, absenteeism, key stage 4 leavers entering higher education and adults aged 25-64 with no qualifications²⁹.

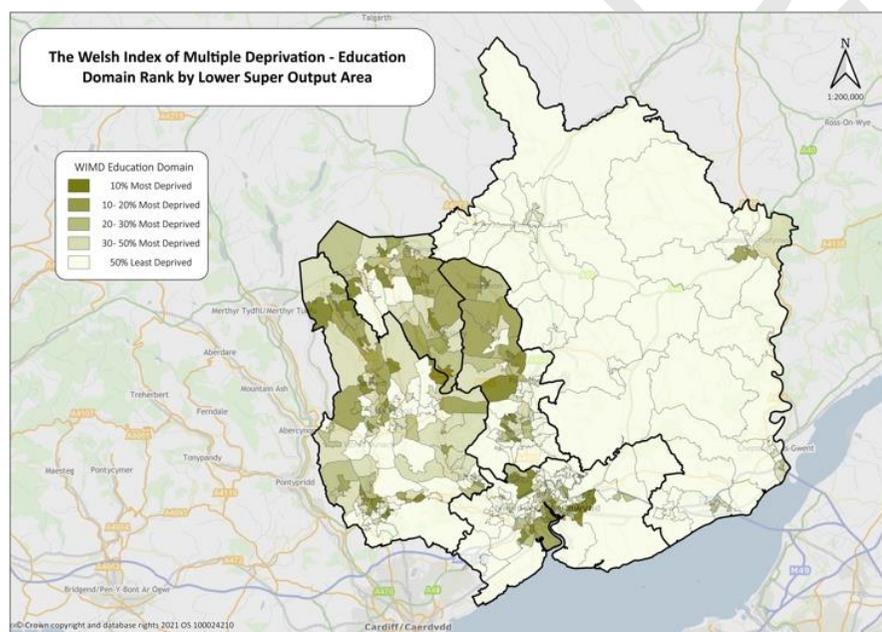


Figure 6: Gwent local authorities in highest education WIMD deprivation ranking

The thematic map shows that there are noticeable variations in attainment and qualification levels between areas in Gwent. Similarly, there are differences in attainment between less and more disadvantaged groups of children.

Education deprivation	The number of LSOAs in the top 20% most deprived for education in Wales per local authority ³⁰ .	
Blaenau Gwent	18	38
Caerphilly	31	28
Monmouthshire	1	2
Newport	28	29
Torfaen	17	28

Blaenau Gwent has the highest proportion of LSOAs that are in the top 20% most deprived for education (38%) and Monmouthshire has the lowest (2%). Ringland 4 LSOA in Newport is the 6th most deprived in Wales with key stage 4 average point score of 80 for core subjects being the highest factor. Rogerstone 1 LSOA in Newport is the least deprived with a score of 145³¹.

There are families living in Gwent who are finding it hard to pay for the basics of life. Access to a good meal can improve health and support learning.

Free school meals	24.8% of pupils of compulsory school age in Gwent are eligible for free school meals ³² .
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Free School Meal (FSM) data tells us that there are an increasing number of pupils eligible for FSM in all areas of Gwent.

School can be the first opportunity for young people to learn the skills to get on well with people from different backgrounds and to be active citizens.

Ethnicity	11.8% pupils aged 5 or over in Gwent are from an ethnic minority background ³³ .
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Coronavirus has had a disruptive effect on education. School attendance has been affected and led to periods of remote learning for pupils. We don't yet know what the long-term impact on learning will be.

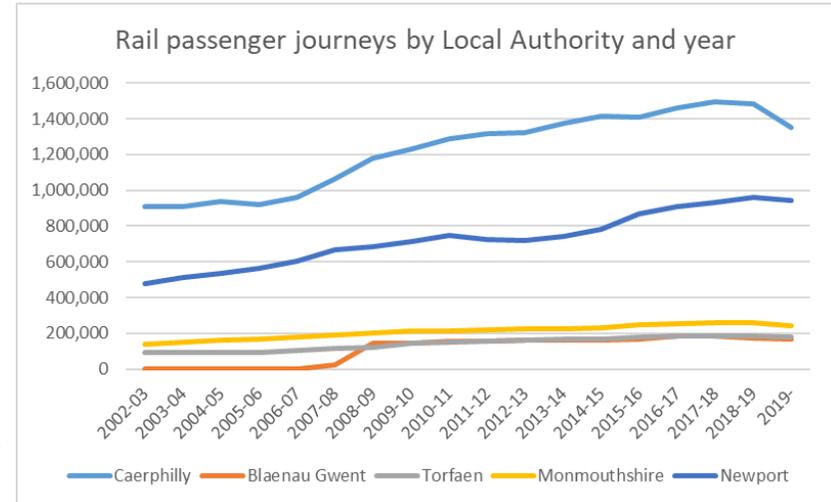
We need to make sure that young people are well prepared for the employment sectors of the future. There are also certain everyday things that will always be needed and so will need skilled people able to work in them.

3.6 Transport

Good transport links are critical to the local economy, enabling the goods, services, and raw materials that we all rely on to be available where and when we need them. Being able to move around easily plays an important role in people’s everyday lives, getting children to school, people to work as well as connecting friends and family. It also enables people to access the countryside for recreation, to visit historic and cultural attractions, and to access sports and leisure facilities, helping people to stay healthy and active. This ability to travel is very important for reducing loneliness and isolation.

We know that active travel like walking, cycling and scooting can improve people’s health and help an ageing population stay healthier for longer, as well as reducing pollution. However, the rural nature of parts of Gwent can make this difficult. New technology like electric bikes may make active travel viable to more people in the future.

Access to public transport varies greatly across Gwent. Caerphilly is well served with train stations into Cardiff and Newport has a main station, whereas there are fewer connections in Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen, which is reflected in the number of rail journeys taken³⁴. Public transport costs are also increasing more rapidly than inflation, meaning that it is becoming more expensive. However, the alternative of car ownership is not affordable for many people.



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We know that active travel can help support an aging population stay healthier for longer and that access to and affordability of transport is an issue for parts of our communities.

It is hoped that plans for the South Wales Metro and work being carried out by Cardiff Capital Region will make public transport faster, more frequent and joined up, and provide a better alternative to the car.

In most areas of Gwent, traffic levels have increased, especially in Monmouthshire and Newport, and this has an impact on air quality across Gwent, with several Air Quality Management Areas as a result of traffic pollution along busy roads and motorways. Many of our current transport modes are having a negative impact on our environment and people’s health, changing our climate, increasing pollution and we will need to look at different ways of meeting our travel needs, such as active travel and electric and hydrogen vehicles.

When looking at how easy it is to travel to places, the WIMD data shows that 39% of Monmouthshire LSOAs are in the top 20% for access to services in Wales, compared with only 5% for Torfaen and Caerphilly. This means that it takes much longer for people living in rural areas in Monmouthshire to travel to services such as doctors, shops or leisure centres using public transport.

Because Gwent is close to urban centres such as Cardiff, Swansea and Bristol, as well as Hereford, Gloucester and the Midlands, there are large numbers of people who commute outside the county where they live. More people commute into Newport, whereas more people commute out of Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly and Torfaen.

Access to services deprivation			
The number of LSOAs in the top 20% most deprived for access to services in Wales per local authority ³⁵ .			
Area	Number	%	
Blaenau Gwent	8	17	
Caerphilly	5	5	
Monmouthshire	22	39	
Newport	8	8	
Torfaen	3	5	

The Covid 19 lockdown meant that many people worked from home and commuting has reduced. This has had environmental benefits, so in future organisations may consider saving money on office space by allowing more home working. For this to be effective, it will be important for there to be adequate digital infrastructure across the region. It will also be important for local authorities to use the planning system to make sure that services and employment sites are based locally, to reduce the need for long journeys.

In addition, we have seen how extreme weather events have disrupted our transport systems and so future approaches will need to be resilient to a changing climate.

3 Economic well-being

Having decent, well paid and regular work gives people enough money to do the things they enjoy. However, many people are on low pay and don't always work enough hours to meet their basic needs, leading to in-work poverty.

Although overall rates of unemployment and workless households have reduced since 2011, there are still high levels of income and employment deprivation and this coupled with an increasing cost of living is impacting on the well-being of some people in our communities.

The WIMD income domain is constructed from people living in income deprivation.

Blaenau Gwent has the highest proportion of LSOAs that are in the top 20% for income deprivation (36%) and Monmouthshire has the lowest (4%). St. James 3 LSOA in Caerphilly is the 8th most deprived in Wales with 47% of people in receipt of income-related benefits and tax credits.

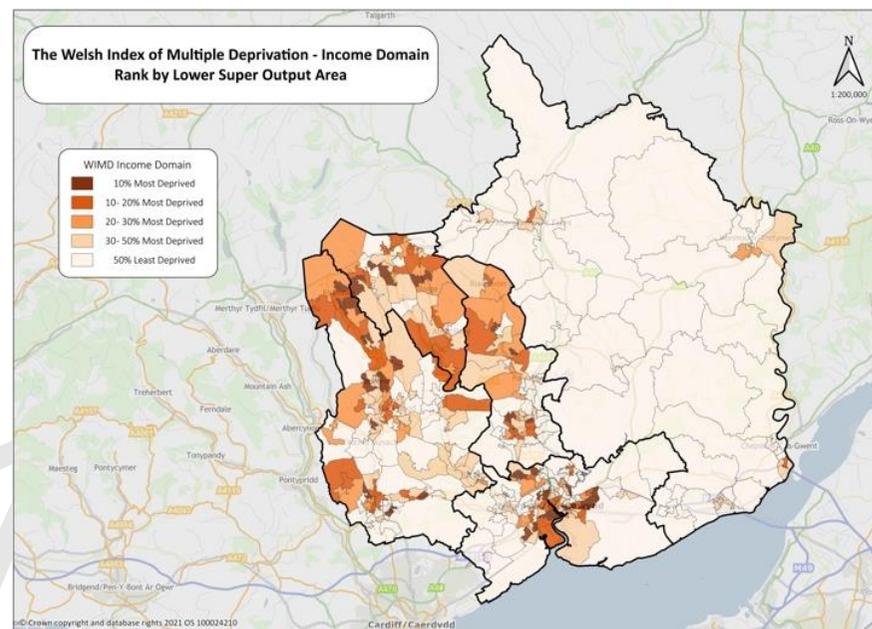


Figure 7: Gwent local authorities in highest income WIMD deprivation ranking

Income deprivation	The number of LSOAs in the top 20% most deprived for income in Wales per local authority ³⁶ .	
	Blaenau Gwent	36
	Caerphilly	25
	Monmouthshire	4
	Newport	33
	Torfaen	23

The WIMD employment domain is constructed from working-age people with employment deprivation.

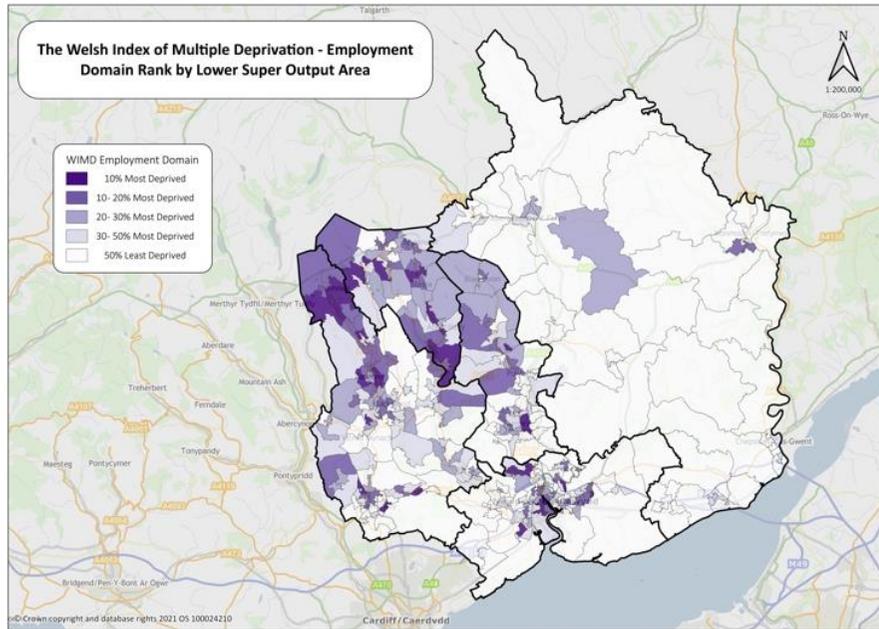


Figure 8: Gwent local authorities in highest employment WIMD deprivation ranking

Blaenau Gwent has the highest proportion of LSOA that are in the top 20% for employment deprivation (49%) and Monmouthshire has the lowest (2%). St. James 3 LSOA in Caerphilly is the 4th most deprived in Wales with 34% of working-age people in receipt of employment-related benefits.

Employment deprivation The number of LSOAs in the top 20% most deprived for employment in Wales per local authority³⁷.

Blaenau Gwent	23	49
Caerphilly	32	29
Monmouthshire	1	2
Newport	24	25
Torfaen	13	22

Cost and availability of **childcare** can be a barrier to working parents being able to work.

Childcare sufficiency assessments tell us that:

- The **cost** of childcare is a **barrier** for many families across Gwent
- **More flexible** opening times/wrap-around childcare arrangements are needed to assist parents on irregular shift patterns.
- Both these factors are contributing to **increased** economic inactivity.

Each local authority area has its own economic strengths that contribute to Gwent's diverse economy.

We don't yet know the long-term impact of pandemic on the economy. We do know that Covid-19 resulted in many jobs being furloughed jobs and reduction in tourism and retail activity.

Industry of employment	The largest industries of employment in Gwent are manufacturing (15%), health (14.8%) and retail (10.1%), education (7.4%), accommodation and food services (7.2%), agriculture, forestry and fisheries (6.8%), and business administration and support services (6.6%) ³⁸ .
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The Cardiff City Region has identified priority sectors that will be important for the region's economy over the next 10-20 years, and these will be important to future Gwent's prosperity.

Gwent is in a good position to take advantage of the emerging sectors that will play an important part in future economic prosperity.

We need to make sure that people living in Gwent have the right skills to support the industries of the future.

Future Gwent will also need to be resilient to the changing climate including extreme weather events, and to shocks in global markets. Developing local supply chains and local energy production will help with this, and has the potential provide local, decent employment

including for those who may find it difficult to find suitable work currently.

The UK Climate Risk Assessment identifies risks to business sites from flooding and risks associated with the loss of coastal locations and infrastructure³⁹. Water scarcity, and reduced employee productivity due to high temperatures and infrastructure disruption have also been identified as risks⁴⁰. Water shortages could be problematic for those businesses that are reliant on this resource for production processes – such as the food sector.

More local energy generation and more efficient processes would give protection from rises to wholesale energy costs.

5. Environmental well-being

As well as several sites of national and international significance, Gwent is made up of a number of distinctive landscape areas, all of which contribute to the iconic natural environment.

Natural resources are our life-support systems, so it is vitally important that they are in good condition.

Alongside providing for our essential needs including food, clean water, fuel, aggregate and timber, there are less obvious ways natural resources contribute to well-being, including by helping to regulate carbon by locking it away, providing flood protection by managing water in the landscape and supporting our capacity to adapt to climate change

Covid-19 has also reminded many of us of the health benefits of having access to good quality and accessible greenspace close to home. Many jobs and training opportunities are also linked to the environment. 6.8% of Gwent's employment base is agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

The assessment tells us that the health of the natural world in Gwent is under threat. Stocks of natural resources are being used unsustainably and resilience is declining in line with global trends.

Biodiversity loss	An assessment in 2020, looking at the condition of species and habitat at key sites in Gwent found that for approximately 45% of the features on these sites (compared to a national figure of 49%), an estimated 29% are 'favourable' and around 71% 'unfavourable'. This information suggests that our habitats and species are under increasing pressure across the region ⁴¹ .
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The Assessment provides more in-depth analysis into the status of Gwent's broad habitats. Condition assessments show **native woodlands** in Gwent to be 'unfavourable', **Grassland** connectivity and condition to be poor and the condition of our **Mountain, Moor, and Heathland** to be less than favorable. The majority of our **rivers** are poor or moderate status and the health of our best rivers towards the East of the county are registering significant failure rates for phosphorus levels with Salmon stocks in decline. Similarly, the Severn **Estuaries** special status is also under threat with predicted extreme impacts of climate change likely for our coastal habitats.

