

Agenda



Pwyllgor Craffu ar Berfformiad – Partneriaethau

Dyddiad: Dydd Mercher, 8 Chwefror 2023

Amser: 4.00 pm

Lleoliad: Siambr y Cyngor, Canolfan Ddinesig

At: Cynghorwyr: D Mayer (Cadeirydd), S Cocks, P Drewett, F Hussain, J Jones, A Morris, M Pimm, A Screen, E Stowell-Corten and K Whitehead

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6	<u>Adroddiad Cynghorydd Craffu (Tudalennau 29 - 38)</u> a) Diweddariad ar y Rhaglen Gwaith i'r Dyfodol (Atodiad 1) b) Cynllun Gweithredu (Atodiad 2)
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Minutes



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Date: 7 December 2022

Time: 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors D Mayer (Chair), S Cocks, P Drewett, F Hussain, M Pimm, A Screen, E Stowell-Corten and K Whitehead

In Attendance: Councillors Dimitri Batrouni and Jason Hughes, Rhys Cornwall (Strategic Director - Transformation and Corporate Centre), Sally Ann Jenkins (Strategic Director - Social Services), Tracy McKim (Head of People, Policy and Transformation), Matt Lewis (Chief Operating Officer - Shared Resource Service), Mike Doverman (Assistant Director (Operations) Shared Resource Service), Sarah Stephens (Schools Lead - Shared Resource Service), Mark Bleazard (Digital Services Manager), Natalie Poyner (Head of Children Services), Finn Madell (Head of Corporate Safeguarding), Amy Thomas (VAWDASV Regional Lead Advisor), Neil Barnett (Scrutiny Adviser) and Felicity Collins

Apologies: Councillors J Jones

1 Declarations of Interest

None.

2 Shared Resource Service Monitoring Update

Attendees:

- Matt Lewis Chief Operating Officer - Shared Resource Service
- Kath Bevan-Seymour Deputy Chief Operating Officer - Shared Resource Service
- Mike Doverman - Assistant Director (Operations) Shared Resource Service
- Sarah Stephens – Schools Lead – Shared Resource Service
- Rhys Cornwall Strategic Director – Corporate and Transformation
- Tracy McKim - Head of People, Policy and Transformation
- Mark Bleazard - Digital Services Manager
- Councillor Dimitri Batrouni – Cabinet Member for Organisational Transformation

The Head of Service introduced the report and asked the Committee to reflect on last year's performance and to discuss the partnership. The Digital Services Manager gave a brief overview of the digital role classed within the organisation. The Chief Operating Officer provided the Committee with a presentation which summarised the annual budget and figures such as their number of customers. Members were informed of the framework and were assured that there is a lot of representation on their boards. It was shown that the partners reflect on what their customers want. It was highlighted that their budget is lower than last year, the Chief Operating Officer noted that this is an achievement and proves much of the business case, by working collaborative that the costs have reduced. The Members were informed of the case study in the report which shows why those costs are lower going forward.

The Committee asked the following:

- A Member made an observation that recruitment is difficult for the IT area and asked if the partners can see that improving in the near future.

The Chief Operating Officer (SRS) explained that the issues with employment are typically cyclical. It might be the case until 12-18 months later there may be a group of people ready for the roles. There are some examples of support work but the competition from the external market is hard to keep up with. The SRS team brings in apprentices and help internal staff to move through the organisation via training and development opportunities.

- The Member asked if SRS liaise with universities to recruit people.

The Chief Operating Officer advised that they have a team to train individuals in university and a new scheme to link in people from other areas. An example was used where they would offer someone a role, and up to a day before, they have had applicants decline the job offer as they would have been offered something with a small difference such as more leave but however the officer noted most are going for jobs in the private sector to be offered a job worth around 20k more per annum. The Head of Service felt it was important to note the entry point work is good from an equality point of view as they are offering opportunities that they may not have had before; which is an advantage for the approach.

- A Committee Member recognised there has been a lot of progress since 2016 and asked the partners to confirm their most significant item of progress.

The Chief Operating Officer stated that managing to get everyone in one place, such as the same Office 365 and infrastructure so the team can manage things in one way. That was the best benefit as it allowed them to move quickly into remote working. For neighbouring partners, the move to work from home from March 2020 was not so straight forward.

- A Member queried how the partnership is working with other organisations and councils.

The Deputy Chief Operating Officer confirmed that they partner with the One Resource SRS which is a client function. They represented SRS for Newport on a monthly basis, to help understand what the priorities are for planning and prioritisation. It is also to ensure the resources are being aligned as each partner contributes a different amount and how to work with what they have in a more efficient way.

The Chief Operating Officer added that they received positive feedback from a discovery audit undertaken by Wales Audit. Which was a consultant approach where they met with the boards. It was noted there are things they can improve on such as connectivity between the boards. Around 5-6 years ago SRS had a negative audit but that was when the service was coming together so was not quite there at the time.

The Digital Services Manager wished to mention from a Newport perspective, for context, it has not always been positive as it was a big change for Newport and SRS. Blaenau Gwent joined the year before Newport and a lot of this reflects that these things do not happen quickly and working together in past situations has helped improve the performance and maturity is a big part of that. The Chair noted from a board perspective since he left, that it has

matured and that it works very well with the partners understanding how each other works.

The Cabinet Member for Organisational Transformation wished to add his comments to pick up on the earlier comments regarding the wage competition. The skillsets are in great demand and niche – to add to a Member’s query, the relationship is adolescence and will have to change to meet the demands and ongoing pressures but the benefit of hard work from the partners and Leadership is at a stage where connected working is helping but they need to capture that to work on to deliver more complicated services which will be demanded. It was noted that it takes a while to get it working effectively but the Cabinet Member stressed he is aware of the discussions needed with regard to the pay model and was grateful for the committee’s views on their options.

The Chief Operating Officer also added that as salaries can decrease/deflate, the market would mean that more people would come in for employment and clarified that point. It could be a positive outcome for them and the collaborative work shows they are ready for what the organisations want to throw at the service. The Officer then advised that their data centre in Celtic Springs is the biggest data centre in Europe. Which is sound for them to store everything there as a shared cloud source.

- A Committee Member asked how the partners foresee the future of the Shared Resource Services in terms of the number of partners to the partnership.

The Chief Operating Officer stated that his aspiration was for the service to be a separate entity, as a better way of delivering services in which the model could be used anywhere across Wales. The partners recognised there may not be a uniform delivery model for all but there could be a regional model. An example was used if 10 local authorities were in that deal where they do all of the technical and data services and explained that the partners are looking to work together on those services.

- A Member commented that when looking at the cost advantages, he could not see why there could not be an all Wales service and asked if that is a technical or a political issue.

