

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 20 January 2022

Subject **Gwent Local Assessment of Well-being Consultation**

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

| Invitee: | Role |
|-----------------|--|
| Tracy McKim | Policy Partnership and Involvement Manager |
| Rhys Cornwall | Strategic Director – Transformation and Corporate Centre |
| Arabella Calder | Senior Policy and Partnership Officer |

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked:

1. To discuss the consultation draft of the Well-Being Assessment in line with statutory timelines.
2. To consider and comment on 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. To make any relevant comments on the consultation draft of the regional Well-Being Assessment and supporting local area assessments.

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 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. Following establishment of the Gwent PSB the first Gwent Well-Being Assessment must be published by 5th May 2022.

2.2 The guidance states that the use of evidence and analysis could usefully be divided in to 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).

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.

2.3 In preparing and publishing the assessment (situation analysis) of the state the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area the PSB must:

- 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.

2.4 The Gwent PSB was established on 1 October 2021, and it is anticipated that the first Regional Well-Being Assessment draft will be updated throughout the consultation process. The task of developing the assessment was assigned to an officer group and the draft Assessment was reviewed and agreed by the PSB in their December meeting to enable the consultation process to begin.

2.5 In preparing its Local Well-being Assessment each Public Services Board is required to fully consult with a number of statutory consultees. The key dates are:

| Date | Item |
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| 7 th December 2021 | Draft to PSB for approval |
| Mid December 2021 – End of January 2022 | Consultation Period for the Well-being Assessment, including with expert office |
| January / February 2022 | Discussions with local Scrutiny committees |
| 5 th May 2022 | Publish Well-being Assessment (statutory deadline) |

Previous Consideration of this item

2.6 The first Newport PSB assessment was initially published on the 3 May 2017. A project task and finish group was convened to develop the Local Well-being Assessment on behalf of the PSB, which was consulted on during December 2016 and February 2017. The assessment was amended in light of the consultation and was signed off by the PSB on 25 April 2017 along with the 20 individual community assessments.

- 2.7 Members may recall the meeting held on 28th July 2021 where the Committee received a report on the Formation of a Regional PSB. The Committee noted the proposal to move to a regional PSB, noted the requirement to establish regional Scrutiny, support the development of Local Delivery Partnerships such as OneNewport and ensure that these are considered in local Scrutiny work programmes. The following is an extract from the minutes of the Committee meeting:

(A link to the Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships held on 28 July 2021 Report and Minute is included in the Background Papers in Section 7 of this report.)

The Committee raised the following queries and concerns at that time:

1. *How can we hear the voice of young people, for example, the Newport Youth Council? Also, how can Community Councils be better supported and represented?*
2. *How will this work take forward existing Well-being Plan priorities and interventions – and which ones are likely to feature?*
3. *Are there any examples of a regional PSB elsewhere, and has this worked?*
4. *How will the new partnership evaluate itself and ensure that it is effective?*
5. *How can the Committee and all Members continue to support and challenge the new model?*
6. *How do we ensure regional work relates to and is influenced by local people?*
7. *What happens if a partner is not performing, and what if the model is not working?"*

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

- 3.1 The appended report is being presented to each of the five local authority areas in the Gwent region. The following appendices are attached:

Appendix 1: Gwent Local Assessment of Well-being for consultation report

Appendix 2: Draft Local Wellbeing Assessment ([Executive Summary](#)) full document can be found [here](#)

Also included in this cover report is a link to the Newport Well-being Profile 2021, which can be found [here](#).

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

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

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

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

- **Conclusions:**
 - Is the Committee satisfied that it has had all of the relevant information to base a conclusion?
 - Do any areas require a more in-depth review by the Committee?
 - Do the Committee wish to make any Comments / Recommendations to the partnership?

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

- Newport City Council Corporate Plan 2017-2022

6 Impact Assessment:

- **Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act**
- **Equality Act 2010**
- **Socio-economic Duty**
- **Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011**

The council has a number of legislative responsibilities to assess the impact of any strategic decision, proposal or policy on people that may experience disadvantage or inequality. An FEIA is not required at this stage, as this is a review of information and not a decision.

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

Section 47 of the Act allows two or more Boards to merge where it is considered that this will contribute to the national well-being goals; 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.

6.2 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

The new socio-economic duty brought into force by the commencement of Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010. The new duty applies to public body partners in Wales and so the Gwent PSB will need to develop assessments to assure itself that its actions are meeting the duty.

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. Improving Welsh language provision in Gwent will help sustain Welsh culture and identity for future generations and support local place making, and this is outlined in the assessment.

7. Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)
- [Socio-economic Duty Guidance](#)
- [Public Sector Equality Duty](#)
- [Welsh Language Measure 2015](#)
- [Minutes of Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships held on 28 July 2021](#)
- [Well-Being Assessment Report to the Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships on 26 July 2017](#)
- [Newport Local Well-being Assessment 2017](#)
- [Gwent Public Services Board](#)
- [Draft Gwent Well-being Assessment](#)

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