Species loss The recently published [Gwent State of Nature Report \(GSoN\)](#) has analysed up to 120,000 species records to provide more detailed information on the fate of our species in Gwent. The lowland and upland farmland bird indicators show declines of 45% and 30% respectively, largely in accordance with UK and Welsh patterns of decline.

Competing demands on land are causing habitat loss and fragmentation. We are always going to need land for housing, and employment purposes, but we need to get better at making decisions which ensure that our future generations are both free from environmental risks and able to benefit from sustainably managed natural resources.

Climate change, lack of management, over-use, invasive species, pollution, landscape crime and antisocial behaviour are also threatening Gwent’s natural resources.

Climate Change The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report (2018) indicates that global warming in excess of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels will undermine life-support systems for humanity. It is predicted that if the world warms by 2°C, one in twenty of all species will be threatened with extinction

Gwent, like many other places in Wales is likely to experience an increase in rainfall, river flow and intensity of extreme weather events. This is projected to lead to an increase in the likelihood of flooding of infrastructure, businesses, and homes. It will not be possible to prevent all flooding; there is therefore a need to use a range of approaches to not only reduce the risk where possible, but to adapt our communities and infrastructure to be prepared for severe weather events and rising sea levels.

Flood Risk In Gwent, 14,014 residential properties are at risk of tidal flooding. 12,539 residential properties are at risk of fluvial (river) flooding. 22,382 residential properties are at risk of surface water flooding⁴²

Annual temperatures in Wales are expected to rise and more extreme heatwave events causing impacts on people’s health and well-being are likely to become more prevalent as a result. Iconic landscapes and cultural heritage assets could also be more vulnerable to wildfire exposure in future.

There is a major challenge to reduce agriculture’s negative impact on the environment while simultaneously maintaining food production for a growing population. Leaving the European Union could have a significant future impact on land management in Gwent and while trade deals and policy creation is being looked at nationally, more can be done to reduce the impact of future changes at the local level such as increasing local food supply chains and networks. Future climate projections indicate that drought risk will have a significant

impact on the quality of agricultural land and our ability to produce food in the future.

Food	Farmed land represents 65% of the area of Gwent ⁴³ . There were an estimated 2,084 active farms in 2018, covering 105,199ha ⁴⁴ , giving an average farm size of 50ha. Grassland accounts for 78% of this, and arable and horticulture is just 13%. There are also 6,654ha of woodland within farms
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Ecological footprint refers to the amount of productive land and sea that is required to support all the resources we use in our daily lives. If the rest of the world lived as we do in Wales then we would need 3.3 planets to support us all⁴⁵. The numbers are similar for Gwent.

Ecological footprint 	Ecological footprint per person (global hectares) by local authority ⁴⁶ .	
	Blaenau Gwent	3.1
	Caerphilly	3.1
	Monmouthshire	3.4
	Newport	3.2
	Torfaen	3.1

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Consumption patterns are also having a negative impact on the global environment and we need to use resources efficiently and proportionately. Reducing and reusing waste is one way to reduce our consumption of resources and provide positive benefits to people and nature.

Gwent recorded recycling rates at or above the Welsh average figure in 2019. However, we will need to move to a circular economy model, where waste is prevented from being generated in the first place and things are used for as long as possible, if we are to achieve zero waste and one planet living.

How we travel is having a negative impact on our environment and people's health, changing our climate, increasing pollution and we will need to look at different ways of meeting our travel needs.

Air quality 	In Gwent there are 2 Air Quality Management Areas in Caerphilly, 2 in Monmouthshire and 11 in Newport, all declared because of nitrogen dioxide levels as a result of traffic pollution along busy roads and motorways ⁴⁷ .
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Housing makes a significant contribution to emissions, specifically in relation to the requirement to heat space and water using fossil fuels

Achieving the energy system transformation alone would create new jobs and livelihoods for the people of Gwent. Meeting decarbonisation targets can also lead to improvements in the quality of life for communities which suffer from the adverse impacts of poor air quality.

We need to get to one planet living so that we don't use the resources that future generations will need to support themselves. To do this we will need to look at our **food, energy** and **transport** systems – many of our current approaches are also causing the climate to change. We need to explore new approaches which promote the health and prosperity of nature rather than putting pressure on our natural world. By protecting and enhancing Gwent's natural resources in this way we will leave a positive legacy for future generations.

6 Cultural Well-being

Gwent has a rich and diverse cultural heritage incorporating highlights such as the Blaenavon World Heritage Site, Abergavenny Food Festival and a section of Wales' famous coastal path. It is home to Roman forts, castles and stately homes and a Ryder Cup golf course.

Cultural interests can bring people of different ages together. We know that the inequalities that exist in some of our communities can make it hard for people to get involved in cultural activities with affordability and access particular problems.

Apart from Newport, which is the most multi-cultural of the local authority areas, the region has little ethnic diversity. This lack of ethnic diversity could make it more difficult for people to understand each other's cultures and beliefs, as there are far fewer opportunities to interact with people from diverse backgrounds.

Welsh Speakers	The percentage of people aged 3+ across Gwent that can speak Welsh continues to be below the Welsh average in all five local authorities ⁴⁸ .
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Increasing the number of Welsh speakers across the region will also positively contribute to people's sense of place and well-being.

Covid-19 restrictions have had a significant impact on the sports, cultural and tourist sectors and the people who work in them.

The economic contribution of tourism in Gwent reduced considerably during 2020 to £297m (70% decrease on 2019), whilst the total number of FTE jobs supported by direct tourism spend reduced by 52% on 2019⁴⁹.

The creative economy, has been identified by Cardiff Capital Region, as having an role to play in the prosperity of the regional economy going forward ⁵⁰ and has the potential to increase the economic contribution provided by the cultural sector, however, this is likely to take several years.

Gwent needs to make sure that it has the right skills and employment base to benefit from potential opportunities related to the creative economy sector, there may also be opportunities for business diversification or new start-ups.

Volunteering can be an opportunity to meet new people and an opportunity to learn new skills.

An aging population in Gwent may mean that there are more people able to support their communities through volunteering.

The highest levels of volunteering in Gwent are in Monmouthshire and the lowest in Bleanau-Gwent. Volunteering rates may be linked to available time and financial freedom to volunteer.

Gwent’s iconic natural environment is an important part of the cultural and tourism offer. The UK Climate Risk assessment identifies risks to the natural environment and heritage from extreme weather and wildfire events⁵². This could impact on the distinct local landscape and heritage assets and their ability to contribute to our shared cultural history and to the cultural economy.

There may also be future economic opportunities related to tourism and outdoor sports and leisure activity due to warmer temperatures associated with a changing climate.

Volunteering

% of people who volunteer by local authority⁵¹.

	2016	2019
Blaenau Gwent	23.17	18.68
Caerphilly	23.19	23.65
Monmouthshire	36.10	32.34
Newport	26.52	24.40
Torfaen	28.86	23.16

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Note: One Newport Partnership – Board Development Session

10.00 am - 17th November 2021

Present:

Newport City Council: Cllr J Mudd (Chair); B Owen (Chief Executive Officer)
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) / Public Health Wales: Will Beer
South Wales Fire and Rescue Service: S Moody
Natural Resources Wales: S Morgan
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC): J Cuthbert (PCC)
Probation Service: A Lewis
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations: A Palmer
Gwent Police: T Harding
Newport Third Sector Partnership: C Lane
Newport Live: S Ward

Officers: N Dance (PSB Co-ordinator; NCC), T McKim (NCC)

Apologies: C Doyle (RSLs); G Lacey (Coleg Gwent); S Tiley (GAVO); M Cadwallader (USW)

Purpose of the Board Development Session

Members met to discuss the way forward for the Partnership, following the establishment of the Gwent Public Services Board on 1st October 2021.

Views of Board Members

As part of the discussion, members were asked to put forward their views on areas that have gone well for the Board, areas to work on and future opportunities. Views expressed are shown in Annex A.

Local Delivery Group Terms of Reference

Part 2 of the LDG terms of Reference builds flexibility into the work of the Board, presenting an opportunity to add new functions and additional members to the Board's work.

Members commented on Part 2 of the Terms of Reference as follows.

- The voice of young people is important
- Maintain the existing membership and structure for now but review in the future, noting the importance of reach into diverse communities and the third sector.

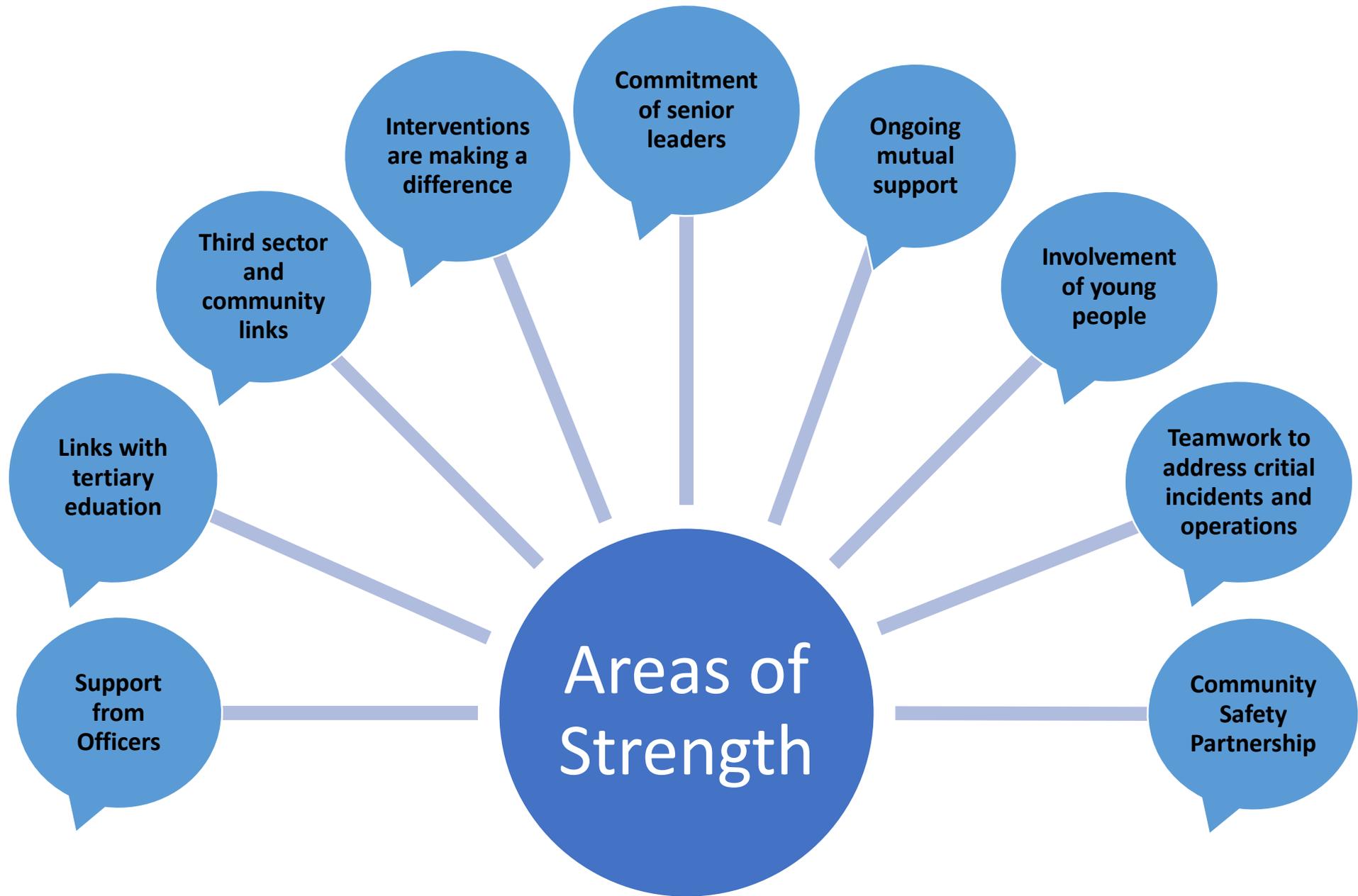
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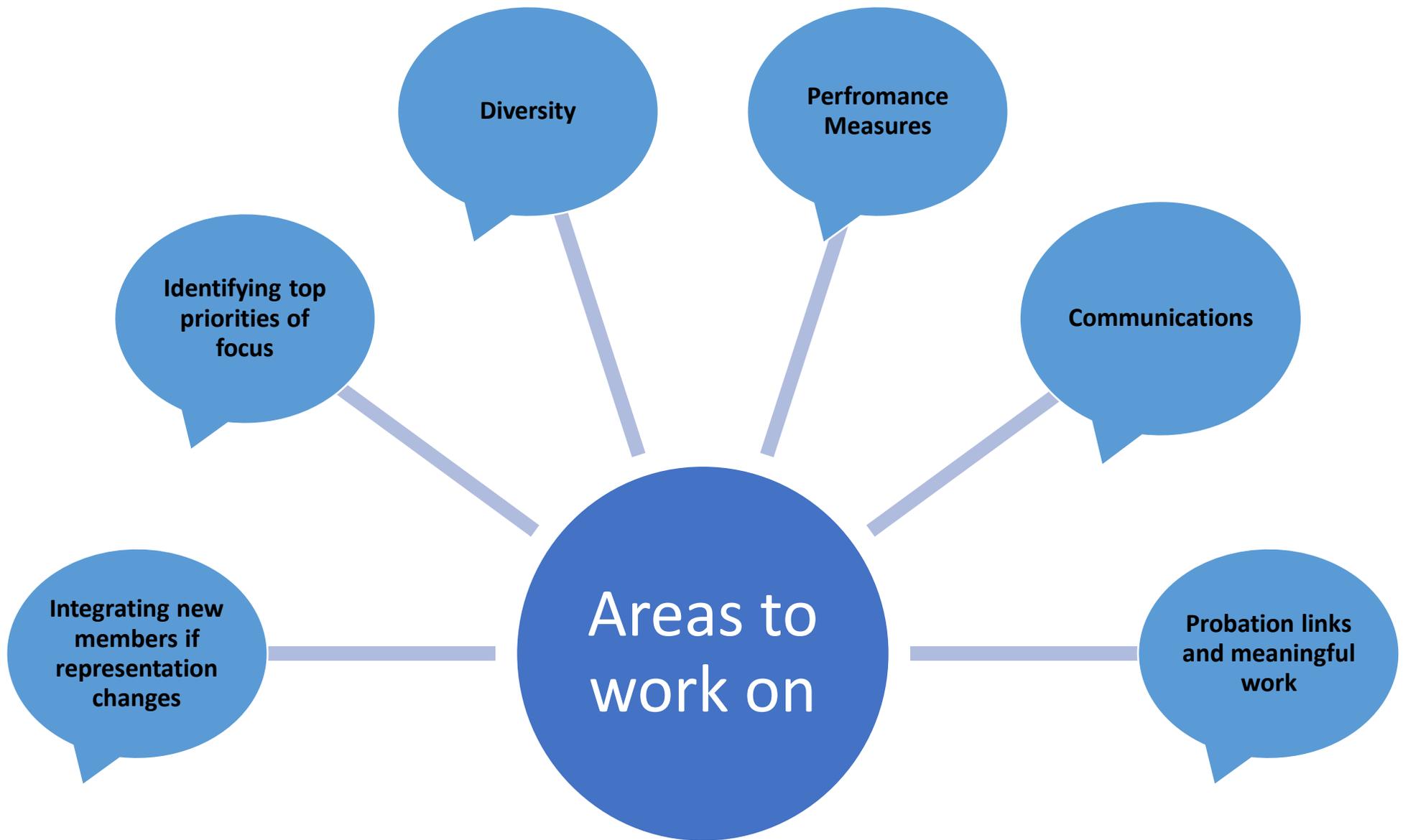
The points made by members as areas to work on and new opportunities could be considered as part of the Board's Forward Work Plan and a new Board Development Plan.