The Chief Operating Officer confirmed that it is not a technical issue and mentioned national service examples such as national network and networks for schools. It was acknowledged that there has been issues over the years but it is a national service and everyone benefits from it but the problem is if there’s a failure on the national service then everyone experiences that issue. With that comes considerable pressure but as the service is resilient they would be ok in the face of those challenges. The officer supported the all Wales body but accepted some may think not.

The Committee acknowledged that other regional authorities are not on the board when partnership is beneficial, which is why the Welsh Government want authorities to work with partners. It was acknowledged that the National Health Service is quite disjointed with their records also and it was acknowledged that the councils have not solved it all yet.

- A Committee Member noted how the report mentions evaluation and that was from people getting together in meetings and asked how the partners become aware of those opinions on the other end of the service.

The Assistant Director (Operations – SRS) noted they have a new service task in which they push self-service with the portal. They have also introduced a simplified service with the smiley face rating function much like IKEA's feedback function. With the negative feedback, the SRS team call or ask them what they disliked about the service.

- The Committee Member then queried what happens with that data after it has been collected.

The Assistant Director for Operations explained that they put it all in a snapshot and look at the amount of people responding to the surveys. If they would not receive many responses, they assessed the survey; which led them to use the IKEA base model of smiley face rating. The SRS team also collect data for KPI monitoring to see if they hit their target and track how many people they phone back and the reasons for those calls. If there is an interaction, the service would not sit on it. In the sit in service desk the new recruits sit with a qualified person to learn how to take those calls and capture information and how they pass it on and monitor how long that takes. The Partner advised Members with the first point contact on the SRS desk, they try hard to get the issue resolved at the first point, efficiently. It was noted that surveys go out to all of the councils they work with to assess how they deal with their calls.

The School Lead (SRS) added that for the curriculum side of things, there is an annual drop in session whereby anyone within the school can drop in to discuss anything good or bad and to review what may be working well or not. Those sessions are designed to develop the support. They had to scale these back to twice year because the SLA is running very well as they tend to have good feedback. It was highlighted that the partners being able to scale back demonstrates the work they do in addition to the services they offer to the schools as they work very closely with Education in Newport to facilitate the support.

The Digital Services Manager clarified from the Newport client side work in the partnership, they try hard with the delivery groups to see if there is anything they could do to improve. It was mentioned that they are the representation from the council and their role is to hold them to account in a professional and positive way. The service has matured in collective efforts and the representatives sit on the internal groups such as the digital city board and information governance boards for security.

The Committee thanked the Shared Resource Service team for their contribution and efforts and also for their time and presentation.

Conclusions

Members **noted** the update in the report, and wished to make the following comments and recommendations:

- The Committee thanked the partners for their attendance and praised the comprehensive information that was provided in the presentation. The Committee felt they gained a greater understanding of how the partnership work and commented that this was one of the well-presented reports that they have currently received. Members also wished to comment that they have found the SRS to be extremely helpful when reporting problems.

- The Committee were pleased to hear that the SRS team consider other ways to recruit through apprenticeships and developing their front line staff.
- The Committee wished to commend the service on reflecting and changing the method of receiving feedback in a time effective way and appreciated that the service works closely with the different partner areas on the way that they can receive as much feedback as they can.
- The Committee Members noted that they would like to have sight of the positive Audit Wales Report that was mentioned by the SRS Chief Operating Officer in the discussion.

3 Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) 2021/22

Invitees:

- Natalie Poyner - Head of Children Services
- Finn Madell - Head of Corporate Safeguarding
- Amy Thomas - VAWDASV Regional Lead Advisor
- Sally Ann Jenkins – Strategic Director – Social Services

The VAWDASV Lead Advisor provided committee with an overview of Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) which seeks to protect women from all forms of abuse. Newport hosts the regional VAWDASV team under the 2015 Act. Members were informed of the directives mentioned in the report such as domestic abuse in older people being a barrier and also modern day slavery and male suicide prevention, spectrum project with schools and projects that have been rolled out to Gwent.

It was highlighted that their achievement has been survivor engagement as they have developed a strong network of survivors who engage with the team and work with them to drive ways forward and also agencies have been key to the partnership.

Members were informed that 2021-2022 was a positive year considering the recovering challenges from the pandemic. The success was enabled by the commitment of the workforce, by sharing best practice despite facing challenges and pressure.

Committee raised the following points:

- - A Member wished to confirm if their work concerns men who face domestic abuse.

The VAWDASV Lead asserted that it includes all genders but as it came from the home office, the heading and overarching title remains but it is inclusive of all genders. The VAWDASV Lead then agreed to provide more data on the examples of male cases in Gwent. As there is an average of 2 males considered high risk for domestic abuse and require an agency response.

- A Member expressed his thanks for the presentation and wanted to know what the partner's most significant piece of progress is from the last few years.

The Strategic Director responded by stating if they look back in time, since 2015 legislation, people's understanding and awareness has increased on other forms of abuse such as coercive control. In 2015, professionals and the public understanding of emotional abuse was far weaker back then. In addition, the awareness and understanding of domestic abuse impact on children. The Director felt it was important to highlight these as it contributes to the increasing refusal to tolerate violence and the impact it causes.

- The Chair made the suggestion of Newport City Council organising an all Member session on raising awareness and understanding on such topics.

The VAWDASV Lead explained that a training package has been developed for Members and Senior Officers of the Local Authority. They are currently discussing with Democratic Services to set up a training session in the New Year. This could be offered in terms of training for the helpline and signposting constituents for access to services.

- A Member appreciated that measuring evaluation of the work is difficult and asked if there are any measures that they could possibly use to measure improvements.

In response, the VAWDASV Lead acknowledged that it is very difficult to measure as the work takes many different forms. It was mentioned that they measure the commission services; where they fund the service providers with quarterly measures which are collated and reported back to the Welsh Government. They would look at the strategy which is under review and write the new strategy for the New Year. For the police support, the Police Crime Commissioner has support work in place. When the team look at their objectives, they can cross reference that to see what impact they are having. It was recognised that it does not cover all areas in VAWDASV but provides them with an idea of how they are performing.

- A Member noted that in the BAME communities, women may not be open about their suffering with abuse and asked if they have any kind of special training for staff with women's aid on how they can help these women speak openly.

The Member has seen case studies and worked previously in interpreting for a freedom programme with Bawso, and found that a lot of the training would not sink in with the victims as they would return to the perpetrators. Therefore the Member asked what training is available to staff to overcome that.

The VAWDASV Lead noted that they have comprehensive training and funding in terms of training staff. It focuses on principles with children being informed and how to get ready to flee. Staff have the resources normally DVV (Destitute Domestic Violence) to give more confidence to those victims. They all have training on that and citizens advice are trained to going to conversations with both women and men to ensure they are confident there is a resource so that victims will not feel like nothing will happen from it.