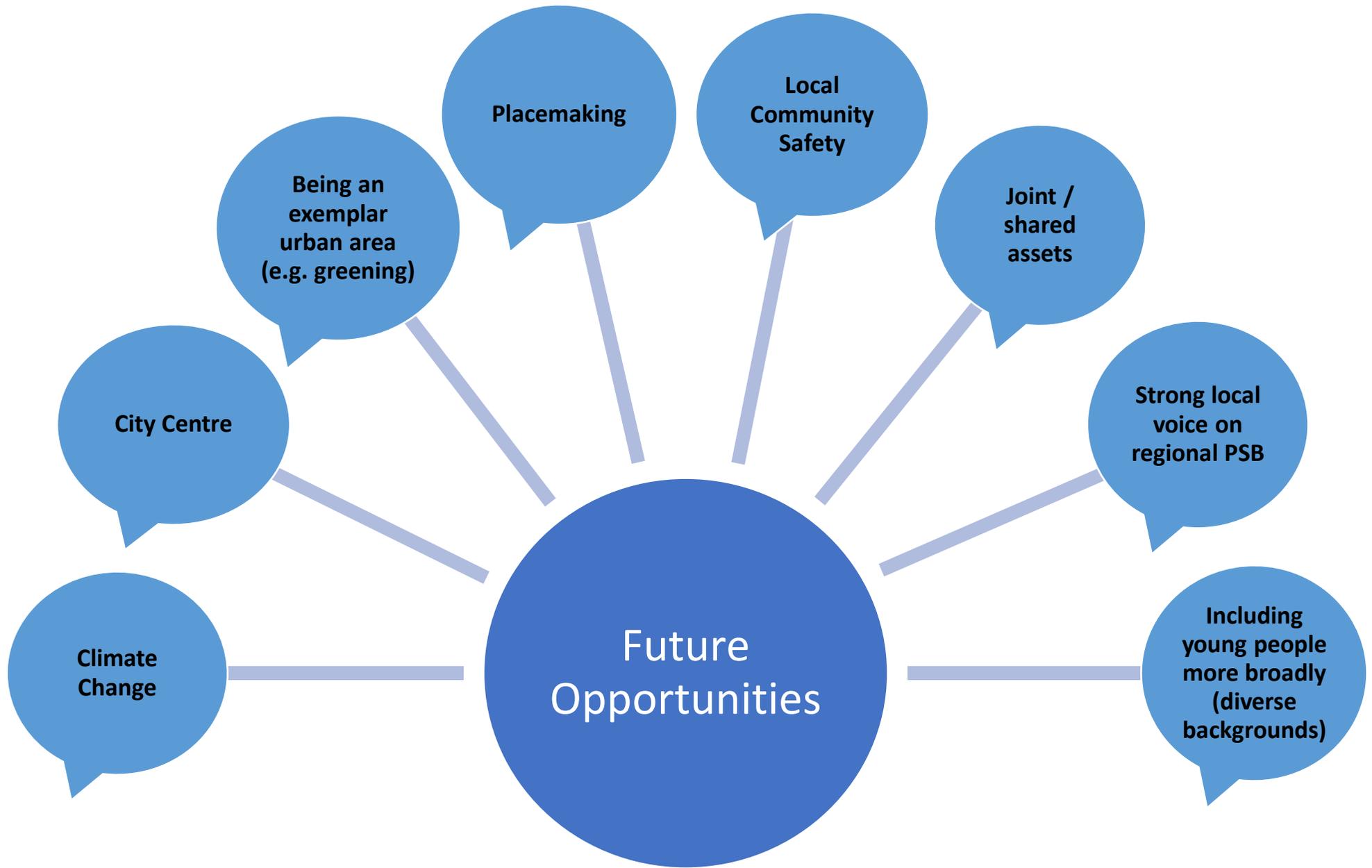
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One Newport Partnership

14 December 2021

Terms of Reference

Purpose

To propose terms of reference for the One Newport Partnership following the establishment of the Gwent Public Services Board and Local Delivery Groups in October 2021.

Background

Gwent Public Services Board was established on 1st October 2021. At that point, the five former PSBs in the Gwent became sub-groups of the PSB, known as Local Delivery Groups (LDGs).

The LDGs are responsible for the local delivery of the Well-being Plan for Gwent from May 2023, and for the ongoing delivery of the current local Well-being Plans and require a common commitment and membership to do this. However, they can also develop additional functions and may have a wider group of members in accordance with local partnership needs.

At its first meeting, the Gwent PSB agreed the “common” Part 1 terms of reference for the LDGs and a framework for Part 2 of the Terms of Reference, where additional members and additional local functions can be included.

One Newport Partnership Terms of Reference

The draft proposed terms of reference for the One Newport Partnership are attached at Annex A.

The Part 2 terms, specific to One Newport, reflect the outcomes of discussions at the Board’s Development session held on 17th November 2021 as follows:

- Retain the existing membership (except Welsh Government, which will not be represented on Local Delivery Groups) in the immediate term but review over time.
- There are opportunities outside of the Well-being Plan which would benefit from a strong partnership approach in Newport (examples identified by members include such areas as placemaking and local community safety).

The proposed additions to the Part 2 terms are highlighted in grey.

Recommendations

PSB members are asked to:

1. *Note the common Part 1 terms of reference for the Local Delivery Group*
2. *Consider the draft Part 2 terms of reference and agree or suggest changes.*

Timetable Immediate

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Local Delivery Group – One Newport

Terms of Reference

Prepared with reference to Welsh Government Statutory guidance, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Terms of Reference of the Gwent Area Public Services Board (PSB).

The terms of reference (ToR) and membership of the 5 Local Delivery Groups are set by the Gwent PSB to ensure continuity of delivery of the existing well-being plans which run until 2023 and development and delivery of the Regional Well-being Plan 2023-2028

(PART 1).

The local delivery groups may also wish to invite additional members to fulfil their role as a local partnership, and to support other local work **(PART 2).**

PART 1 – AS A SUB GROUP OF THE REGIONAL PSB

Status

1. **One Newport** is a **local sub group** of the statutory **Gwent PSB** established by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
 2. **This is one of five local delivery groups covering the geographical local authority areas of Blaenau Gwent CBC, Caerphilly CBC, Newport CC, Monmouthshire CC and Torfaen CBC that make up the Gwent area.**
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Purpose

3. The purpose of the group is to improve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of the **local authority area**.
4. In pursuing this purpose, the Board will contribute to the national well-being goals and the Gwent PSB Vision Statement.
 - A prosperous Wales
 - A resilient Wales
 - A healthier Wales
 - A more equal Wales
 - A Wales of cohesive communities
 - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
 - A globally responsible Wales

The shared long-term vision of all partners for the Gwent area is for sustainable communities, supported by actions that enhance the quality of life for all. This means we need to make sure that when making decisions, we take into account the impact they could have on people living their lives in Gwent in the future.

Main Tasks

5. The **partnership main tasks are**:
 - Initially, to deliver the existing Well-being Plan for the area and provide local reports.
 - **To deliver the local issues and priorities in the Well-being Plan for the Gwent area in line with the well-being objectives and the steps set out in the Plan.**
 - To contribute to regional issues and projects in the Well-being Plan for the Gwent area.
 - To provide update reports to the Gwent PSB and support the scrutiny process at both local and regional level.
 - To contribute to the regional PSB annual report that sets out progress in meeting the Well-being objectives.
6. Local delivery groups are expected to support the activity of other regional boards in relation to the wellbeing of populations.

Principles and Values

7. Sustainable development is the overriding principle of the partnership's activities. This means acting in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
8. This means working in ways that take into account:
 - Long term: The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.
 - Prevention: Understanding the root causes of issues that affect well-being and acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse.

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- Integration: Considering how the Board’s well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.
 - Collaboration: Acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the Board to meet its well-being objectives.
 - Involvement: The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.
9. In addition, the group will strive to work in accordance with the range of statutory legislation and guidance as set out in the Gwent PSB ToR.

Membership

10. **The local groups will need to include senior officers, with the ability to take decisions and direct resources** from each member body, and any local partners who were previously represented on the 5 local PSBs but will not be at the Gwent PSB.
11. The core membership reflects the members of the Gwent PSB with senior representation from:
- Newport City Council
 - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
 - Public Health Wales NHS Trust
 - South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
 - Natural Resources Wales
 - Gwent Police
 - Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
 - National Probation Service for Wales
 - Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations/ Torfaen Voluntary Association
12. Any designated representatives should have the authority to take decisions and commit resources on behalf of their organisation and provide a link to their organisational representative at the regional Board. Any deputy attending on behalf of the group member must be able to act on behalf of that member organisation
13. The local group will also invite key partners who exercise functions of a public nature and who have a material interest in the well-being of the area; deliver important public services; and are involved in the in the preparation, implementation and delivery of the work of the board as set out in **Part 2**.

Decision Making

14. Members will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair to support decision making.

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15. Ordinary meetings of the Board will take place, as a minimum, every three calendar months at a time and venue to be agreed by the members. Members may attend virtually.
 16. Each meeting will consider progress on the Well-being plan and delivery of Well-being objectives, necessary actions and anything else to escalate to the regional PSB.
 17. The group is able to establish sub-groups to support it in undertaking its functions and these will be guided by these partnership terms of reference.
 18. Local delivery groups may also seek the support of the PSB GSWAG sub- group to facilitate the relationship, continuity and reporting between regional activity and the local work.
 19. Local Delivery groups must as a minimum :
 - ensure the delivery of local actions that contribute to the Board’s respective well-being objectives
 - contribute to any regional activity that contributes to the Board’s well-being objectives
 - involve local communities, local community areas and any person or group with an interest in the well-being of the area covered by the partnership
 - take forward any actions of a local nature set out in the Gwent Well-being Plan
 - report as requested through local and regional democratic scrutiny arrangements
 - report on activity to the Gwent Public Services Board as required
 - ensure that the work of the partnership is open and transparent
 - continue to deliver 2018-23 Local Well-being Plans
 20. The Gwent Public Services Board will ensure the continued effectiveness and operation of Local Delivery Groups through a performance framework.

Support

21. Administrative support for the partnership will be provided by the local authority. This includes:
 - Ensuring the partnership group is established and meets regularly
 - Preparing the agenda and arranging papers for meetings
 - Inviting participants and managing attendance
 - Ensuring the partnership website and relevant media is current and up to date
 - Work on the annual report
 - Preparation of evidence for Regional Scrutiny
22. Ensuring that the functions of the Board are properly resourced is the responsibility of all members equally. Members may provide advice, assistance, and other ‘in kind’ resources to the board for instance in the form of analytical or professional expertise.

Performance and Reporting

23. The Board will adopt the performance management framework as set out by the regional PSB and will ensure that it is measuring outcomes and progress towards its well-being objectives.



Local Delivery Group

Terms of Reference – Part 2

Draft December 2021

The local partnership may also invite key partners who exercise functions of a public nature and who have a material interest in the well-being of the area; deliver important public services; and are involved in the in the preparation, implementation and delivery of the work of the board.

The extended local partnership is particularly important for the interim period to ensure continuity of delivery of the current Well-Being Plans, including reporting and Scrutiny.

Considerations:

Effectiveness of partnership and membership to date

Ensuring that the delivery of the current Well-being Plan and support for future regional objectives remains the priority of the partnership, as set out in the Act

Membership and representation

Partnership Structure / Sub-groups etc

Connection of local partnership members to the Regional PSB

Identity

New opportunities

Meeting cycle

Links to existing partnerships such as community safety.

PART 2

Additional Members:

List local member organisations as appropriate, where applicable to include:

- Coleg Gwent
- Newport Live
- Newport Third Sector Partnership
- Newport Youth Council
- Registered social landlords
- University of South Wales

Observer

For the life of the Local Well-being Plan 2018-2023, the Chair of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee is invited to attend meetings of the Partnership as an Observer.

Sub-Groups

The following sub-groups currently exist (*under review*):

- Strategy & Performance Board
- Well-being Plan Sub-group
- Community Engagement Group
- Newport Third Sector Partnership;
- Intervention Boards

Additional Functions:

To develop and deliver activity in Newport that would benefit from a strong partnership approach.

To receive reports from, inform and support the work of the statutory Community Safety Partnership for Newport, "Safer Newport"

Links to other partnerships

To ensure there is alignment with other partnerships so that the PSB are made aware of any relevant issues and ensure that statutory functions are supported.

One Newport Partnership

14 December 2021

Local Well-being Plan – 2021-22 Q2 Performance Reports

Purpose

To provide an update on performance at the end of Quarter 2 against the Interventions outlined in the Local Well-being Plan.

Background

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

The Local Well-being Assessment was published on 3rd May 2017. In Newport these have been named [Community Well-being Profiles](#) and were partially updated in 2019. The [Local Well-being Plan](#) was published on 3rd May 2018.

There are five cross-cutting interventions in the Plan which will be reported on a quarterly basis. A Dashboard is attached for each intervention for the period Jul – Sept 2021:

- The Newport Offer;
- Strong Resilient Communities;
- Right Skills;
- Green & Safe Spaces; and
- Sustainable Travel.

The Q2 dashboards will be considered by the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on 2nd February 2022.

Recommendations

Members are asked to review and critically analyse each intervention dashboard by considering the:

- Progress made to date against the steps and actions in the plan.
- Five ways of working (long term, prevention, integration, collaboration, involvement).

Timetable

Task	S&PB	Newport Local Partnership*	Scrutiny	Completed
Annual Report 2020-21	18 th Aug 21	22 nd Sept 21	6 th Oct 21	Yes
Q1 Performance Report	18 th Aug 21	22 nd Sept 21	N/A	Yes
Q2 Performance Report	24 th Nov 21	14 th Dec 21	2 nd Feb 22	
Q3 Performance Report	16 th Feb 22	Mar 22	N/A	
Q4 Performance Report	May 22	Jun 22	N/A	

*The Newport Local Partnership will be our local partnership

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Local Well-being Plan and the Delivery & Performance Framework were developed using the Shared Purpose: Shared Future guidance. The plan is framed around the sustainable development principle (long term; prevention; collaboration; integration; involvement).