The funded specialist BAME workers are experts within the communities which add a layer of consideration to religious beliefs. On a strategic level, there is a subgroup which focuses on all points raised by the Member. They share best practice and look at any gaps if in need of commissioning; they meet on a quarterly basis and is rolled out to various strands. Practitioner led for example working with other providers and helpline manager has been brought in to help the team in tightening up the protocol for women/men fleeing. It was recognised that there is nothing set in stone at the beginning of each year as funding money is on an annual basis and they do not know how much they are going to get. So they commission what they can and the subgroup reviews that.

- A Member noted how Covid was a huge issue as it made it difficult for services to operate. As a result there was a significant fall in referrals due to

children not being in schools and women confined to their homes. The Member felt that there was not much in the report to unpack the impact of that and appreciated that must have been hard to deal with.

The Head of Service advised that from safe-guarding they are in the process of evaluating the impact of the pandemic which will take longer than a few months. The Strategic Director added that she is mindful in ensuring her platform of evidence is correct but there has been an increasing number of referrals of children and women since Covid. Things were under the radar during the pandemic as they were not seen by health visitors, not seen about in public and now they are seeing the consequences of that. Noted that it may be sobering for what happens over the next 12-18 months.

The Director added that with her optimistic perception that the services like these worked really well during Covid. For instance the Police and Health staff worked together to ensure services were delivered. It was noted that attempts were made despite restrictions but informed Members that they may still be 36 months away where the fall-out from Covid will be with the Council for its impact on both adults and children. The VAWDASV Lead felt it might be too early to measure the impact just yet as Wales was still in lockdown at the start of 2021 due to the Christmas firebreak local authority lockdowns. The training elements were all on teams with business as usual but it was very intense and chaotic in delivering services. The Lead agreed that they will not be at a point yet to see the full effect of Covid on individuals.

The Strategic Director mentioned the other significant challenge that the service area will face having come through the pandemic; the cost of the living crisis which will impact families. A combination of post-Covid and the cost of living crisis is not to be underestimated. The VAWDASV Lead added that as they come out of Covid, they may see the numbers increase as the referrals are just coming through. And with families who may not have had a history of abuse but because of added financial related pressures causing stress; this could lead to violence/abuse against individuals.

The Committee Members wished to thank the officers and partners for their work, their time and for their comprehensive presentation.

Conclusions

The Committee **noted** the VAWDASV Progress Report, the Implementation Plan and the key strategic priority work plans for VAWDASV within the corporate arrangements for the whole Council, and wished to make the following comments and recommendations:

- The Committee thanked Officers for their attendance and praised the comprehensive information that was provided. The Committee felt they gained a greater understanding of how the partnership work and again wish to comment that this was one of the well-presented reports that they have currently received during their time in the committee.
- The Committee request that an All Member seminar be set up to allow all Councillors to be informed about how VAWDASV work. Members were pleased to hear that training courses have been developed for Councillors and Senior Officers.

- Members noted the legacy of Covid and the high demand of services. Members wished to note their concerns that the partners will eventually be going to meeting these demands with less resources.

4 **Scrutiny Adviser Reports**

Invitee:

- Neil Barnett (Scrutiny Adviser)

The Scrutiny Adviser advised the Committee of the agenda items for the upcoming two meetings, which are:

Wednesday 8 February

EAS - Business Plan

One Newport Wellbeing Plan Q2 Performance Update

Wednesday 8 March

Safer Newport Update – Community Safety Partnership

The meeting terminated at 4.52 pm



Scrutiny Report

Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 8th February 2023

Subject One Newport Partnership Well-being Plan 2022-23 Q2 Performance

Author Scrutiny Adviser

The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Steve Ward	Chief Executive for Newport Live and Intervention Lead for the Newport Offer
Christopher Dawson-Morris	Intervention Lead for Strong Resilient Communities (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board)
Ceri Doyle	Intervention Lead for Sustainable Travel (Newport City Homes)
Joanne Gossage	Service Manager Environment and Leisure for Newport City Council and Intervention Lead for Green and Safe Spaces
Guy Lacey	Intervention Lead for Right Skills (Coleg Gwent)

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked:

- To consider the Wellbeing Plan Quarter 2 Performance Dashboards attached to this report and determine if it wishes to make any comments to the One Newport Partnership.
 - **Appendix 1:** Green and Safe Spaces;
 - **Appendix 2:** Sustainable Travel;
 - **Appendix 3:** Strong Resilient Communities;
 - **Appendix 4:** Right Skills;
 - **Appendix 5:** The Newport Offer.

2 Context

Background

One Newport Partnership

- 2.1 One Newport was established as a Public Services Board (PSB) in 2016 under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFG Act). In October 2021, new regional PSB arrangements came into being, which established a Gwent Public Services Board. The new Gwent PSB replaced the five former PSBs, including One Newport, which had operated formerly on a local authority footprint in the Gwent area. One Newport is no longer a PSB but is a Local Delivery Group reporting into the Gwent PSB. One Newport will continue to deliver the current Newport Well-being Plan until April 2023. A new Well-being Plan for Gwent will be published in May 2023.

Well-being Plan

- 2.2 The statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFG Act) 'Shared Purpose – Shared Future' required One Newport PSB to prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan by May 2018, which maximised the PSB's contribution to the Well-being Goals for Wales. The Committee received the consultation draft of One Newport's Local Wellbeing Plan on 10 January 2018 and submitted its consultation response. One Newport agreed the final version of the Well-being Plan 2018-23 at its meeting on 1 May 2018. The Scrutiny Committee received the final Plan at its meeting on 20 June 2018 (*A link to the Well-being Plan 2018-23 is provided in Section 7 of this report in the Background Papers*).

One Newport developed the Local Well-being Plan in accordance with the Act's five ways of working of the Sustainable Development Principle.

In the Well-being Plan, One Newport pledged to work differently by:

Working together with local communities towards the common goals and objectives set out in this plan. To work to improve the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of the city and to be:

- *Ambitious;*
- *Serious about working in partnership;*
- *Firmly focused on people and their stories;*
- *Focused on integrated well-being outcomes.*

This will be achieved by:

- **Looking to the long term:** *Being aware of and addressing, the well-being of future generations whilst addressing the needs of the people we currently serve.*
- **Prevention:** *Exploring how to break cycles and dig deeper to better understand the causes and effects of key issues that people and communities face. Finding enabling solutions and intervening at the right time to prevent problems getting worse or arising in the future.*
- **Taking an integrated approach:** *Fully considering the connections between the well-being goals, the PSB well-being objectives and the well-being objectives of individual*

organisations. Taking steps which maximise the collective impact to the well-being goals rather than just meeting the objectives.