Communication

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

Background Papers

[Delivery & Performance Framework 2019-20](#)

[Local Well-being Plan](#)

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Intervention	Newport Offer		Green	Current progress on target																																									
			Amber	Progress behind target but still achievable																																									
Lead	Cllr Jane Mudd and Steve Ward	Reporting Period	Qtr.2 2021-22	Red	Progress well behind target																																								
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<p>Planning permission approved for the new city centre leisure and well-being centre providing state-of-the-art facilities on the riverfront.</p> <p>City Centre Masterplan continued progress on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of Newport Market as a traditional market alongside flexible-office space. • Refurbishment of Market Arcade. • Creation of new high specification office accommodation in Mill Street. • Finalising terms with Tramshed Tech to provide space for start-up businesses in the digital, tech and creative sectors at the former railway station • Redevelopment of Olympia House into homes for shared ownership • Creation of new homes at Castle View and Upper Dock Street <p>Safer City Centre group tackling key risks in the city centre - anti-social behaviour, aggressive begging, children and alcohol, drug dealing, intoxication, problematic premises, safe travel, street drinking, violent behaviour, waste and accumulations, and perception.</p> <p>Tourism promotion included a regional Social media campaign, an online webinar for the travel trade, targeted leafleting within two hours' drive time of Newport and working with Visit Wales for key destination promotion. Over 5000 downloads of the Newport Guide in the UK in a few months.</p> <p>Funding secured from the Wolfson Foundation to support the development of the Newport Transporter Bridge into a major tourist attraction (in addition to National Heritage Lottery, NCC and Welsh Government funding).</p> <p>The refreshed City of Newport website will provide a first point of contact for those wishing to invest, visit, or seek business support.</p>			<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Target</th> <th>Actual</th> <th>RAG</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3">New performance indicators to be developed</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Plans for next quarter and the future</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Opening of the refurbished Newport Market and Market Arcade</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Work to begin on the active travel footbridge over the railway line linking Mill Street to the City Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Opening of the new Mercure Hotel in Chartist Tower</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Host the ABP Newport Wales Marathon and 10K run. Excellent TV and media coverage will boost the image of the City. Potential £1 million plus spend in the local economy</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Purple Flag - Newport City Council and Newport NOW will apply to renew the accreditation before the end of the financial year</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Recommence public perception surveys to set a baseline for Newport Offer work</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Newport City Council consulting on its climate change plan, working collaboratively with partners and communities to reduce carbon emissions across the city. Climate Change Sub-Group established under Newport Offer to co-ordinate partnership activity</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Main Risks / Barriers to progress</td> <td>Status (H/M/L)</td> <td colspan="2">Mitigating Actions / Support Req'd</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Overlap of remit of groups contributing to city development and lack of clarity regarding roles.</td> <td>M</td> <td colspan="2">Mapping and rationalisation of stakeholder groups to clarify roles.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Target	Actual	RAG	New performance indicators to be developed			Plans for next quarter and the future			Opening of the refurbished Newport Market and Market Arcade			Work to begin on the active travel footbridge over the railway line linking Mill Street to the City Centre			Opening of the new Mercure Hotel in Chartist Tower			Host the ABP Newport Wales Marathon and 10K run. Excellent TV and media coverage will boost the image of the City. Potential £1 million plus spend in the local economy			Purple Flag - Newport City Council and Newport NOW will apply to renew the accreditation before the end of the financial year			Recommence public perception surveys to set a baseline for Newport Offer work			Newport City Council consulting on its climate change plan, working collaboratively with partners and communities to reduce carbon emissions across the city. Climate Change Sub-Group established under Newport Offer to co-ordinate partnership activity			Main Risks / Barriers to progress		Status (H/M/L)	Mitigating Actions / Support Req'd		Overlap of remit of groups contributing to city development and lack of clarity regarding roles.		M	Mapping and rationalisation of stakeholder groups to clarify roles.	
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Lead	Nicola Prygodzicz / CS Tom Harding	Reporting Period	Qtr.2 2021-22	Red	Progress well behind target						
Key Achievements & Successes			Key Performance Measures								
<p>Integrated Wellbeing Networks - The Pillgwenly Collaborative has brought people together through a range of Wellbeing programmes including the establishment of an Allotment, a Health and Wellbeing Event, Guided walks for 50+ community members, the Pill Connect Website (https://www.pillconnects.com/) and community conversations to establish wellbeing priorities in the area.</p> <p>The Ringland collaborative has also strengthened and promoted various events including a half term program of events at the Community Hub, community gardens at Sterndale Bennet and Cecil Sharp Road, woodland wellbeing activities through Coed lleol and a community conversations engagement group.</p> <p>A second major participatory budgeting programme to support Covid recovery projects commenced. NCC and ABUHB funding of £400k will be allocated by the community, in line with the Community Impact Assessment and wellbeing plan.</p> <p>Bettws Early Learning Communities - Partners from across the early years system including – NCC, Health, NCH and GAVO are working collaboratively to improve children’s learning outcomes focussing on: improving communication and language; social and emotional development of children. This project complements the Early Years Pathfinder also underway in Bettws.</p>			Target			Actual			RAG		
			% of people who feel safe in their local area (day/night)			Delivery plan is under development and measures will be approved through this process					
			% who feel able to influence decisions affecting their local area								
			% people satisfied with their local area as a place to live								
			% of people who volunteer								
			% of people who are lonely								
Social capital measures for Ringland/Pill in development											
Main Risks / Barriers to progress			Status (H/M/L)			Mitigating Actions / Support Reqd					
Digital exclusion limiting participation of worst affected communities in engagement programmes e.g. participatory budgeting			Medium			WG funding secured for work to involve care home residents in the digital PB programme.					
Plans for next quarter and the future											
Recruit to Pill Coordinator post to strengthen strategic partnership work in Pill											
Review the SRC intervention plan steps using the new Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment approach											
Form a representative ‘steering group’ to ensure fair process in the new participatory budgeting programme. Complete the programme before Mar 21.											
Work with Newport Fairness Commission to review the process and outcomes of the participatory budgeting programme (the first Covid programme)											
Progress work to initiate a third Integrated Wellbeing Network in Bettws											
Complete the evaluation of the Bettws Early Years Pathfinder Report											

Intervention	Right Skills		Green	Current progress on target	
			Amber	Progress behind target but still achievable	
Lead	Guy Lacey and Stephen Tiley	Reporting Period	Qtr.2 2021-22	Red	Progress well behind target
Key Achievements & Successes			Key Performance Measures		
Step 1 – Development of a Virtual Careers Week for students in Year 9 and above in Newport schools focused on the health, social care and childcare sectors			% of year 11 leavers not in education, employment or training (NEET)	1.8%	To be reported in June 2022
Step 1 – Workshop held with Ash Futures to support the Board in developing actions to address longer term skills needs.			% of year 13 leavers not in education, employment or training (NEET)	2.5%	To be reported in June 2022
Step 1 - USW / CG discussions underway regarding the post-16 curriculum offer in Newport.			RREACH Restart: Individuals receiving support to improve English language skills (ESOL)	April to June 48	52 G
Steps 1 and 2: £800k grant funding secured from the Community Renewal Fund for “Foot in the Door” project to be delivered by Ffilm Cymru. The Newport project will develop skills required by the screen sector, create training and employment opportunities for young people in the city, and support strong working links between the screen sector and education providers locally.			REACH Restart: Individuals provided with employability support	April to June 20	26 G
Step 3 – Funding secured from the Rural Development Fund to deliver carbon literacy training to community councils and groups in rural areas of Newport. This will be a train the trainer model enabling carbon literacy training more widely across Newport.			PIs to be developed for: the number of young people supported through the Foot in the Door programme; numbers enrolled on carbon literacy training		
Step 3 – One Newport Board agreed to establish a sub-group to support promotion of Welsh language skills in the workplace and promotion of Welsh as an employment skill.			Plan for next quarter and the future		
Step 3 – Online content developed for Newport residents by partners to promote learning during Adult Learners Week.			Deliver online careers event for schools focused on the health and social care sector – November 2021		
Main Risks / Barriers to progress	Status (H/M/L)	Mitigating Actions / Support Req	Promote cases studies of successful Newport learners to encourage participation		
Lack of buy in from providers / learners.	M	Identify engagement & communication opportunities.	Develop new actions following the “Futures” workshop		
			Support links between the semi-conductor cluster and schools		
			Develop links with Newport skills-related projects that have secured CRF funding		

Intervention	Green and Safe Spaces		Green	Current progress on target		
			Amber	Progress behind target but still achievable		
Lead	Steve Morgan & Huw Jakeway	Reporting Period	Qtr.2 2021-22	Red	Progress well behind target	
Key Achievements & Successes			Key Performance Measures			
Network workshop (September 2021) created further partnership work, opportunities to collaborate, enthusiasm for this vision across shared goals. Network membership is expanding and diversifying.			% / hectares of accessible green blue space *Green Space Index Fields in Trust	Target	Actual	RAG
Rapid review of research of <i>Diverse Communities Access to and Usage of Local Green Spaces</i> carried out, with recommendations for Board and Network to take forward.				TBD	TBD	
Comms: 5 th e-newsletter due Nov 2021 sharing best practice across Newport, promote work of Green & Safe Network, opportunities to collaborate, latest reports, resources & funding. Ad hoc info sent to Network in between newsletters. Plans to create an easy to understand 1 page version and/or video of G&S aims. Many G&S case studies in Wellbeing Plan annual report 2020-2021.			% Tree canopy cover *UK Ward Canopy Cover WebMap i-Tree	TBD	TBD	
1 new Community Green flag award achieved for The Laundry at Tredegar House, 5 other Green Flags retained for another year.			NCC no. of Pollinator Sites	20	48	Green
Funding secured for a City Centre Green Infrastructure (GI) feasibility study by March 2022, to identify opportunities for GI, engage with partners and businesses, with the intention that GI is part of future placemaking plans.			Green & Safe spaces Network members	100	135	Green
NRW is funding mapping for green roof retrofitting opportunities in urban centre of Newport, to encourage the implementation of green roofs. Dovetails with the GI feasibility study.			Attendees at the last Network workshop	30	31	Green
Green Infrastructure Assessment (GIA) - a brief has been created to recruit a suitable consultant to work on the GIA / strategy.			Green & Safe spaces Newsletter opens	130	210	Green
NCC Climate Change plan draft incorporates aspects of this intervention, land use considerations and tree planting target. Draft will go out for comment.			Socials (Twitter) followers	150	91	Green
Renewal of the Performance measures for this intervention is almost complete.			Tweet impressions & profile visits	6,000	7,583	Green
Woodland wellbeing sessions planned for Bettws, in NRW woodland, delivered by Coed Lleol, in partnership with NCC North Hub.			Active collaborative projects delivering Green & Safe Vision and Green Infrastructure (GI)	15	18	Green
NRW provided a letter of support for Buglife's bid for a Pollinator Project.			Green Flags by 2023:	8	3	Green
			Community	5	3	Green
			Full Award	3	3	Green
			No. of plans & strategies Green & Safe Vision / Green Infrastructure (GI) is embedded into	3	3	Green
			(Q1 2020 vs Q1 2021)			
			Reduction of (in green blue space):	86	54	Green
			Fly tipping incidents	22	26	Amber
			Deliberate fire incidents	115	43	Green
			Other ASB incidents			
			Wellbeing of Wales: National Indicators (25, 26, 28, 29, 38, 40, 43, 44) Thriving Places Index - Newport 2021 Place & Environment, Sustainability WIMD - Home Page (gov.wales) Physical Environment			

Main Risks / Barriers to progress	Status (H/M/L)	Mitigating Actions / Support Req'd	Plans for next quarter
Green space not sufficiently protected in the planning process.	Medium	Green Infrastructure (GI) map/database has been used in Local Development Plan. GI Assessment is underway, creating an evidence base for GI Strategy.	Encourage and support Green Flag applications for January 2022.
Capacity of partners to deliver against ambitions of Green & Safe intervention.	High	Partner organisation reps to raise the importance of Wellbeing Plan/Intervention action delivery at internal business planning meetings.	Continue to Strengthen links with Safer Newport and sub groups
Covid-19 restrictions.	Medium	Continue online communications to support Green & Safe Network. As restrictions ease build on the strong working relationships created.	Plan next Network workshop for Feb 2022 to further partnership work and deliver shared goals, continue to expand and diversify network.
Projects being paused during the transition to Gwent PSB.	Medium	Continue working with partner organisations, community groups and Network to deliver Green & Safe whilst supporting Gwent PSB.	Get access to the GI map/database early 2022.
			Continue to develop and implement the communication plans.
			Continue to strengthen links and opportunities with Housing Associations.
			Promote volunteering opportunities via Newsletter.
			Explore the rapid review paper recommendations with board and Network.
			Share learning with Gwent Green Grid Partnership (GGGP).
			Support the woodland wellbeing sessions in Bettws.

Intervention	Sustainable Travel		Green	Current progress on target	
			Amber	Progress behind target but still achievable	
Lead	Ceri Doyle / Craig Lane	Reporting Period	Q2 2021-22	Red	Progress well behind target

Key Achievements & Successes
<p>STEP 1: PSB to become champions of Sustainable Travel: Gwent Healthy Travel Charter was launched in Nov 2020. 23 organisations have signed up to the charter so far. Partners are working together and sharing best practice to reach the 15 commitments in the charter.</p>
<p>STEP 2: Create an environment where public transport, walking and cycling is prioritised: Sustainable Travel Supplementary Planning Guidance and civil parking enforcement in place. On street bike hire feasibility and scoping work completed. Active travel public awareness campaign launched with an animated video shared via social media. Assessments taking place in relation to expressions of interest received for the School Streets Project Trial. A full review of active travel routes is underway involving consultations with public and other key stakeholders. The second phase of consultation has been completed, as have route audits. The third phase is now underway where people can have their say on proposed routes and fill in short questionnaires on active travel within each ward across the city. Wales Active Travel board also led on a stakeholder workshop in the Newport area.</p>
<p>STEP 3: Encourage the use of ULEV: Mapping is underway to identify the areas of the city which have the highest need for on-street chargers to support a long term rollout. The development of public rapid charger sites is also underway with installations to take place by April 2022. Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) has completed the installation of a rapid charger to support an Electric Taxi trial scheme and another is being considered. A management company has been commissioned by CCR to run the trial.</p>

Main Risks / Barriers	Status	Mitigating Actions
Not utilising the opportunities arising from the M4 commission.	High	SEWTC representative sits on the PSB Sustainable Travel group to ensure PSB is fully engaged in this process.
Lack of continued funding for active travel interventions in schools.	Medium	£203k funding received in 2021-22 for traffic free streets near schools.

Performance Measures		Time-scale	Target	Actual	RAG	
Travel Charter	Organisations signed up across Gwent	Nov 2020	15	23	Green	
Active Travel	Counter increases on previous year for each quarter	2020-21	25%	Q1	94%	Green
				Q2	52%	Green
				Q3	17%	Amber
				Q4	58%	Green
				Year	47%	Green
		2021-22		Q1	tbc	
	Q2	Tbc				
ULEV	ULE buses in service	Dec 2022	30	15	Green	
	Charging points installed	Mar 2021	40	46	Green	

Plans for next quarter and the future
<p>STEP 1: Partners to work together to implement the commitments in the Gwent Travel Charter. Also Staff questionnaire to be undertaken later in the year.</p>
<p>STEP 2: Over £11m of funding to further improve active travel routes and improvement of bus infrastructure in 2021-22 including the Devon Place active travel bridge due for installation over the xmas period.</p>
<p>STEP 3: Further installation of chargers to support residents and businesses to transition to zero emission vehicles. Sharing of Electric Refuse Vehicles with other Local Authorities to encourage uptake.</p>

On street bike hire scheme not going ahead.

Medium

Funding bid ready for submission. To be submitted once the next round of funding is available later in the year.

Minutes

One Newport

Strategy & Performance Board

Date: Wednesday 24th November 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Time: 2pm

Present: David Letellier – Chair (Operations Manager for SE Wales, Natural Resources Wales); Leah MacDonald (Head of Service, Newport, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board); Guy Lacey (Principle / Chief Executive, Coleg Gwent); Craig Lane (Chief Executive, Newport Citizens Advice); and Chief Supt Tom Harding (Gwent Police).

Also in Attendance: Tracy McKim (Policy, Partnership & Involvement Manager, Newport City Council); Caoimhe Cantwell (Senior Policy & Partnership Officer, Newport City Council); Harriet Bleach (Natural Resources Wales); and Wayne Tucker (Partnership Officer, Newport City Council).

Apologies: Will Beer (Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Wales); Shaun Moody (Group Manager, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service); Beverly Owen (Chief Executive, Newport City Council); Ceri Doyle (Chief Executive, Newport City Homes); and Nicola Prygodzicz (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board).

No	Item	Action / Decision
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members were welcomed to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting (18th Aug 2021) & Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record with the following matters arising discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no additional information required to be circulated to the Group in response to the Q1 Dashboard for Sustainable Travel. • There was no need to provide any information on parking at the Royal Gwent Hospital at this time. • The Annual Report was published on the 29 October 2021 and the case studies included are currently being promoted via Social Media. 	
3.	<p>Well-being Plan Performance – Quarter 2 Dashboards 2021-22</p> <p>The intervention lead or their representative presented their quarter 2 dashboard highlighting the key achievements, risks, performance measures and plans for the next quarter.</p> <p>Each of the dashboards were discussed with the following points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Newport Offer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No leads could attend to further explain the Dashboard. – It was suggested that the presentation at the Newport Offer Board later in the day could be circulated. 	