- **Collaborating with others:** *Strengthening joint working across the city's public service. No single organisation is able to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Newport on its own. Taking a collaborative approach ensures that actions are complementary and therefore maximise the collective impact.*
- **Involving People:** *Developing solutions in partnership with local people and communities and ensuring they are involved in the decisions that affect them.*

2.3 One Newport's Well-being Objectives published in the Well-being Plan are:

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

These are revised Objectives, which the One Newport Partnership agreed at its meeting on 8th December 2020. The revisions were made in the light of Covid-19 impacts and advice from the Future Generations Commissioner on setting Well-being Objectives.

Mid-Year / Quarter 2 Performance

- 2.4 One Newport noted the Quarter 2 Update reports from Intervention Leads on progress in delivering the Local Well-being Plan at its meeting on 13 December 2022. *(A link to the agenda of the PSB meeting held on 13 December 2020 is provided in Section 7 of this report in the Background Papers.)*
- 2.5 One Newport reports progress on delivery of the Well-being Plan to this Scrutiny Committee at the Mid-Year point and Year End.

The Committee is reminded that attendees have been invited as One Newport Partnership Members and scrutiny questions should focus on the Q2 performance dashboards and not on individual organisations.

Performance Reporting

- 2.6 One Newport Partnership has a Delivery and Performance Framework in place to monitor performance and ensure the sustainable development principle (long term; prevention; integration; collaboration; involvement) of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act is being considered in the reporting process.

There are five crosscutting interventions in the Plan, which are reported on a quarterly basis.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

3.1 The following are attached to this report for the Committee's consideration:

The One Newport Partnership Well-being Plan Progress Summaries for Quarter 2:

- **Appendix 1:** Green and Safe Spaces;
- **Appendix 2:** Sustainable Travel;
- **Appendix 3:** Strong Resilient Communities;
- **Appendix 4:** Right Skills;
- **Appendix 5:** The Newport Offer.

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

4.1 Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

- Take a look back at how the Partnership has performed in its delivery of the Well-being Plan to the end of Quarter 2
- Assess and make comment on:
 - How well the Partnership is delivering as a collaborative partnership on its objectives;
 - How effectively the One Newport partners worked together to deliver the Well-being Plan;
 - Mitigating actions put in place to address risks and not achieving objectives;
 - How the public were engaged with on the Well-being Plan, and how feedback has been used?
- In drawing its conclusions, the Committee should assess:
 - What was the overall conclusion on the information contained within the reports?
 - Is the Committee satisfied that it has had all of the relevant information to base a conclusion on the delivery of the Well-being Plan at the mid-year point?
 - Does the Committee wish to make any Comments to the One Newport Partnership?

4.2 Suggested Lines of Enquiry

Scrutiny's role in receiving the Q2 dashboards is to hold the One Newport Partnership to account for how it is taking steps to meet its objectives within the Well-being Plan and ensure that it is demonstrating the sustainable development principle in everything it does.

When considering the Q2 Performance dashboards and determining what questions it may wish to ask of the Partnership, the Committee should consider the following:

1. How much progress has been made towards delivery of the Well-being Plan? How far have the Partnership's expectations been met?
2. How effectively has the partnership worked together to deliver the interventions?
3. Have there been any barriers that have affected delivery of the plan that need further exploration and explanation?
4. Can the One Newport Partnership demonstrate how it is delivering the interventions in accordance with the five ways of working?
5. How has the Partnership evaluated its own progress?
6. What have been the resource implications of delivering on the Well-being Plan? How has working as a partnership maximised the resources available?
7. How effective are Partnership members in challenging each other and engaging in strategic debate?

4.3 Sustainable Development Principle

The Committee's consideration of the Well-Being Plan delivery up to Quarter 2 should consider how the One Newport Partnership is maximising its contribution to the five ways of working. The following are examples of the types of questions to consider:

<u>Long-term</u>	How is the One Newport Partnership thinking long term and seeking to balance short-term needs while safeguarding the ability to also meet long-term needs? What long-term trends will impact upon the delivery of the Well-being Plan?
<u>Prevention</u>	How is the Partnership addressing issues facing Newport communities in order to prevent a future problem? How is the Partnership preventing problems getting worse?
<u>Integration</u>	How are the interventions delivering against all of the Partnership Well-being objectives and how is it considering how its work impacts on each of the well-being goals?
<u>Collaboration</u>	Who has the Partnership been working with to deliver the interventions in the Well-being Plan?

	How is the Partnership using the knowledge / good practice of others to inform / influence delivery of the Well-being Plan?
<u>Involvement</u>	<p>How is the Partnership involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals?</p> <p>How has the Partnership sought the views of those who are impacted by the delivery of the Wellbeing Plan?</p> <p>How has the Partnership taken into account the diverse communities in Newport in its decision making?</p>

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Supporting Information

5.1 The Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards issued by Welsh Government in August 2017 states that:

“Research into the practice of collaborative or joint scrutiny in England and Wales identifies that arrangements are effective when they demonstrate the following characteristics:

Characteristics of effective partnership scrutiny:

- Scrutiny regards itself as a form of ‘critical friendship with positive intent’ in which scrutiny practitioners act as advocates for the success of joint working.
- Collaborative performance is evaluated from the citizen’s perspective.
- Strong efforts are made to understand the complexity of partnership arrangements and to facilitate learning about the culture and assumptions of different organizations.
- Scrutiny creates positive expectations by focussing on issues regarded as useful to the partnership or where there is consensus that ‘things need to change’.
- Scrutiny demonstrates intellectual independence and investigative rigour in all of its activities.
- Scrutiny demonstrates a positive impact by developing clear, timely, evidence-based recommendations aimed at enhancing collaborative performance.
- Scrutiny critically evaluates its own performance utilising partnership perspectives.

5.2 *A link to the full Welsh Government Guidance is included in Section 7 of this report in the Background Papers for Members’ information.*

6. Impact Assessment:

6.1 Summary of impact – Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

The Well-being Plan for Newport 2018-2023 seeks to maximise One Newport's contribution to the Well-being Goals for Wales: a more prosperous Wales, a resilient Wales, a healthier Wales, a more equal Wales, a Wales of cohesive communities, a Wales of vibrant culture and Welsh language, a globally responsible Wales. The Partnership has four Well-being Objectives listed in paragraph 2.3 above. The objectives were developed to maximise One Newport's contribution to the seven Well-being Goals for Wales.

6.2 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

While not all One Newport members are subject to the Duty, a session on the Duty has been included in the Board's Development Programme so that it can be addressed within the work of the interventions.

6.3 Summary of impact – Welsh language

Welsh language is an important part of cultural identity and heritage and is used by many people each day in their homes, their communities and where they work. One Newport's Right Skills Board will support delivery of the Economy and Skills section of Newport City Council's Welsh Language Strategy and is establishing a sub-group to support this. One Newport's Right Skills Board are also looking to develop work to promote Welsh language as an employability skill.