No	Item	Action / Decision
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong Resilient Communities (Caoimhe Cantwell) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The upcoming Participatory Budgeting Programme was explained. – The review will include how to ensure the Strong Resilient Communities Board operates effectively in Covid-19 recovery. • Right Skills (Guy Lacey) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A further online Careers Event for the Health & Social Care Sector has taken place. Thanks were given to Careers Wales colleagues for their hard work. – The impact of the pandemic on NEET figures will need to be monitored, with measures being put in place to support young people. – There is a need to identify links with the Newport Offer Intervention. • Green and Safe Spaces (Harriet Bleach) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The new Community Green Flag awards were highlighted, with further applications being encouraged. – There are lots of positive work taking place across the city. – The need to identify the opportunities available for Green Skills was raised. • Sustainable Travel (Craig Lane) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The importance in identifying the links to the Council’s Climate Change Plan (currently out for consultation) and the wider Climate Strategy for the city. To ensure they reduce duplication and working in silos. – The performance indicators being used need to be improved. <p>It was agreed</p> <p>Circulate the Newport Offer presentation on key achievements to the Board.</p>	<p>NCC - WT</p>
4.	<p>One Newport Delivery Plan</p> <p><u>Review of Strong Resilient Communities</u></p> <p>A paper is currently being worked on to identify recommendations for the Strong Resilient Communities Board and identify a shared agenda for the group moving forward. The potential for the Board to lead on strategic commissions opportunities is also being looked at.</p> <p>There is a need to be aware of issues around representation in Newport from Health given the current changes taking place. It was suggested that the Chair of One Newport could formally contact the Health Board to clarify.</p> <p>It was agreed</p> <p>Contact the Health Board to confirm who are their representatives at One Newport and its sub-groups, possibly through One Newport Chair.</p>	<p>NCC – TMcK</p>

No	Item	Action / Decision
	<p><u>Green and Safe Spaces Performance Measures Review</u></p> <p>Following on the review of the intervention, it was agreed to build on the existing performance measures, so they are suitable for the new steps and actions.</p> <p>The Green and Safe Spaces Board and sub-groups met to review the measures and make suggestions.</p> <p>Some of these new measures were highlighted, with further work required to make final amendments.</p>	
5.	<p>Regional PSB & Well-being Assessment</p> <p>Tracy McKim provided the latest update on the Regional PSB and Well-being Assessment, explaining that they have met for the first time and agreed their Terms of Reference (ToR). In order for the Gwent PSB to be able to write a new Well-being Plan, a Gwent Well-being Assessment is being carried out, with a draft going to their next meeting.</p> <p>It was explained that to support this work, high-level local area assessments for Newport will be produced based on five defined areas (City; North West; South West; North East; and East). In Newport, we will also be replicating the more detailed Community Profiles that have been developed since 2014 but based on the five areas rather than the 20 wards.</p> <p>In addition, there is a need for partners to ensure they have the right representation at all levels of the partnership.</p> <p>It was agreed</p> <p>Share the make-up of the five areas in Newport that are being used for the local area assessments and our Community Profiles.</p> <p>Review the representation from partner organisations at One Newport and its sub-groups to ensure that meetings are effective.</p> <p><u>One Newport Development Session Outcome</u></p> <p>The outcomes at the recent Development Session were explained noting the positives/strengths, areas to work on, and future opportunities.</p> <p>The existing membership of One Newport will remain for the time being, which will be added to the new Local Delivery Group ToR. The future membership of the local partnership may change as we move from delivering our existing Well-being Plan (ending in 2023) to both supporting the Gwent Well-being Plan and delivering our own local priorities.</p>	<p>NCC – WT</p> <p>NCC – PPI Team</p>
6.	<p>Communication Plan</p> <p>The Board were reminded if they have any news stories related to the Well-being Plan they would like us to promote to please the team know.</p> <p>It was agreed</p> <p>Send any relevant information for communication to Wayne Tucker for circulation via the One Newport communication channels.</p>	<p>Board members</p>

No	Item	Action / Decision
7.	<p>One Newport Work Programme</p> <p>The Board were informed of the future work programme of One Newport.</p> <p>It was agreed</p> <p>To inform Nicola Dance of any comments on the One Newport programme or to add in future agenda items.</p>	Board members
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Chief Supt Tom Harding gave an update to the Board from the Strategic Co-ordination Group regarding Covid-19 and its current impact on the city.</p> <p>There have been some recent improvements made with different plans being put in place, but we need to be mindful of any future issues.</p>	
9.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 16th February 2022, 2pm</p> <p>Items for the agenda to Wayne Tucker.</p>	Board members

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Summary

This is a letter from the **Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships** to the **Public Services Board** following the meeting of the Committee held on 6 October 2021 with comments upon the:

- **Public Services Board – Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21.**

Dear Chair of the Public Services Board,

Comments upon the Public Services Board - Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21

I am writing to submit the Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships' comments upon the Public Services Board – Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21, to the Public Services Board.

This Committee has within its Terms of Reference the statutory duty placed upon the Council by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2014 for the Scrutiny of the Public Service Board.

At the meeting of the Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships held on 6 October 2021, the Committee considered the Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21 and the PSB representatives outlined progress during the year against the PSB's four Well-being Objectives, received and answered the Committee's questions. The full summary of the discussion can be found in the **attached** Minute of the meeting and is submitted formally as the Committee's comments to the Public Services Board.

If you have a query regarding the content of the letter please contact:
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Yours sincerely,

Councillor James Clarke
Chair of Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships

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Public Service Board - Well-being Plan Annual Report 2019-20

Invitee;

Councillor Jane Mudd – Leader of Newport City Council and Chair of One Newport Public Service Board (PSB)

The Chair of One Newport Public Service Board (PSB) introduced the four well-being objectives to the committee and advised that the partnership have delivered a range of projects despite the difficult circumstances. There is ongoing close collaboration and a focus on long term improvements for the local communities. The report emphasises the partnership work in action and that the partners are very proud of the achievements from it. There are examples of the work to demonstrate their understanding that wellbeing is multi-dimensional and depends on teamwork for involvement of the communities of Newport.

The pandemic has shown that One Newport PSB's partners have a massive capacity and strong community resilience. This has been showcased through a number of examples of individuals coming together to support one another; the partnership wish to sustain and support this. This year, the partnership reviewed their objectives in light of the impact of COVID-19 and as part of the change; the partnership adopted a new vision for plan. All of the partnership activity seeks to deliver a proud and friendly City where both people and places thrive. The partners wanted to recognise that it is still a troubling time for the local communities and that the PSB is committed to support these businesses. The partnership listens to the local individuals and appreciate that the action they take must bring about the best outcome for the years ahead. The new formation of the PSB for Gwent could create new opportunities and for stream lined governance. Members were assured that the representatives for Newport City Council will ensure that Newport gets the focus and unique consideration that it warrants and sought to deliver against the well-being objectives.

First Well-being Objective:

Invitee;

Beverly Owen – Newport City Council Chief Executive

The Chief Executive advised that the annual report is a testament to how everyone has worked together. Reference was made to the Purple Flag Status and referred Members to the report for the team's commitment to Place Making Wales Charter as an important backdrop on how the council delivers. In terms of achievements and interventions, there are numerous projects with a lot of progress made since the well-being plan has been developed. Members were reminded that this has been delivered in the face of a global pandemic but despite this the partners are maintain progress as best as they can. A few interventions were noted, which included The Chartist Tower Development which continues to progress despite being curtailed by the pandemic. Market Arcade which is due for completion in Winter 2021 to early Spring 2022, will be a real achievement to the Council and partners especially Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Welsh Government.

The Chief Executive also advised the Committee of numerous ambitious projects underway, such as the Newport Knowledge Quarter, work on the Transporter Bridge

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and the city the City to continuing to develop its strategic events programme for a broader cultural offer; for instance the Newport Wales Marathon becoming a regular event in the calendar. It was then advised that it was from the work of the PSB; this could not have been done without the partners. But not just about the PSB, also it is from the work from the Business Improvement District, Newport Now, Newport Economic Network, Safer Newport and other strong relationships that the Council has forged with partners who work hard to keep city moving forward.

Second Well-being Objective:

Invitees:

Guy Lacey - Principal, Coleg Gwent

Will Beer – Consultant, Aneurin Bevan Health Board

The Lead Partner gave a brief overview of the progress of the interventions that have been developed to see if people have the skills to develop thriving cities. The officer highlighted the Digital Fair Event and Youth Engagement Profession Work. School Learning Coaches – providing alternative learning at the end of compulsory education – this has successfully reduced the number of needs. Other interventions noted by the officers included Film Cymru has been set up to promote careers in television and shows. A bid has been made to the UK Government’s Community Renewal Fund, and is hopeful they will be able to extend this to run a six month programme.

The Consultant for Aneurin Bevan Health Board stressed the importance of Early Years Development. The foundations for human development are laid down in the early years. Therefore this explains why the partner wants to ensure that every child has the best start in life as adverse child experiences can massively affect their long term outcomes. Therefore this is a crucial area they would like to focus on for future generations. The officer went into detail of two case studies in Bettws; the Early Years Path Finder, which would be a better means of communication and integrating the services for each stage from antenatal services up until the age of five years old. Also, The Early Learning Community, which is complementary to the first programme). This is funded by Save the Children but is a community approach – to see what conditions affect people’s wellbeing in the community i.e such as digital exclusion, what affects their physical and social development. The team hope this will be a blueprint for the rest of Newport.

Third Well-being Objective:

Invitees:

Nicola Prydodzicz – Director of Planning in Digital IT, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – Joint Chair of Strong Resilient Communities Intervention Group with South Wales Police

Huw Jakeway - South Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Joint Chair of Strong Communities

Harriet Bleach - Natural Resources Wales

The Partner from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) provided an overview of the Participatory Budgeting Project – a project where the Health Board works with the Newport City Council in partnership with a company called Mutual Gain which are external consultants who are experienced in community engagement. They used £100,000 of Health Board funding for prevention, to engage with communities and asked them to put a bid in for

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grass root community projects to see how they could have an impact on Covid recovery and reduce inequalities.

There was a huge interest in this, as 83 projects were put forward by the communities where 400 residents took part in the online voting programme. Out of 83 projects, 24 of which were successful with funding ranging from £1000 to £10,000. Team are looking at projects which were not successful in case they might meet some of the criteria. The successful projects range from youth projects, digital inclusion and family based groups. The broad ranging community projects saw a build-up of enthusiasm from the communities. Previous work has been done on a smaller scale in Pill and Ringland, so the team applied their learnings from this.

Work has been recently undertaken by way of surveys with communities around well-being and levels of mental distress in the context of the pandemic. Key factors from this correlating to mental distress, where there is a good level of social interaction and personal resilience, there are lower incidents reported of mental distress. This shows how the Participatory Budget could bring about opportunities with these factors. They will follow this up in terms of impact and the team will look into how to roll this out further as they understand more about its success.

The partner representative for South Wales Fire and Rescue Service informed the Committee from a brevity perspective; the partner stated that they have learnt that from pandemic that they value their green spaces more and pointed out that there are examples in the report. The Partner highlighted the work with the Newport veterans' hub in creating an allotment facility to help the mental well-being of the veterans and building on the existing volunteer work that they have so there are discussions ongoing with G.A.V.O on this. The partner stressed that their ambition is to utilise the green spaces and that they are observing the pilot being done currently in Caerphilly to learn from that. The Partner personally thanked a fellow partner, Harriet Bleach and the team from Natural Resource Wales that continue to fund the project. Harriet has grown the green network up to 130 participants. Members were informed that this network is very active but has been impacted by the pandemic but the team are working hard with updates and looking to get a digital platform while restricted.

Fourth Objective:

Invitees:

Huw Jakeway - Chief Fire Officer, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Harriet Bleach – Natural Resources Wales

The Partner informed the Committee that he would like to tie the fourth objective in with the third and picked up on the maximising of green spaces which were mentioned in the reports. It was stressed to the Members that if the green spaces are utilised then residents will feel safer and secure. There is currently a data-mapping exercise between Newport City Council, Gwent Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and the fly tipping team to get an overview of disturbances, anti-social behaviour, deliberate fire setting etc., in green spaces so they can target resources to where appropriate. Through the Joint Emergency Services Group where the Chief Constable of Gwent Police who has been leading on a campaign against violence against emergency workers which has been data-mapped. There will be an opportunity where they can overlay information from emergency services workers in the local communities into this piece of work as well.

The Committee asked the following:

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- A Member of the Committee mentioned the challenge of sustainable transport within the report and expressed concern that the new Flecsi bus initiative does not cover the whole of Newport as it cuts off in some wards. The Flecsi bus has been observed to not have many passengers. Could the board partners if they could comment on if this is effective enough?

The Leader pointed out that the partners are looking at a range of interventions around sustainability, active travel and clean air that will enhance the lives of citizens of Newport. It was mentioned they participated in Clean Air Day and are currently looking at active travel routes. This work in the plan showcases how the partners collectively work across the public sector to look into how to improve the lives of the residents. It was mentioned there are transport interventions across Cardiff Capital region for example electric taxi vehicles, electric buses. With this partner organisation they were able to share and promote where they were converting part of their electric vehicles. There is quite a significant investment in sustainability across the partnership as they recognise it is very important. In the long term, the partners are looking to introduce partnership cycle hire and are developing the green infrastructure map which will demonstrate to people on how they can access sustainable green space.

The Leader stressed that sustainability is part of an integral part of the future generations' aims, which the achievements from the interventions underdone will be a golden thread that the public service board and partners have tried very hard to integrate since the plan was set up.

- Members commented that it was good to learn about the work that the Newport Armed Forces Forum and Newport City Council have been doing with the Veterans' hub. However, there is still work that needs to be done with veterans but also for emergency services workers as well. Members further congratulated the partners as they would like them to keep up the good work for the veterans.
- Members referred to the third paragraph on page 86 of the plan; where it states the partnership is performing well against most of its indicators. They asked the partners to expand on the terminology of 'well' and how the partners see themselves to be working well? If they could mark themselves, for instance, out of a scale of ten.

The Leader noted in terms of progress, they rate their progress in a ranking, by rating the partnerships' progress against the rate of their interventions in a rating system. Overall, they have consolidated the partnership as they have just started to make improvements to the lives of citizens as the examples demonstrate in the report. The Leader welcomed input from the partners on this.

The Early Years Consultant for ABUHB commented that they feel they are doing well but could do better. One of the things they are trying to be of the

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partnership, is complacent. They want to be constantly improving in terms of more objective measures. The partner has got the 'Thriving Places Index' which allows them to rank Newport compared to other Local Authorities across the UK. This allows the partnership to have a specific focus on areas that affect people's well-being within the city.

Two further points were mentioned; firstly that it is important that they are not the place in which where they improve and do better and ensure that those four objectives are working at the heart of everything they do. And secondly, if looking at more objective measures, they have got the Thriving Places Index which allows the partner to focus on those different domains of well-being within the City which allows them to rank their position.

- The Partners were asked if they felt if evaluating themselves every two years is sufficient enough to make sure things are progressively changing and also in challenging each other not just their ideas.

The partner from Coleg Gwent offered reassurance to the Committee that officers interact on performance. Members were provided with an example of a subgroup called 'Write Skills Group' where they routinely look at the work plan and ask partners to contribute updates on progress. The challenge was acknowledged but they ask people to contribute their time for a joint purpose.

Members were advised they challenge and debate whether the partners can do things better. The partner mentioned that he is a chair of a meeting which brings in numerous representatives from different organisations which entails a lot of encouragement, cajoling and underlying challenge on reflection on an ongoing basis.

The Early Years Consultant for ABUHB also commented that over the last 18 months, it has been mostly challenging due to the Covid response. It has left the partners with an opportunity on where to go in terms of pandemic recovery, as it showed the partners what matters and that is people's well-being. It was argued that a huge amount has been achieved by the PSB and now have the opportunity to re-group as they move to the recovery phase.

The Chair of Strong Resilient Communities Network mentioned that they have been a part of the PSB since its inception and have been personally involved in a number of discussions on how they adapted their business on the back of evaluations. The partner explained they will be due on soon as unable to during the pandemic. It was stressed that strong links have been made and relations that they did not have before that. The strong links were a foundation for this and are fully thankful now than they were before.

The Leader concluded that the partnership has developed a broad development action plan to challenge the partnership sessions; which helps them know how they are being effective and learn from that as well as self-evaluation. They have taken this forward and one decision was to invite the Chair of Scrutiny Committee to attend the meetings to observe that the PSB has got that 'golden thread' for connectivity. Further, the Leader mentioned

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how this highlights the partnership's willingness to be scrutinised and to get feedback. It was noted that the Chair has agreed to first of the sessions and that will be with the Newport Youth Council. They are proud to be engaging as not only does this help the partnership development; but it also helps them to evaluate their progress and recognising that they are reaching groups of people.

- Members noted the mention of Covid recovery and advised that they would be interested to hear what the panel says on; whether they feel the difference in working from home has made them efficient in delivery or has it challenged the projects with partners not being able to meet face to face?

The Early Years Development (ABUHB) partner mentioned that they were deployed to the COVID-19 incident co-ordinating centre since February 2020; with the Track, Trace and Protect programme across Gwent and the mass vaccination programme. This shows what can be achieved with cross party support with a unified objective with a fully engaged public and programme that is fully resourced, and they have been able to use advances in digital technology to support the response. There is a huge amount of learning from the pandemic, if the communities have got those conditions right then they can achieve significant outcomes in short period of time. Moving forward it would be good to take this perspective and look at other very important issues such as child poverty and climate change.

- Members asked the partners where they see themselves moving forward closer together in the future as a partnership. As the City has great interventions with hotels and markets to sell the city; is the City doing enough for tourism to sell itself? Members further queried how could the panel can test themselves and collectively do more for benefit of citizens in local area?

The Chief Executive referred the Committee to their brief run through of the plethora of projects that are ongoing in Newport for the first objective. The PSB is aware that it cannot just be a programme for project delivery as it is about the offer. There are two aspects of that which were discussed at length with Newport One and Newport Now Business Improvement District around; how they can develop an indigenous narrative about Newport, and how can they make sure the residents become proud. As pride is about the market tool. The second aspect has been talking to a range of local businesses, SMEs and largest employers on how the partners can market themselves to the wider world.

The City has a rich cultural offer and mentioned its aspiration around the City of Culture. It is certainly on the One Newport PSB's radar but however considering the last 18 months has been difficult to further the momentum. For example they are developing the events programme, and the website as they move through the pandemic and looking to see how they can pick that momentum back up. Members were assured that this is something on the One Newport's radar for future plans.

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The Partner for the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service echoed the sense of pride as something that the PSB has had to drive through Newport City Council's brand. It was acknowledged that it could be difficult for the PSB to be able to do that, as its being able to work through the brand that people connect with. On the topic of pride in Newport; there are 130 volunteers in the Green Network to encourage biodiversity spaces in Newport. Members were advised that this emphasises that people want to embrace the biodiversity and everything that Newport is. The partner also mentioned how important it is for the partnership to work on the connection outside of the PSB with resident schools to improve biodiversity in the green spaces within Newport.

- Members commented on the green spaces within their ward such as St. Mary's, the community gardens, Eveswell, and Food for Life which all have brilliant initiatives where a lot of volunteers are getting involved in the greening in Maindee. Members congratulated the partnership on that as it is a positive to their diverse ward who all got involved on the issue. For example they are working on the mural in Maindee; that is a project they look forward to seeing finished.

The Partner representative from Natural Resources Wales confirmed that Maindee Unlimited are great projects which ran ten projects at once. This is a brilliant example of communities working together and volunteering – by creating the community gardens; the partner noted that they work with that particular group quite often. The partner stressed that the community is key in terms of sustainability and would like to keep it going as they make a difference.

- Members noted the regeneration of the city centre with the bringing in of the living quarters with grants as great to see that work going ahead. Are there projects with electric charging parking points to bring people in, to live in the City?

The Chief Executive highlighted a lot of achievements, but also a lot more in progress which are not included in the report; such as the leisure project and the quarter. As part of their wider future planning and what they endeavour to do will be as sustainable as possible. For instance, public sector building electric charging points. Despite some in very early stages, regeneration work infra-structure time does take a while to come to fruition. Conversations on this are ongoing and within the next few years they are hoping they will be involved in future developments.

- Are any fears on deadlines as a partnership?

The Chief Executive advised that in terms of key initiatives that were highlighted there will always be project risks but they are on track for delivery. As sustainable interventions, in terms of risk; these are monitored regularly and reported back to the PSB from a risk management perspective therefore are on track to deliver within the timescales. All partnerships are signed up to the sustainable travel charter which was launched, the lead officer linked this

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back to Clean Air Day as all partners realise what needs to be done. This is a challenge but it everyone involved are working very well together.

The Early Years Consultant commented on the point about development; one is of the achievements with supplementary planning guidance for sustainable travel. This is the Council's responsibility however it is open to the partners to input; this is a great opportunity from the public health point of view on how this can help the partnership achieve public health outcomes. This chance to contribute is a good example of collaboration.

- Comment was made regarding greening and regeneration with the interest in becoming more carbon neutral. Is there information on each of the properties of the City Centre, even if not under the remit of the Council's properties. The Member summarised if they can ask partners if they can grant grants funding for these private buildings to get them to do it also.

The Chief Executive advised that in terms of energy data collation; that is ongoing work as part of the Local Area Energy Plan where Newport has been the pilot with Welsh Government over the last six months. This will be rolled out to the rest of Wales. It is not completely perfect but were assured that Newport is potentially ahead in terms of collecting data on buildings across Newport.

- In terms of greening – as mentioned last year with local houses, there was an idea for local residents to be provided with seeds and tips to grow plants themselves. Are any updates on this?

The Partner representative for Nature Resources Wales gave an overview of the home grown vegetable scheme And confirmed that the home grown packets were done in Ringland and they look to do it again next spring but hopefully across all four hubs. In terms of encouraging people to grow food at home and in their gardens/balconies, the partner has been finding the resources and tips for that and getting the findings on the social media page. The partner advised that there is more to be done on promoting that and that they are looking into that.

The Leader highlighted that Wastesavers has opened their centre in Maindee. A re-use centre will be also opening in the city centre; this is really important as it will be a library of things where people can drop in to borrow items to help and support them in activities.

- Have the partners been able to link in role models with education, for the curriculum and if skills have been identified for green jobs? Could apprentices be linked in and what skills have been identified prior to Covid and now post Covid?

The Coleg Gwent partner explained that they look closely at the way in which residents in Newport work; as work in Newport is quite mobile with people coming in for work and a number of residents leave the city for work. The

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growth sector has a potential to offer long term growth for jobs with good jobs developing the city in areas such as manufacturing and engineering with success stories from that. They have a need of skills, such as in the health and care sector.

Colleagues from the health sector have noted that and we look at the needs of the Aneurin Bevan Health Board and note that they have a high number of vacancies with a difficult job to recruit. They are looking on how they can steer young people by flagging up careers and promoting in STEM career areas. This is going to follow in the next virtual careers event in order to help younger people look into the areas of care work and help drive young adults who are returning to work or choosing to upskill to support these sectors. Apprenticeships will form key support for that and has helped the way in which partners are working around these skills issues.

- What type of partnership networking has been done to coordinate more effective and prosperous work for the outdoor world to encourage green citizens?

The lead for Nature Resources Wales responded stating that with the Greener Safe Network, a strong partnership with Gwent Wildlife Trust which links them with children in community groups such as Pill. Keep Wales Tidy also run a number of similar activities as well. The Council's Biodiversity Officer, works with local schools and assists with plans for carbon literacy training which entails learning more about the carbon footprint and actions you can take. This type of learning is currently in discussion.

- The Committee recognised the works being undertaken on the economic side of things and noted how the City wants to bring in people to the centre, as they will be attracting more students with the new campus and flats. Has there been any change to economic power that the centre has due to the post pandemic situation?

The lead partner for Coleg Gwent responded that they are considering how education can train developers in the recovery phase. There has been a great show of young people wanting to get back to face to face education as remote learning experiences can be variable as it does not suit all learners. The Committee was advised that there is a big demand of education as a social activity. The partner mentioned that the Knowledge Quarter to draw people in to the centre is a huge potential.

It was recognised that prospects have been impacted by Covid, through many means such as furlough and loss of employment which will be a big challenge for the partner to tackle. There are key sectors that the partners will have to support in terms of their recovery and integration of their training is a vital part of that. Therefore the partner is hopeful that the Knowledge Quarter project will be a major step in helping them sustain the city centre.

- How is the partnership looking to draw that back to the local communities and city centre so the money can stay locally to help the residents?

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The Chief Executive clarified that Newport is no different from other cities and unfortunately there is not a 'silver bullet' for its partners. Through the One Newport PSB, partners have discussed what Newport's unique selling point is and what the different offer that Newport has. This comes from the smaller independents and comes back to one of the first questions of this is through marketing. This can be through firstly sustaining the market and the footfall of Newport to make people want to come in to the centre and secondly is how to market that to others to come visit. When the vaccination programme reaches its final conclusion; the City will be likely to see a return of people.

The Chief Executive also reinforced the lead partner from Coleg Gwent's point with their very productive conversation with the College and University of South Wales. This conversation covered how the education system and eco-system help boost the economy in different levels. The Committee was informed there with the strong working relationships between the partners, the partnership can build on this from where they are.

- Comment was made that the partnership may need to give more experiences for people coming into the city centre that could be something different, not from online. As a chance to be bold, Newport has great art for instance. Members hope that the partners could come up with creative ways and local knowledge to move that idea forward.

The Chair thanked the partners and officers for their time and for answering every single question within the meeting. It was mentioned that everyone has gone through a lot through the pandemic but noted the enthusiasm on behalf of the partners and thanked them on behalf of the Committee for the work that they are doing.

Conclusions:

1. The Committee **noted** the Public Services Board Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-2021
2. The Committee **agreed** to forward the Minutes to the Public Services Board as a summary of the issues raised and in particular wished to make the following comments to the Public Services Board:
 - The report was very positively received by the Committee. The report shows that the partners are working hard as a team and in terms of the Covid-19 recovery phase; the fact their partnership has strengthened through a most difficult 18 months sounds positive. The Committee also appreciated that the partners were able to answer each other's' questions and work well together, and also made comment that they are clearly not afraid of challenges and trying new things.
 - Members were pleased that individual interventions appear to be working well and that the partners are checking in and evaluating on a regular basis.

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- Whilst talking about the city centre regeneration, Members were interested and hopeful to move forward for the city to becoming green and carbon neutral. Members asked if we have information about each of the properties or old buildings in the city centre, such as energy ratings, that we may be working in partnership with.
 - Whilst Members praised the positivity of the report as encouraging, they voiced the importance of openness from the partners where they can admit of any issues that need to be worked on. Comment was made that if the partners are looking at the public perspective to ensure the goal of everyone being happy; they have to recognise that not every single person will be. The committee then enquired if there could be additional information at the end of the report to advise people of what things the partnership are looking to do in the future, what areas that may be struggling and what needs to be done to overcome them.
 - Members were pleased to see more mention of the Armed Forces Covenant and the work to support the Newport Veterans Hub. Members praised the good work with the veterans and hope to see a continuation of this in future reports.
 - The Committee recommended that the partners should be bolder and advertise more highlight the strong partnership work that they are doing for the residents by being proud and honest with the public about their collaborations. For example, the flower and greenery work done in the Victoria ward looks brilliant and people in the area know it is there, however they might not know where it came from and who put it there.
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Gwent Public Services Board

1st Meeting – 13:00pm Friday 1st October 2021

Notes of Meeting

Present:

Name	Organisation represented
Cllr Philippa Marsden (Cllr PM)	Caerphilly County Borough Council (Chair)
Cllr Jane Mudd (Cllr JM)	Newport City Council (Interim Chair)
Cllr Richard John (Cllr RJ)	Monmouthshire County Council
Cllr Nigel Daniels (Cllr ND)	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Cllr Anthony Hunt (Cllr AH)	Torfaen County Borough Council
Huw Jakeway (HJ)	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWF&RS)
Ann Lloyd (AL)	ABUHB
Steve Morgan (StM)	Natural Resources Wales
Pam Kelly (PK)	Gwent Police
Jeff Cuthbert (JC)	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Howard Toplis (HT)	Tai Calon Community Housing Ltd
Stephen Tiley (ST)	Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO)
Dr Sarah Aitken (Dr SA)	Dir Public Health and Strategic Partnerships, (ABUHB)
Maureen Howell (MH)	Welsh Government
Amanda Lewis (AL)	National Probation Service
Dr Ben Calvert (Dr BC)	University of South Wales
Judith Paget (JP)	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Beverly Owen (BO)	Newport City Council
Paul Matthews (PM)	Monmouthshire County Council
Stephen Vickers (SV)	Torfaen County Borough Council
Michelle Morris (MM)	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Dave Street (DS)	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Sian Curley (SC)	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

In Attendance:

Kathryn Peters (KP)	Caerphilly CBC
Tracy McKim (TMck)	Newport CC
Sharran Lloyd (SL)	Monmouthshire CC
Richard Jones (RJ)	Monmouthshire CC
Lyndon Puddey (LP)	Torfaen CBC
Andrew Parker (AP)	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Rachel Jowitt (RJo)	Gwent Test Trace & Protect
Eryl Powell (EP)	Gwent Test Trace & Protect
Julian Bowen Sergeant (JBS)	Gwent Test Trace & Protect
Paul Massey (PMA)	Caerphilly CBC

Apologies:

Anne Evans (AE)	Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
Tudor Davies (TD)	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Christina Harray (CH)	Caerphilly CBC
Ruth Betty (RB)	Gwent Test Trace & Protect

0. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Interim Chair of the G10, Cllr JM was delayed to the meeting and so the Chair-Elect, Cllr PM welcomed all attendees, especially the newer invited members and noted the apologies which have been recorded in the table above.

1. Formal appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Board members had previously been asked to put forward candidates for Chair and Vice-Chair and had subsequently voted for their preferred candidate from the two nominations put forward. Cllr PM had received the most votes from members. As the Interim Chair was unavoidably detained and joined the meeting late, KP asked for members to confirm that they were content with the choice of Chair and members duly confirmed their choice unanimously. Cllr PM expressed that she was honoured to have been chosen as Chair and thanked members for their support.

HJ had been nominated for the role of Vice-Chair by the OPCC in advance of the meeting but felt that this role would be better served by an elected member. He therefore proposed that an email exercise to nominate and chose a Vice-Chair from elected representatives should be undertaken and this was seconded by Cllr AH.

Action: Coordinators to organise a nomination and voting exercise to choose a Vice-Chair from elected representatives

2. Terms of Reference for Gwent PSB

KP presented the redrafted Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Gwent PSB following the final meeting of the G10 Group in June. She highlighted the key changes that had occurred since then following subsequent meetings and discussions over the summer and these are also highlighted in the appendix to the paper.

AL asked that BOTH the Chair AND Chief Executive of ABUHB should be board members (rather than either one or the other). And given that local Public Health teams were due to be transferred into local Health Boards, AL suggested that the Public Health Wales representative should be referred to as the Health Board Public Health Director.

HJ asked for gender neutral descriptions be used in the appendix for the Terms of Reference, There was general agreement that the PSB should be a true partnership and that as a group this would mean significant time, effort and ambition from all partners to work together. The TOR should also be regarded as fluid and kept under review and be adapted according to the needs of the PSB. The following recommendations were agreed by members with the caveats outlined above:

- Recommendation 1: Consider whether the Chair (alternate Vice-Chair) of the Gwent Strategic Well-being Action Group (GSWAG) should attend the PSB meetings as the officer representative, in effect, the PSB Coordinator.
- Recommendation 2: Agree the draft terms of reference of the Gwent Public Services Board.

Action: KP to make amendments to the TOR and recirculate to members. The amendments should also follow through to the TOR for the Local Development Groups (see item 3).

3. Terms of Reference for Local Delivery Groups (LDGs)

TMcK presented her papers outlining the draft Terms of Reference for Local Delivery Groups (which had been retitled from Local Development Groups to avoid confusion with the abbreviation for local authority Local Development Plans). She stressed that the Terms of Reference would remain fluid in order to be able to adapt to changing needs and priorities.

HJ was keen to ensure that the LDGs did not become a “mini-PSB” and was quite distinct and separate from the Gwent PSB. ST informed the group that they were planning an over-arching Third Sector Partnership on a Gwent level but would also have a mechanism for maintaining their local partnerships. As Chair of the Substance Misuse Area Planning Board, DrSA wanted to clarify what part the Area Planning Board would have under the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). TMcK responded GSWAG was reviewing its partnerships and this was a complex issue, but the Gwent PSB aimed to improve alliances and synergies between partnerships. PK felt that the success of the PSB depended on the clarity of the Partnerships infrastructure with the mapping and roles & responsibilities being made clear. For example, the CSPs across Gwent were very different and would need to remain responsive to local needs and if it worked well, this would become more effective at prevention. The PSB should concentrate on strategic matters and themes and clarity was needed on roles and responsibilities of both the PSB and LDGs.

The following recommendations were agreed by members (taking into account caveats outlined from the Gwent PSB TOR):

- Recommendation 1: To agree the principle of common terms and membership for the local groups, with the opportunity to have additional local members and terms.
- Recommendation 2: To review and agree the draft common terms of reference for the local delivery groups.
- Recommendation 3: To note and commit to the requirement for membership at an appropriate level at the local delivery groups, with an important stipulation that delegated staff should have the ability to take decisions and direct resources on behalf of their organisation.