7. Background Papers

- [Agenda for the One Newport Partnership meeting held on 13th December 2022](#)
- [Newport's Well-being Plan 2018-23](#)
- [Cynllun Llesiant Casnewydd 2018-23](#)
- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 guidance
 - [The Essentials](#)
 - Shared Purpose: Shared Future – Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
 - [SPSF 1: Core guidance](#)
 - [SPSF 2: Individual role \(public bodies\)](#)
 - [SPSF 3: Collective role \(public services boards\)](#)
 - [Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards](#)

Report Completed: 8 February 2023

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 2022-23 (Jul to Sept)	Red	Progress well behind target

Key Achievements & Successes
Green and Safe Spaces Network continues to work well, strong levels of engagement and partnership. Network session planned Autumn 2022 to generate opportunities to collaborate and enthusiasm for this vision across shared goals. Ad hoc info sent to Network includes latest reports, resources & funding.
Newport Live delivered Summer activities for families with children aged 3 - 18 in parks, green spaces, schools, and Newport Live facilities. 3,800 children, young people and families participated, and 1,600 free healthy lunches provided. Helping to improve physical activity, mental and emotional wellbeing, and engagement in sport and the arts.
Funding application submitted to Welsh Government Asset Collaboration Fund for detailed designs of 4 ideas on Council owned land, taken from the City Centre Green Infrastructure (GI) feasibility study. Document shared with stakeholders/interested parties July 2022 and presented at Wales GI Forum and City Centre Housing & Regeneration Partnership.
NRW funded green roof analysis in urban centre of Newport to highlight existing green roofs, to highlight and encourage opportunities to retrofit green roofs, and to encourage implementation of green roofs in new builds. Report hopefully ready by November 2022.
Pillgwenlly Master Plan due to be published November 2022 includes recommendations to improve greenspace.
Maindee Master Plan is ongoing and includes various work and proposals for more green infrastructure and greenspace improvements.
In partnership, a proposal is being put forward to restore Belle Vue nursery site as a place for nature with horticultural programs to support mental health and healthy eating.
Ongoing work by Friends of Road to Nature group and partners continue to enhance the area and deter fly tipping, with community activities taking place.
As part of Safer Streets funding, additional CCTV / street lighting has been installed in Chapel, Stow Hill, and Belle Vue Parks. Proposal to install additional CCTV / lighting in various streets in Pillgwenlly.
NCC launched a Carbon Literacy course for the public which helps 'understand your carbon footprint and show you the steps you can take to reduce your impact on the planet'.

Key Performance Measures	Target	Actual	RAG
% / hectares of accessible green blue space * Green Space Index Fields in Trust	TBD	TBD	
% Tree canopy cover * UK Canopy Cover i-Tree	Under Development		
NCC no. of Pollinator Sites	20	↑ 75 hectares	Green
Green & Safe spaces Network members	100	124	Green
Attendees at the last Network workshop	30	↓ 26	Amber
Green & Safe spaces Newsletter opens Socials (Twitter) followers Tweet impressions & profile visits	130	N/A	
	150	↑ 158	Green
	6,000	↓ 3,662	Amber
Active collaborative projects delivering Green & Safe Vision and Green Infrastructure (GI)	15	↑ 24	Green
Green Flags by 2023: Community Full Award	8	3	Amber
	5	3	Amber
No. of plans & strategies G&S Vision / GI is embedded into	3	5	Green
Reduction of (in green blue space): Fly tipping incidents Deliberate fire incidents Other ASB incidents	(Q1 2021 vs Q1 2022)		
	101	7	Green
	16	5	Green
	56	47	Green
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			

NCC are actioning the recommendations from Green Infrastructure Assessment (GIA). Linking with Gwent Green Grid Partnership (GGGP) on a Gwent GI Strategy.

Buglife's Pollinator Project continues to enhance areas for pollinators, bring communities together to explore nature and celebrate local pollinators through engaging and inclusive activities, in St. Julian's Local Nature Reserve, Pill Millennium Centre, Y Twmps at Barrackswood and The Road to Nature.

Work by several partners and community continues in Barrackswood including ongoing removal of fly tipping and large scale conservation work and recording biodiversity.

Green & Safe Network approached by Lovell Housing to work together to explore making places for nature in their new builds and to offer small amounts of funding and volunteer hours to community groups.

Actions are underway as part of Newport City Council Organisational Climate Change plan 2022-2027 including a Wider Role theme. [First progress report published](#).

Main Risks / Barriers to progress	Status (H/M/L)	Mitigating Actions / Support Req'd
City Centre Green Infrastructure (GI) and green roof retro fitting opportunities not acted upon through to implementation.	Medium	Explore barriers and solutions e.g., funding streams, maintenance, keep promoting the value and multiple benefits (social, economic, environmental & cultural). Ensure alignment with Regeneration plans and Local Area Energy Plan.
Limited capacity and interest in applying for new Green Flag standard sites.	Medium	Work with Keep Wales Tidy to identify and support sites to apply for Green Flag.
Green & Safe spaces intervention becomes less collaborative and loses momentum during transition to Gwent PSB Wellbeing Plan.	Medium	Continue working with partner organisations, community groups and Network to deliver Green & Safe intervention and transfer relevant Green & Safe spaces work into Newport Local Action Plan, ensuring alignment with Gwent PSB Wellbeing Plan.
Green and Safe Spaces Network, vital in delivery, disbands beyond May 2023.	Medium	Partners and Network to decide if and how Green & Safe Network can continue into Gwent PSB Wellbeing Plan from May 2023.

Plans for next quarter

Plan next Network workshop for Autumn 2022 to further partnership work and deliver shared goals.

Encourage Green Flag applications for January 2023.

Secure funding for 4 GI interventions in City Centre. Continue to encourage and engage with city centre stakeholders to implement GI inc. green roofs.

Align Green roof analysis with Regeneration plans and Newport Local Area Energy Plan e.g., bio solar roofs.

Continue to strengthen links with Safer Newport and subgroups.

Promote food growing initiatives, volunteering opportunities, and any other projects across the Network e.g., Greening Maindee Together.

Support proposal to restore Belle Vue site.

Support Maindee Master Plan and Pillgwenlly Master Plan.

Support groups who could focus on taking forward the Living Streets Community Street Audit recommendations.

Continue to promote green and blue spaces via the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) [Your Newport Your Wellbeing](#) portal.

Find out results of Safer Streets, Safer Newport survey on how to improve safety in Belle Vue, Chapel and Stow Hill parks. Led by Newport Council and Gwent Police.

Continue to work with Lovell Housing.