Action: TMcK to make relevant amendments to the TOR for the LDG in line with those outlined for item 2).

4. Update on the Gwent Well-being Assessment – progress and further action required

KP and RJ introduced their paper (with 2 appendices showing the timeline and planning process map) to provide an update on progress with the Gwent Well-being Assessment. They highlighted that much of the engagement had been carried out virtually due to the pandemic and as a result there had not been as much engagement possible as for the previous Well-being Assessment. Welsh Govt had provided £77,000 to help support the preparation of the assessment. Blaenau Gwent CBC was managing the fund on behalf of the GSWAG and the PSB. The fund would be used to support capacity for data analytics and engagement including employing a data analyst student from University of South Wales, the Gwent PSB website and data analysis software.

DrSA said that a key part of the assessment process was to determine what the data showed had changed since the last assessment and asked how it helped to understand communities. KP responded that it could take 5 or 10 years for population outcome changes to become apparent but that it was important to continually track the same data and compare it with previous information.

PK thought that the assessment should have the right resources and as the Board was accountable to the public it needed to consider how it was communicated. KP said that the PSB’s forward work planning would help manage this and the Well-being objectives that emanated from the assessment would enable the PSB to formulate its action plan.

CllrAH was keen to be able to start with the first principles and face up to what was a huge strategic challenge. CllrRJ said that the PSB had many senior people on it and would need to identify the key issues to make real difference by working well together.

The draft assessment would be brought to the Gwent PSB in the December meeting for them to consider and agree. The final assessment must be published by 5th May 2022.

Members were asked to approve 3 recommendations set out in the paper as follows:

- Recommendation 1: To agree the proposed Gwent PSB logo for future use.
- Recommendation 2: Provide any comment on the Gwent PSB website.
- Recommendation 3: To ensure PSB partner resources are available to contribute to the further development of the local community area assessments and Gwent level well-being assessment in line with the timescales.

Due to problems in being able to access the website, members would be asked to confirm approval of the logo and provide feedback on the new website.

Action: PM to send a link to the website and ask for feedback from members and chase up pen pictures from those members who had not yet submitted one.

5. Future work programme and priorities of the Public Service Board (regular agenda item)

LP and SL presented their paper (with 2 appendices which show the complexity of the current and proposed activity) setting out a menu of what could be done collectively in the future work programme and priorities. The programme should be ambitious but also achievable and realistic and it suggested that the PSB may want to focus on areas that were a priority and that it could make a difference.

DrSA congratulated the team on setting out the Partnership Landscape description and asked how the Board might have most impact, agreeing with the recommendation in the paper that it could meet for a Development Day to help formulate a steer for the way forward. MM also thanked contributors and agreed that they should focus on the key issues whilst remaining realistic. This would require the data from communities being available to help decide on priorities. AL and CllrAH felt that the paper was very clear, but the charts were very complex and needed to be simplified to help identify roles.

PM reflected that there was an action from the former Monmouthshire PSB that was felt should be an immediate issue for the Gwent PSB to consider. The responsibilities for Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence were held by several partners on the PSB but there seemed to be a weakness in discharging these responsibilities, in particular the governance and decision-making around domestic homicide reviews. LP replied that this was an important area for the regional partnership landscape review and this view was supported by the group.

Members agreed the 5 recommendations set out in the paper as follows:

- Recommendation 1: PSB consider the content of the draft proposed work programme and agree or update as necessary
- Recommendation 2: PSB agree to nominate senior officers who will be able to facilitate action on behalf of the PSB and to lead the thematic review of the partnership landscape to establish how each of the statutory duties are being discharged (PSB support staff will be led by the nominated Officer) (See Appendix 2 for partnership landscape examples)
- Recommendation 3: PSB to consider if they wish to have a board development session to establish clarity of the role of the board in relation to statutory functions
- Recommendation 4: PSB agrees to a review of the previous G10 priorities and establish if they are still the correct areas of regional focus
- Recommendation 5: PSB to clarify any new priority areas of work they wish to drive forward, particularly in-light of the Covid pandemic recovery and climate emergency

Action: LP and SL, with the assistance of the Caerphilly administrative capacity, to organise a Development Day for PSB members to consider the forward work programme

6. Update on a Healthier Gwent

DrSA presented her paper on the development of Healthier Gwent objectives as requested by G10 members at the last G10 meeting.

PM agreed that health equalities were a major issue for the Board to address and had recently spoken to the Chief Executive of Manchester recently and would like to see Gwent aspire to what they have achieved. DrSA suggested that the PSB may want to consider following a Marmot Beacon Indicator Set and become a “Marmot County”. HJ supported work on prevention to help sustain a healthier, prosperous Gwent.

The Board agreed the 3 recommendations set out in the paper as follows:

- Recommendation 1: Use the specific and measurable indicator sets already available to select the most achievable and relevant indicators for monitoring progress towards reducing health inequalities across Gwent
- Recommendation 2: Follow a local process informed by the Building a Healthier Gwent report to select the most relevant and achievable indicators to measure progress towards reducing health inequalities across Gwent
- Recommendation 3: Incorporate the process of identifying indicators to measure health inequalities into the wider Wellbeing Assessment process to inform the development of short-term, medium-term and long-term Gwent Public Service Board Wellbeing Objectives.

Action: A Healthier Wales should feature regularly as an agenda item for future PSB meetings with a particular focus on Mental Health for the next meeting (DrSA / PMa)

AL informed the Board that JP had been appointed the new Chief Executive of the NHS in Wales and Director General for Health and Social Services for 18 months, starting on 1st November. She thanked JP for her work as Chief Executive of ABUHB and was very sorry to be losing her. ABUHB would be advertising the vacant post very soon and would appoint an interim successor in the meantime. The Chair also thanked JP for her support and wished her well in her new post.

Other Business

7. Afghan Refugees

JC declared that he was the lead on behalf of all the Welsh Police and Crime Commissioners on tackling modern-day slavery and wanted a discussion on how the PSB might be able to contribute to liberating people from human trafficking and slavery. DrSA agreed that we have an urgent problem whereby a vulnerable section of the population that needs support and that the Local Authorities were the lead partners for support. ST said that the Third Sector had been supporting organisations and individuals working with Asylum Seekers and would welcome any additional suggestions for linking with other organisations.

KP said that Local Authorities had been working in a coordinated way with agencies since 2015, for the Syrian humanitarian crisis, and coordinated a multi-disciplinary response across health, police and the local authorities together with commissioned third sector providers for refugees and asylum seekers. Further efforts could be made for those freed from modern day slavery. LP said that a number of Afghan families in Torfaen had settled into the area well. KP added that there are close links with health and GP registrations and vaccinations were in hand for new arrivals. CllrAH supported a local approach to dealing with this issue. JC was encouraged by the sentiment of the PSB and wanted Wales to become a Nation of Sanctuary.

8. Gwent Test, Trace & Protect Update Report

RB who had recently moved to become Head of Service for Gwent Test Trace & Protect (TTP) was unable to attend the meeting and was represented by RJo and EP. They presented the paper setting out the proposed future arrangements for overseeing the TTP for Gwent. They highlighted that the

service was under great strain after the Covid alert level had been reduced to level zero and asked for the PSB to continue to oversee its work as G10 had previously done.

DrSA declared that she Chaired the Gwent TTP Leadership Group. She wanted to know how the TTP service would develop as the pandemic moved to being endemic. And she favoured a discussion on what the service would like after March. PM asked if the tracing service was severely compromised at the moment and RJo confirmed this was the case – expectations had been great but the impact of huge numbers being involved after dropping to alert level zero had not been considered. The service had adapted and was helping to reduce transmission of Covid.

DrSA commented on how people were supported (through the welfare system) as they were asked to isolate if presenting symptoms of cold/flu/Covid. The general message was for people to stay at home.

Three recommendations were put to the Board as follows and each were agreed:

- Recommendation 1: Gwent Public Service Board agrees that the TTP service transfers to their oversight and governance from the G10 board as per the agreed Business Case from June 2020.
- Recommendation 2: Notes and agrees the actions taken by the service in the last quarter.
- Recommendation 3: Notes and comments on the service as appropriate

9. Minutes and Actions following final G10 meeting 8th June 2021

The minutes from the last G10 meeting on 8th June were agreed by the Board. One amendment was noted following the PSB meeting whereby in the list of attendees the minutes referred to “Cllr John Rickard”, Leader Monmouthshire CC when it should have been Cllr Richard John.

10. Date of Next Meeting and draft items

The next meeting was scheduled for 7th December 2021 @ 09:30am-via MS Teams.

Agenda Items so far were:

- Draft local assessment of well-being
- Healthier Gwent update
- Test Trace and Protect
- Freelancer and Public Sector Pledge (Welsh Govt)
- Valleys Regional Park update and future working with the PSBs

Action: There was little time for discussion regarding arrangement of meetings for 2022 and beyond so this would be carried out via email following the meeting. Action PMA

Meeting closed.

Action Summary

Agenda Item #	Action detail	Responsible
1	Organise a nomination and voting exercise to choose a Vice-Chair from elected representatives	PMA
2 & 3	Make agreed amendments to the TOR for both the Gwent PSB and LDG and recirculate to members.	KP and TMcK
4	Send a link to the website and ask for feedback from members and chase up pen pictures from members	PMA
5	Organise a Development Day for PSB members	LP/SL/PMA/KP
6	Provide a Healthier Wales update paper focussing on Mental Health for the next PSB meeting and add to future meetings schedule	DrSA / PMA

10	Contact members regarding arranging dates for meetings during 2022	PMa
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**Gwent Regional Partnership Board – Tuesday 14th September 2021
Virtual Meeting**

Present: Cllr Paul Cockeram (Chair, Newport CC), Phil Robson (Vice Chair, ABUHB), Cllr Penny Jones (Monmouthshire CC), Nick Wood (ABUHB), Ann Lloyd (ABUHB), Sarah Aitken (ABUHB), Mel Laidler (ABUHB), Katija Dew (ABUHB), Damien McCann (Blaenau Gwent CBC), Cllr John Mason (Blaenau Gwent CBC), Dave Street (Caerphilly CBC), Cllr Shayne Cook (Caerphilly CBC), Chris Humphrey (Newport CC), Eve Parkinson (Monmouthshire CC), (Jason O'Brien (Torfaen CBC), Stephen Tiley (GAVO), Malcolm Prowle (TVA), Paula Kennedy (Melin Homes/Housing RSL rep), Lorraine Morgan (Citizen's Panel), Mel Minty (Provider Forum), Will McClean (Education Rep)

Apologies: Judith Paget (ABUHB), Chris Commins (ABUHB), Julie Boothroyd (Monmouthshire CC), Keith Rutherford (Torfaen CBC), Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen CBC/G10), Edward Watts (GAVO)

Presenting: Mike Jones (Caerphilly CBC) – item 3

Observing: Victoria Dyer (TCBC)

In attendance: Phil Diamond (Regional Team), Roxanne Green (ABUHB), Claire Selmer (Minutes)

1.	<p>Introduction and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted. 	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were agreed to be a fair reflection of the previous meeting. There were no matters arising. 	
3.	<p>Gwent Frailty Budget Proposal 2021/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Jones (MJ) advised that the Section 33 Agreement for Frailty requires RPB to agree the budget on an annual basis. This was not possible in 2020 due to implications relating to Covid-19. Queries may be raised by Auditors, as last year's budget was not endorsed by RPB but was approved by the Operational Manager. MJ advised he is seeking RPB approval for £17,005,991, as set out in the report. This includes £240,090 for pay awards and incremental drift and £3,448 for non-pay inflation. There are further pressures of just over £30,000 but there are savings to offset the cost pressure. £780,000 will be saved this financial year, as the Invest to Save Loan has now been fully paid back to Welsh Government (WG). Chair suggested we have regular updates on Frailty going forward, so we can see the impact of this funding. Agreed Ann Lloyd (AL) noted we really need to understand and have confidence we are receiving good value for money and meeting positive outcomes for the community, and also that the Frailty pathway is optimised. This should be included as part of the reporting process. Frailty Budget Proposal was agreed by all. Agreed <p>Actions:</p> <p>1) More regular Frailty updates to be shared with RPB. Agreed</p> <p>2) Frailty Budget Proposal was agreed. Agreed</p>	
4.	<p>Covid-19 Position and Tactical Coordinating Group</p> <p>a) Community Pressures briefing and action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil Diamond (PD) noted the brief timeline in relation to planning and mitigating community pressures is highlighted in the report. 	

- There have been a few workshops at GASP and Community Care Sub Group (CCSG) and proposals and an Action Plan have been produced.
- The Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) has been stood up under the Emergency Response framework (ERF), and a Tactical Co-ordination Group (TCG) has commenced.
- Nick Wood (NW) and the Directors are part of TCG. The Group have meet twice, and the next meeting is on 16th September 2021. The proposals from GASP, RLG and RPB will be discussed there and progressed.
- TCG will be focusing on solutions and immediate pressures in relation to hospital flow and community pressures.
- Phil Robson (PR) asked for clarity around governance arrangements. TCG was set up under ERF for crisis solutions but queried whether this comes under Civil Contingency legislation, which is outside RPB.
- PD has seen the Terms of Reference for TCG and recognises the agenda is time bound with discussion and intervention.
- A forward work programme will be shared with RPB to update on progress but it is recognised by TCG that the RPB will take this forward long term. PD advised that any queries or suggestions raised today can be taken to the meeting on Thursday.
- Chair noted there are financial aspects to the Action Plan, and TCG do not have any funding, so it would need to come back to RPB.
- PR noted there are a range of structures regularly meeting, and TCG could perhaps stand some of these down so we are not cross cutting. He suggested we need some clarity on this.
- NW advised TCG report to SCG which comes under Civil Contingencies. The Chief Executive sits on SCG and they have access to a core budget. He did not think there was any requirement for them to feed into RPB for monies.
- NW noted this usurped the governance of RPB and demonstrates that, despite actions/issues being described at GASP where all partners sit, still some issues are slow to progress. We have been given over £20m of funding and have not delivered, which is disappointing.
- NW advised TCG is a short-term group to deliver. However, the responsibilities regarding Health and Social Care sit with us and he queried what we are going to contribute.
- Sarah Aitken (SA) noted TCG was stood up due to immediate risk to life, following concerns raised by Blue Light Services and others. The Group will continue until issues have been de-escalated and we are working more safely.
- SA queried whether there is a Covid-19 Recovery Group and queried whether RPB could do this.
- SA advised that conversation has been clear that this will be handed back to RPB at the point we are over the immediate emergency.
- SA noted when the lockdown lifted there were more heart attacks and strokes due to people being sedentary at home. There have been higher levels of need as a result. There has also been a significant impact on the mental health of adults and children.
- SA advised that people have accelerated through the stages of Frailty due to Covid-19.
- SA noted there has been a 'dam' across the system the past 18 months and when this was lifted it has resulted in a 'flood' across the whole sector.
- Chair raised concern routine operations are not taking place. Also, mental health has been affected due to Covid-19 and one school in Newport has had Mind Counsellors in to offer support to pupils.
- SA advised that Public Health Wales have completed a piece of research regarding children's mental health and one of the protection factors is the routine of going to school, and the loss of control now new factors have been introduced. Some were also exposed to further risks by having to stay at home. There has been a big impact on children and young people who were previously fine.

- Chair raised concern schools are funding mental health support using their own budget, and this is something which needs to be addressed.
- Will McLean (WM) noted school support has been available for children and young people as lockdown has caused a myriad of impacts. We are also seeing younger children not supported through critical transitions.
- WM advised that schools are bringing in a range of support mechanisms for pupils, and for teachers and those supporting them. Approaches to mental health and wellbeing are allowing schools to understand, to benchmark and to look at where they need to enhance.
- PR noted TCG have been established to look at current pressures, which will take at least 6 months. It will be interesting to look at what they do, learn from the way they do, see whether they organise services differently, see if they are more responsive than we have been, look at whether they spend money differently and whether they spend more/less than we have.
- PR noted it is disappointing we are in the current situation but having the TCG frees up RPB to look at the recovery position and a more strategic way of thinking. We need to consider where we are and look ahead at the next 5 years.
- TCG may take away from some of the resources we are used to, and accountability for winter planning may also be with TCG. PR noted this work will be quite significant to us.
- SA noted support cannot have 2 x parallel lines of governance for Chief Executives and WG. We cannot have TCG developing a plan, and RPB having a separate winter plan.
- Dave Street (DS) noted we need to reflect on the whole issue of setting up TCG. Blue Light Services are not on Strategic Partnerships and this is a difficult position.
- DS recognised that TCG being set up may dissapont some members and advised we should not think this represents failure, as the problems we face are identical across Wales. All are facing these pressures and it is more acute in other areas. We are the first area in Wales to stand up the SCG but other areas may follow suit.
- DS noted one statement was made early on that this is about attitude and working in a more risk adverse way. The whole ethos is about ‘turning off the taps’ and if demand keeps coming at us, we will not cope. For years we have spoken about crisis, and now we are here.
- DS advised that organisation leaders need to do tactical work on this, and we need to begin to change the way we work. WAST and Gwent Police realise that some of their behaviours are affecting this, and we need to change those behaviours.
- AL noted we cannot underplay the harm to individuals and must recognise the increase in harm. We need to work swiftly and comprehensively with all of us as partners.
- AL advised that money is an issue we need to sort out, but we must focus on providing a better service for people in the communities.
- AL noted we are not alone in Wales. The Minister is looking for solutions and expects us to come forward with ideas as Gwent is often seen as benchmark for other areas. There is a meeting with the Minister on 16th September 2021.
- Chair noted there has been some good debate today, and we now need to put these ideas into practice.
- PD advised he has made a note of the recommendations/suggestions today, specifically in relation to governance, and will put these in writing so they can go back to the TCG Chair, Paul Matthews. **PD**
- PR referred to the Step Closer to Home Pathway which recently started; the initiative is about directing care and is not something the Health Board has taken forward before. This was discussed within the Health Board, but he thought it would have been agreed by RPB. He queried whether things will go to TCG for approval rather than coming to RPB.
- NW advised this went to CCSG for endorsement and to RLG, and forms part of the RLG minutes, which have been shared for information.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA advised CCSG is part of the Civil Contingency structure. As an RPB we need to rapidly implement things we have agreed, rather than finding new ideas. Chair referred to a presentation given about 3 years ago regarding OTs in the community, which has not materialised and has not been implemented. <p>Action: Suggestions from today's meeting to be given to TCG Chair. PD</p> <p>b) Reflective Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mel Minty (MM) noted it is good to see the Review, which is useful and queried whether this has been run past Providers as a sense check. PD advised there is a caveat in the report that it has based on discussions at CCSG and anecdotal feedback from Providers at Provider online forums and comments directly to Managers. PD noted the document has been shared with RPB and RLG. However, he is happy to take this to a future Provider webinar. He noted the recommendations are fluid and can be updated. PD to pick this up outside the meeting. PD/MM MM noted it has been raised that EHOs are quick to put people into incident and they need someone who can resolve issues quicker. <p>Action: Share Reflective Review with providers for feedback/input. PD/MM</p>	
5.	<p>Welsh Government Grant Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current slippage is £255,189. There is a meeting with partners on 17th September 2021 regarding appropriate activity. Roxanne Green (RG) noted she will follow this up and consider the most appropriate forum. We need to ensure the line of communication is identified and feed back. RG gave a presentation on the future Partnership Funding Model. Regional Leads are attending weekly meetings with WG. There is also a weekly debrief with Directors. Funding will be allocated via an allocation formula rather than a bidding process. The Regional Integrated Fund will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceleration Funding Embedded Funding Partnership Resource – 50% match funding will be required. Capital Funding – covering accommodation, supporting Place Based Care and development of Hub models. There may be the introduction of thresholds for Acceleration and Embedded Funding. RG advised there was a meeting yesterday to discuss raised programmes and reducing pots of funding and to increase core funding. A meeting with Heads of Service and Leads is planned for 16th September 2021 to discuss this further. Proposed priorities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing children from entering care. Home from hospital. Place Based Community Care and prevention. Promoting good emotional health and wellbeing. Accommodation based solutions. There is separate governance and funding stream for Mental Health Services. A meeting is expected to take place with WG and NHS Leaders on 27th September 2021. Revised timeline is being developed and will be brought to the next RPB for sign off. RG We are currently in Phase 3-4. Following on from the Place Based workshops, services will be mapped against relevant tiers so we can identify a Place Based Model. The workshops will also follow up and define integration and help define governance arrangements. 	

- A draft programme will be developed, and this will help us understand initiatives which may need to stop. Activity should cease, be sustained or become part of the core.
- PR noted the last slide needs timelines and people against it. We need accountable officers in the system and need to look at how we ensure we do what we say we will.
- RG advised that between now and March 2022 she will be working with officers outside this meeting to identify key personnel.
- SA queried whether RG has heard anything regarding the RIIC funding coming under RPB.
- RG advised there is potential for the RIIC to be aligned with the resource element. Separate Improvement Funding is expected.
- AL queried what is happening with the pathway for Care Workers, to help them progress through the system. There was discussion 18-20 months ago, and she queried whether we have abandoned this or whether we are considering it further.
- Chair noted he has had this discussion, and suggested we could explore a regional Domiciliary Care agency and that we consider different ways of working.
- RG advised that another strategic priority is workforce and she will look at this with PD and consider how this can be reinvigorated. **RG/PD**
- LM advised that in the Health, Social Care and Housing meetings they are looking at workforce development and aligning learning pathways. People are working well together, but this is a large piece of work and they could do with some support.
- NW noted we had the idea for a Domiciliary Care Academy about 3 years ago, but this seems to have been lost due to the pandemic.
- NW advised we do have the Pooled Budget arrangement and recalls that we were looking at better opportunities for a regional Provider mechanism.
- NW raised concern we have managed delivery to Frailty and have recruited many people, and he does not see why we cannot go down this route. From a CHC perspective, they have secured 3 or 4 care runs through Providers to support people needing a package of care, this is an SLA arrangement. We need the will to do some of this work.
- PR noted one of our difficulties is the way we commission Domiciliary Care. We need to explore this differently. We need a patch-based arrangement with a block contract, to ensure continuity and reduce problems.
- Chair noted it would help if we had another large agency to do some of this work.
- Cllr Penny Jones (Cllr PJ) noted career progression and pay scales are paramount. We did take this to WG and were given the go ahead. This is a national issue and we are limited to influence the national pay scales, but we should not have let go of the idea. The sooner we get back to it, the better.
- PR noted this was in the plan 5 years ago, and the pandemic has only been 18 months, so this could have been progressed.
- Katija Dew (KD) noted she endorses the comments regarding the model and why it is not working. However, we need to listen to care staff and to what they need.
- KD advised that we looked at new models 4 years ago based on the Social Enterprise Model for Domiciliary Care. Now we are in crisis and she hopes we will look at a new model and respond differently and around what people want and need e.g. career progression, better pay scales and flexible working etc. If crisis funding is available, we should invest this in the new model.
- Chair agreed we need to consider sick pay, pensions and long-term contracts also. We need to look at issues and progress this urgently.
- Stephen Tiley (ST) noted the reference to engagement with Section 151 Officers and advised it has been difficult to get the Third Sector engaged. He suggested we look at opportunities in Phase 5,6 and 7.
- RG reassured all that the Third Sector are being strongly advocated for.

- Chris Humphrey (CH) noted that in conversation and feedback from WG, workforce and living wage are the biggest priority. Any funding regarding the increase in National Insurance is within our control including how this is targeted and spent.
- CH noted the model we are describing has been tried and tested many times in different parts of the UK and there is no one model that works for Domiciliary Care.
- CH advised day in/day out we are supporting 7,000 people in Newport. There have been few complaints about the care provided and there are even positive things, not just negative points.
- CH suggested we consider how we attract and support people so that this is seen as a positive choice of career, with a chance to progress.
- SA suggested we agree the governance mechanism and start with the things we had planned to do.
- Cllr John Mason (Cllr JM) noted this is complicated. He suggested we look to the future, as a lot can be resolved by bringing services back in-house. We should put forward a work programme so this idea can be examined, to see if we can put a framework in place.
- Chair agreed he is very much in support of this idea, but the issue is the Management structure. However, if we did something as a region, we could agree the Lead and look at this as a whole.
- NW queried if this is something we want him to take forward. He noted TCG is split into 3 x streams, and provision is part of this. He is happy to take the idea forward and look at potential for delivery. **Agreed/NW**
- NW noted the ability of the Third Sector and partners to stand up low level, low intervention community services during the winter.
- ST agreed there are organisations who could support with this. However, one key point is that the sector is quite diverse across areas, and some services may not be replicated across the region. He is happy to see which organisations could be involved.
- NW will contact ST outside the meeting to discuss this further. **NW/ST**
- CH raised concern that, based on experiences from other areas, we may be at significant risk of destabilising the Domiciliary Care market if we are moving staff from one organisation to another but not necessarily adding to capacity. This is a risk highlighted by Providers and she suggested we should be extremely cautious and not ignore the view of the independent sector.
- Chair noted that hopefully there will still be stability, and this is something we need to consider. It is not just about getting staff in, but about making things better for them and hopefully keeping them.
- CH noted there are risks e.g. in Swansea there are 200 Domiciliary Care packages awaiting support.
- PR agreed there is the risk of destabilisation. However, we need to suspend ordinary thinking as we are in crisis. He suggested we give an urgent message to communities, perhaps via the Third Sector, to let them know we are struggling.
- PR noted we need to try as much as we can to mobilise capacity.
- DS raised concern that we may decimate the Independent Sector. This is about whole system and includes parts of the NHS and not just Domiciliary Care and Residential Care. We need to look at all parts of the system and not just one part, and we need this whole view to be considered and to do it quickly.
- MM noted this is an incredibly complex sector and there is no easy solution.
- MM noted issues for Domiciliary Care workers regarding parking and receiving parking tickets. Also, there are staff unable to drive and there is a long wait for driving tests. There are also difficulties regarding qualifications and people are unlikely to re-register.
- MM advised there is also staff burnout as they are seeing friends and family having normal lives and they still have to wear PPE etc.
- MM is working with the National Provider Forum to identify issues and is happy to share these.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair agreed there is the need to have real debate as to where we go with this. He noted there are patients in hospital waiting for care packages and we need to have an urgent and open conversation. • Chair asked if the presentation could be shared with all. Regional Team <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Look into the Care Worker pathway, as discussed previously. RG/PD 2) Revised timeline to be brought to next meeting for sign off. RG 3) Take the suggestion of a regional provision to TCG meeting for consideration. Agreed/NW 4) Discuss Third Sector opportunities for low intervention community services during the winter. NW/ST 5) Presentation to be circulated to all. Regional Team 	
6.	<p>RPB work programme including self-assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD noted WG are seeking an RPB to take forward the new self-assessment, which was highlighted at the previous meeting and discussed at RLG. • Damien McCann (DM) attended the original Task and Finish Group with WG. • The self-assessment is expected to be used to assess and inspect RPBs in the future. • PD advised that RLG felt there were many issues and points raised in the White Paper which could be reviewed through the self-assessment. He noted this is different from previous reflection workshops normally over a full day, and is an online assessment which can be completed in our own time. • Chair agreed there are some queries to resolve and PD highlighted that we need assurances on how any information is used by WG during the pilot phase. PD • PD noted if there is any duplication, this can also be highlighted via the pilot. However, he noted we need to be involved in this at the right time for us and suggested perhaps after Christmas. <p>Action: seek reassurance on use of information with a view to participate. Chair/PD</p>	
7.	<p>Feedback from Regional Citizen's Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last week's Citizen's Panel meeting was well attended as ABUHB Chied Executive, Judith Paget (JP) attended and took questions. • Over 25 people attended virtually and there was a good discussion and valued input. • JP was interested in the Panel's opinion on Covid-19, whether people are taking it seriously and whether the Health Board messages are helping. The response was 'no', and people said they felt bombarded by messages and were starting to switch off. • Concern was raised about the digitally excluded, the general lack of mask wearing and feeling isolated. • Two issues were raised: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Transport – there is a reduced bus timetable to Grange University Hospital from Newport area and a more frequent service from Cwmbran. Citizens from Blaenau Gwent are having issues getting there. 2) Long telephone waiting times for simple enquiries when contacting the GP. • ST noted buses have been running in partnership with Community Transport, but they are having difficulty engaging in Caerphilly area. He advised there is a worker trying to link in, and he can share her contact details. ST • Lorraine Morgan (LM) noted E-Consult is working well in Rhondda Cynon Taff and would be of help to GPs in Gwent and would help relieve the frustration patients are experiencing. • NW advised that Attend Anywhere is available in Gwent and patients should be able to access this. • LM advised this is not available at her GP practice, and other members of Citizen Panel have said the same. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NW asked if LM could send him the details of these GPs and he can look into it. LM The report will be circulated with the minutes from today's meeting. Regional Team <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Share the contact details of transport contact with LM. ST 2) Send GP information to NW so he can look into Attend Anywhere provision. LM 3) Share Citizen's Panel report with today's meeting minutes. Regional Team 	
8.	<p>Leadership Group Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RLG minutes have been circulated to all for information. 	
9.	<p>Feedback from RPB Chairs forum</p> <p>a) RPB principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair advised there is a meeting with the Minister tomorrow. A letter was sent previously, and she sent us a complimentary letter back. However, she wants to see more regional working, and it will be interesting to hear her views. 	
10.	<p>Individual Member priorities requiring a written response (not included on agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair noted if anyone has a priority or concern, they can raise this and expect a written response back. ST noted this is a positive opportunity for us to bring ideas and questions forward and he endorses this. Cllr PJ raised concern regarding Dentists and information as to where we are. There were a number of young care leavers who could not access a Dentist in their area. She would be interested to hear about NHS Dentists in particular. NW agreed to respond and provide Cllr PJ with information. NW <p>Action: Provide a briefing regarding Dentists to Cllr PJ. NW</p>	
11	<p>Welsh Government/other and other correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair advised that we are waiting for clarity around the Recovery money and how it can be utilised. NW noted it is his understanding there will be WG guidance on recovery and winter planning, and that monies will be allocated to the Local Authorities and Health Board. We will be required to produce a response to the Recovery Plan and Winter Guidance under RPB. NW noted the level of allocation going into Social Care and how this impacts on the Recovery Plan needs further discussion at a future meeting. Chair noted he has asked the Section 151 Officer/Treasurer to look into this, as he is concerned there may be caveats. RG has had a conversation with WG and noted we need to develop a single plan regarding collective resources. She has also asked for clarity regarding the guidance. <p>a) Social Care Recovery Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Framework can be viewed via the following link: Written Statement: Social Care Recovery Framework (21 July 2021) GOV.WALES <p>b) A Healthier Wales: Transformation Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report was shared for information. <p>c) Gwent Safeguarding Annual report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report was shared for information. 	
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) Best Wishes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr PJ noted that Julie Boothroyd (JB) is leaving and would like to thank her for all the work she has done and the contribution she has made. JB has had innovative ideas which have led to good practice, and she will be missed. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair echoed these comments and agreed JB will be greatly missed. <p>b) News Article</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD noted there was positive information on the BBC News website about the Gwent Police Call Centre. A Children’s Social Worker and Mental Health Workers are now based there, and this is an example of good practice. • The Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership and the Children and Families Board have been involved, and there are examples of regional working which have had a positive impact on citizens. • The article can be viewed via the following link: Gwent Police stretched with calls from worried loved ones - BBC News 	
13	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 2pm (via Teams)</p>	

One Newport Draft Work Programme

March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-being Plan 2021-22 Q3 Performance report • USW Newport Campus Development Plans • Well-being Plan - Review of Strong Resilient Communities intervention • Review of Sub-groups • Scrutiny letter • Third Sector Partnership • Safer Newport – Six-monthly Update • Local Area Energy Plan • Young Persons Promise • Strategy and Performance Board minutes • Gwent PSB minutes • Regional Partnership Board minutes
June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-being Plan 2021-22 Annual Report • Young Persons Promise • Strategy and Performance Board minutes • Gwent PSB minutes • Regional Partnership Board minutes
September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-being Plan 2022-23 Q1 Performance report • Gwent PSB minutes • Regional Partnership Board minutes • Safer Newport – Six monthly update
December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-being Plan 2022-23 Q2 Performance report • Gwent PSB minutes • Regional Partnership Board minutes

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