Support relevant actions in the NCC Organisational Climate Change plan including Land Use and Wider Role.

Intervention	Sustainable Travel		Green	Current progress on target	
			Amber	Progress behind target but still achievable	
Lead	Ceri Doyle / Craig Lane	Reporting Period	Q2 2022-23	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. A new travel survey is due to be sent out in Q3 to provide a new baseline for travel behaviour.</p>
<p>STEP 2: Create an environment where public transport, walking and cycling is prioritised: On street bike hire feasibility is being explored with Transport for Wales leading. Active travel route improvements at Gaer Fort and the resurfacing of the Malpas/Bettws Canal route have been completed. The three pilot exercises at the three primary schools selected to take part as traffic free school streets was very successful and generated a great deal of positive feedback on social media. NCC and Sustrans ensured full parent and local resident engagement and schools are willing to take the next steps in development of schemes for next year. The Active Travel Network Map will be used to plan future active travel developments over the next 5 years with funding bids to be submitted in January 2023. Newport Live have secured funding via to South East Wales Transport Commission to deliver cycling proficiency workshops.</p>
<p>STEP 3: Encourage the use of ULEV: Consultancy support was procured to produce a design guidance to capture considerations when installing EV charging on the highway, as well as providing a 'gap analysis' to highlight the areas within Newport that have a low proportion/no off-street parking and are not already within a five minute walk of a publicly available charger. Fast chargers have gone live at nine residential locations across Newport, targeting the areas identified in the gap analysis. Four rapid hub locations have been identified, to further improve residents' ability to charge, as well as to provide increased charging facilities for visitors and commercial vehicles.</p>

Main Risks / Barriers	Status	Mitigating Actions
Not utilising the opportunities arising from the M4 commission.	High	SEWTC representatives 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.
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.

Performance Measures		Time-scale		Target †	Actual	RAG
Step 1: Travel Charter	Organisations signed up across Gwent	Nov 2021		15	23	Green
Step 2: Active Travel	% increase in journeys from active travel counters on active travel routes comparing previous year for each quarter (note these figures may not be accurate due to broken sensors)	2020-21	Year	25%	47%	Green
		2021-22	Q1		30%	Green
			Q2		14%	Amber
			Q3			
			Q4			
Year		40%	Green			
Step 3: ULEV	ULE buses in service	Dec 2022		30	48	Green
	Charging points installed	Mar 2021		40	88	Green

Plans for next quarter and the future
<p>STEP 1: Staff questionnaire is being finalised and will be sent by all organisations between December 2022 and February 2023.</p>
<p>STEP 2: Complete implementation programme including Devon Place foot bridge and submit future funding bids. Waiting on confirmation of funding availability from SE Wales Transport Commission for other behaviour change projects.</p>
<p>STEP 3: Draft EV Charging Strategy has been created and is due to go out for public consultation in Q3.</p>

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Intervention	Strong Resilient Communities		Green	Current progress on target	
			Amber	Progress behind target but still achievable	
Lead	Chris Dawson-Morris / CS Carl Williams	Reporting Period	Qtr.2 2022-23	Red	Progress well behind target
Key Achievements & Successes			Plans for next quarter and the future		
<p>Integrated Wellbeing Networks - The Pillgwenlly 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 Connects Website.</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>The Your Newport Your Wellbeing web portal promoting activities, programmes and opportunities across Newport was launched.</p> <p>The third major participatory budgeting programme to strengthen communities commenced with £300k partnership funding allocated. A support network for previous grant recipients has been setup to promote further collaboration and build capacity.</p> <p>Pill Master Plan - The Urbanists and Mela Cymru have completed a series of conversations with a range of stakeholders in Pillgwenlly - including Pill Unity, the emerging business forum, Newport Yemeni Community Association, and all anchor organisations - to establish the community's vision for the area and shape master planning.</p> <p>The Early Years Integration Transformation project in Bettws is developing a collaborative working model for families with early years children, unifying visits to homes by Health and LA services. This will result in fewer professionals visiting and a key worker co-ordinating services, with agencies sharing records, and delivering services based on "what matters most to the family."</p>			<p>Pillgwenlly Masterplan – develop the Masterplan following the community engagement phase. Themes that emerged are green and public spaces, community facilities/buildings, revitalising commercial road, youth facilities, Safer Pill.</p> <p>Work with Public Health Wales to commission a review of the Participatory Budgeting activity. Commence co-production of the 2022/23 Participatory Budgeting programme.</p> <p>Early Years Transformation Project – the pilot area in Bettws will expand to include Malpas, widening the innovative approach ahead of the planned city-wide roll-out.</p>		
			Main Risks / Barriers to progress	Status (H/M/L)	Mitigating Actions / Support Reqd
			Digital exclusion limiting participation of worst affected communities in online engagement programmes e.g. participatory budgeting.	Low	New PB programme to return to face to face voting

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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 2022-23	Red	Progress well behind target

Key Achievements & Successes
Partners hosted a week of free events giving residents the chance to find the support they need to improve their digital skills. Sessions included how to use the digital services at Newport libraries; using assistive technology to support independent living, how to use email; hopping and banking safely online and how to keep children safe online. Events at venues across the city - including Newport Market, Coleg Gwent Nash campus, Bettws library and USW city campus.
USW & Coleg Gwent setting up curricula plans in key areas, reviewing current offer (particularly, health and social care, digital and cyder) and looking at new provision to support development of a joined-up city offer as CG prepares to locate opposite USW campus. USW has appointed an Outreach and Engagement Officer in Newport to link with schools, the College, Council and local businesses to ensure that pathways to progression between the College and USW are clear.
Screen sector skills project, Foot in the Door, progressing. Activity included a pop up unit in Friars Walk and workshops / events e.g. Demystifying the film and TV sector, TV writing, set construction, special effects, theatrical make up, story-telling, film making, creative workshops. Projects led by USW, CG, POBL, Urban Circle, Screen Alliance Wales and Cult Cymru.
Partners collaborated to promote adult education during Adult Learners Week.
Partners mapping activity and reviewing engagement with minority ethnic communities to support participation.
DWP Restart city-wide jobs fair held in Newport Market.

Barriers to progress	Status	Mitigating Actions / Support Reqd
ESF funds end for Aspire2Active affecting delivery of the Youth Engagement & Progression (NEETs)	H	Explore alternative sources of funding

Key Performance Measures	Target	Actual	RAG
% of year 11 leavers not in education, employment or training (NEET)	1.3%	TBA June 2023	
% of year 13 leavers not in education, employment or training (NEET)	2.0%	TBA June 2023	
Foot in the Door Programme Beneficiaries	320	250	G

Plan for next quarter and the future
Continue to deliver Foot in the Door. Careers event in November with the launch of a guide to finding work, accessing training, and boosting networks. A knowledge sharing event in December on learnings from the programme
Development of a business event with Manufacturing Wales as part of USW/CG work to ensure opportunities to support upskilling and gaps in the manufacturing sector job market are focused on in a strategic way.
Develop work to promote Welsh language as an employability skill.
Deliver Moving On Days as part of NEET prevention work
Extend 1 Million Mentors Programme to all Newport schools
Careers event with Newport employers for Newport Yr 9 students at ICC Wales
CG sharing with USW its experience of supporting learners with additional learning needs into work. USW providing work experience for CG learners at Newport Campus in catering, estates/security, and library/student support areas from October. This will be built on long term and showcase the work that Coleg Gwent is doing in this area to other employers and sectors in the city.

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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 2022-23	Red	Progress well behind target	
Key Achievements & Successes			Key Performance Measures			
<p>Newport Knowledge Quarter: Planning application submitted for new Coleg Gwent city centre campus; Ongoing development of Welsh Institute of Digital Information (WIDI) Research and Development Centre at USW Newport campus creating an online Digital Health Village to give nursing and allied health care a simulated training environment. Development of a Levelling Up funding bid for a new National Technology Institute in the city centre.</p>			% saying Newport is a good place to live	52.3%	57.1%	
<p>Climate Change Sub-Group: A public engagement exercise has taken place to gain an initial understanding of the climate priorities of our communities. Roll out to schools in late autumn 2022.</p>			% saying Newport is becoming a better place to live	50.0%	53.0%	
<p>City Promotion: Social media content developed, and Newport website enhanced to promote the city's assets, strengths and vision to visitors, businesses, residents and investors. Eating out section of website developed alongside Newport Food Festival.</p>			% of people proud to come from Newport	46.6%	47.4%	
<p>Tourism: Commencement of Transporter Bridge visitor development projects. Legacy from Living Levels initiative being developed, with NRW funding support. CADW-led framework development for raising the importance of Caerleon for heritage/ tourism being taken forward for consultancy in partnership with local stakeholders / partners including National Museum. Successful travel trade event held at the new Mercure Hotel and Riverfront theatre, showcasing city attractions for future group visits.</p>			Number of visitors	(2019: 4,674,000) 2020: 1,917,000	2021: 2,110,000	↑
<p>Events delivered: Platinum Jubilee Events; Queens Baton Relay; Big Splash Arts and Culture Weekend; Pride in the Port; Reggae and Riddim Jamaican Festival; City Centre live music programme; Sport in the Park family engagement events; Newport Food Festival; The Talking Shop (public space exploring the intersection between cultural and democratic participation); StoryTrails.</p>			Value of tourism	(2019: £441 M) 2020: £149.M	2021: £220M	↑
<p>City Centre: Safer Streets funding being used to provide Newport NOW Night-time Ambassadors on Friday and Saturday nights.</p>			Plans for next quarter and the future			
<p>New street art created in the city including in the Shaftesbury and Pill areas.</p>			<p>Review outcomes of public survey on climate change to gain an initial understanding of the climate priorities of our communities.</p>			
<p>Funding bid submitted for behavioural change work to increase active travel.</p>			<p>Develop a City Centre Place Making Plan/refreshed Master Plan using Placemaking Wales Charter principles.</p>			
			<p>Develop a cultural strategy for the city.</p>			
			<p>Develop bid for Newport and wider region to host a Welsh Freeport.</p>			
			<p>Develop cyber cluster via the Western Gateway partnership.</p>			
			<p>Deliver events programme and seek to bring in more regional and international sporting events. Development of forthcoming city events including: Wales National Armed Forces Day 2023; Christmas Markets and events; Support to World Cup Football at Rodney Parade.</p>			
			<p>New affordable homes onstream: Newport City Homes delivering Ringland masterplan (160 homes and commercial units); mixed tenure apartments at Coverack Road and Olympia House. POBL and housing developer Lovell working in partnership to create 500 new homes at Locke Gardens, Glan Llyn.</p>			

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Scrutiny Report

Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 8 February 2023

Subject Scrutiny Adviser Report

Author Scrutiny Adviser

The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Role
Neil Barnett (Scrutiny Adviser)	Present the Committee with the Scrutiny Adviser Report for discussion and update the Committee on any changes.

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

1. Committee's Work Programme:

Consider the Committee's Forward Work Programme Update (**Appendix 1**):

- *Are there any amendments to the topics scheduled to be considered at the next Committee meeting?*
- *Are there any additional invitees that the Committee requires to fully consider the topics?*
- *Is there any additional information that the Committee would like to request?*

2. Action Plan

Consider the Actions from previous meetings (**Appendix 2**):

- *Note the responses for the actions;*
- *Determine if any further information / action is required;*
- *Agree to receive an update on outstanding issues at the next meeting.*

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 The purpose of a forward work programme is to help ensure Councillors achieve organisation and focus in the undertaking of enquiries through the Overview and Scrutiny function. Effective

work programming is essential to ensure that the work of Overview and Scrutiny makes a positive impact upon the Council's delivery of services.

- 2.2 Further information about the work programming process, including the procedures for referring new business to the programme, can be found in our Scrutiny Handbook on the Council's Scrutiny webpages (www.newport.gov.uk/scrutiny).
- 2.3 The Centre for Public Scrutiny's Good Scrutiny Guide recognises the importance of the forward work programme. In order to 'lead and own the process', it states that Councillors should have ownership of their Committee's work programme, and be involved in developing, monitoring and evaluating it. The Good Scrutiny Guide also states that, in order to make an impact, the scrutiny workload should be co-ordinated and integrated into corporate processes, to ensure that it contributes to the delivery of corporate objectives, and that work can be undertaken in a timely and well-planned manner.

Action Sheet from Previous Meetings

- 2.6 Attached at **Appendix 2** is the Action Sheet from the Committee meetings. The updated completed actions are included in the table.
- 2.7 Any actions that do not have a response will be included on the Action Sheet at the next meeting to ensure that the Committee can keep track of outstanding actions.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

- 3.1 The following information is attached:

Appendix 1: The Committee's Forward Work Programme Update;
Appendix 2: Action Sheet from Previous Meetings.

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

- **Forward Work Programme Update - Appendix 1**
Consider:
 - Are there any amendments to the topics scheduled to be considered at the next Committee meeting?
 - Are there any additional invitees that the Committee requires to fully consider the topics?
 - Is there any additional information that the Committee would like to request?

- **Action Sheet from Previous Meetings - Appendix 2**
 - Consider the responses to the actions from the meeting;
 - Are you satisfied that you have received the necessary information?
 - Are there any further issues arising from the responses that you would like to raise?
 - For the actions that do not have responses – these actions will be rolled over to the next meeting and reported back to the Committee.

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 The Corporate Assessment provides background information on the importance of good work programming. Specific reference is made to the need to align the Cabinet and Scrutiny work programmes to ensure the value of the Scrutiny Function is maximised.
- 5.2 The latest Cabinet work programme was approved by the Cabinet on a monthly basis for the next 12 months and includes the list of reports scheduled for consideration. Effective forward planning by both Cabinet and Scrutiny needs to be coordinated and integrated in relation to certain reports to ensure proper consultation takes place before a decision is taken.

6. Links to Council Policies and Priorities

- 6.1 Having proper work programming procedures in place ensures that the work of Overview and Scrutiny makes a positive impact upon the Council’s delivery of services, contributes to the delivery of corporate objectives, and ensures that work can be undertaken in a timely and well-planned manner.
- 6.2 This report relates to the Committee’s Work Programme, Actions from Committee’s and Information Reports that support the achievement of the Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with the Law and Regulation Service Plan, Objectives, Actions and Measures and the Wellbeing objectives:

Well-being Objective	1 – Economy, Education and Skills	2 – Newport’s Environment and Infrastructure	3 – Preventative and Equitable Community and Social Care	4 – An Inclusive, Fair and Sustainable Council
Aims:	Newport is a thriving and growing city that offers excellent education and aspires to provide opportunities for all.	A city that seeks to protect and enhance our environment whilst reducing our carbon footprint and preparing for a sustainable and digital future.	Newport is a supportive city where communities and care are at the heart of what we do.	Newport City Council is an inclusive organisation that places social value, fairness and sustainability at its core.

7 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

- 7.1 The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 which came into force in April 2016 sets the context for the move towards long term planning of services.
- 7.2 **General questions**
- How is this area / policy affected by the new legislation?
 - How will this decision / policy / proposal impact upon future generations? What is the long term impact?
 - What evidence is provided to demonstrate WFGA has been / is being considered?

- Evidence from Community Profiles / other data?
- Evidence of links to Wellbeing Assessment / Objectives / Plan?

7.3 Wellbeing Goals

- How are the Wellbeing goals reflected in the policy / proposal / action?
 - *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*

7.4 Sustainable Development Principles

- Does the report / proposal demonstrate how as an authority we are working in accordance with the sustainable development principles from the act when planning services?
 - **Long Term**
The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs
 - **Prevention**
How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives
 - **Integration**
Considering how the public body'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 (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body 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.

8 Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan 2022-2027](#)

Report Completed: 8 February 2023

Appendix 1

**Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships
– Forward Work Programme Update**

Wednesday, 29 March 2023 at 5pm		
Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Safer Newport Update	Update on the work of Safer Newport, Newport's Community Safety Partnership, on partnership working to improve the safety of all Newport's communities.	Strategic Director – Transformation and Corporate; Policy and Partnership Manager; Community Safety Partners.
Education Achievement Services (EAS) Business Plan	Performance Scrutiny – of the EAS Partnership and its achievement of the objectives within the Business Plan and consider the impact of the plan for communities within Newport The Business plan is the regional strategic plan for accelerating educational outcomes during 2017-2018. It sets out the priorities, programmes and outcomes to be achieved by the Education Achievement Service on behalf of the South East Wales Consortium. The South East Wales Consortium is required to submit to the Welsh Government a three-year Business Plan that will be updated annually and the local authorities Scrutiny Committees are consulted as part of this process.	EAS Representative Chief Education Officer Deputy Chief Education Officer

Wednesday, 26 April 2023 at 5pm		
Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
One Newport Draft Local Action Plan 2023-28	Update on the draft Local Action Plan 2023-28 from the One Newport Partnerships	TBA

**Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships
– Forward Work Programme Update**

Newport Live	To provide an overview of the strategy and performance of Newport Live. Summary of the background to the item and a report on performance to date.	Newport Live Chief Executive Head of Regeneration and Economic Development
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Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships

ACTION SHEET – 9 November 2022

	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome
1	Norse Joint Venture Partnership	The Committee considered the report and presentation from the Norse Joint Venture Partnership.	Scrutiny / Norse JV Partnership	ACTIONED – Comments from the Committee forwarded to the partnership on 14th November 2022.
1	Norse Joint Venture Partnership	The Committee thanked Newport Norse for their invitation to their Newport Head Office and wished to take up their offer to visit their site to see how things are operated there.	Scrutiny / Norse JV Partnership	COMPLETED – Visit to Norse site completed on 19th January 2023.
1	Norse Joint Venture Partnership	Members would like to receive the full details of the complaints	Scrutiny / Norse JV Partnership	COMPLETED – Information forwarded onto the Committee on 20th December 2022.
1	Norse Joint Venture Partnership	The Committee asked the partners to provide a more detailed breakdown of their staff numbers and to clarify how much of the work is subcontracted. The Committee also requested what the gender and ethnicity of the	Scrutiny / Norse JV Partnership	COMPLETED – Information forwarded onto the Committee on 20th December 2022.

		apprenticeships/trainees were, would like to see this area monitored on an annual basis		
1	Norse Joint Venture Partnership	The Members would like to know the figure of money which goes into the public services and how much shares Norfolk Council gets. Members also wish to know where does the rebate money go, and how is it used and recorded?	Scrutiny / Norse JV Partnership	COMPLETED – Information forwarded onto the Committee on 20th December 2022.
2	Education Achievement Service Value for Money Report 2021-22	The Committee considered the information provided within the submission of evidence, together with the externally commissioned Education Achievement Service (EAS) Regional Value for Money (VfM) report 2021-22 and PowerPoint presentation.	Scrutiny / EAS	ACTIONED – Comments from the Committee forwarded to the partnership on 14th November 2022.

ACTION SHEET – 7 December 2022

	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome
1	Shared Resource Service Monitoring Update	The Committee considered the monitoring update from Shared Resource Service.	Scrutiny / SRS	ACTIONED – Comments from the Committee forwarded to the partnership on 9th December 2022.

APPENDIX 2

1	Shared Resource Service Monitoring Update	The Committee Members noted that they would like to have sight of the positive Audit Wales Report that was mentioned by the SRS Chief Operating Officer in the discussion.	Scrutiny / SRS	COMPLETED – Audit report forwarded to the Committee on 13th December 2022.
2	Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) 2021	The Committee noted the VAWDASV Progress Report, the Implementation Plan and the key strategic priority work plans for VAWDASV.	Scrutiny / VAWDASV	ACTIONED – Comments from the Committee forwarded to the partnership on 9th December 2022.
2	Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) 2021	The Committee requested that an All Member seminar be set up to allow all Councillors to be informed about how VAWDASV work.	Scrutiny / VAWDASV	COMPLETED – All Member seminar being arranged for 1st March 20.

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