

# Scrutiny Report



## Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships

### Part 1

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Subject **Newport Wastesavers Partnership**

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

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Silvia Gonzalez-Lopez	Head of Environment and Public Protection
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## Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

### 1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider the briefing paper on the Newport Wastesavers partnership
2. Assess the contents of the report and decide if there has been satisfactory progress against the initial aims of the partnership.
3. Establish whether there is any additional information needed.
4. Decide if the Committee wishes to make any comments or recommendations in relation to the partnership

### 2 Context

#### Background

- 2.1 This will be the Committees first consideration of the Newport City Council's partnership with Wastesavers.
- 2.2 Wastesavers, a Third Sector Social Enterprise, provides the weekly kerbside recycling services for 74,000 households on behalf of Newport City Council. The organisation operates a door-to-door separate collection system, which includes sorting setups for households with multiple boxes for different materials and a separate container for food waste. Wastesavers also provides commercial recycling services to businesses in Newport, Torfaen and Monmouthshire, IT

recycling, and educational programs to promote environmental values of reducing, reusing, and recycling.

2.3 Wastesavers is a group term covering two distinct legal entities, Wastesavers Charitable Trust Limited (WCTL) established 1995 and Wastesavers Recycling Ltd (WRL) established 1996.

2.4 The primary objectives of Wastesavers Recycling Ltd are:

- To establish, operate and develop a variety of community recycling services for the collection and sale of post consumer waste.
- To promote and cultivate, within educational establishments and the wider community, the environmental value of reducing, reusing and recycling waste.

2.5 The primary objectives of Wastesavers Charitable Trust Limited (WCTL) are:

- Relief of poverty by provision of renovated furniture and other household items to those in need;
- Advancement of education in respect of the environmental aspects and need for recycling in the community
- Advancement of numeracy skills, literacy skills and life/practical skills of young people who have been excluded from school, or who are finding it difficult to operate in a school environment.

### 3 Information Submitted to the Committee

3.1 The following information is attached for the Committees consideration:

Appendix A – Newport Wastesavers Partnership report

### 4. Suggested Areas of Focus

#### Role of the Committee

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

Review and analyse the contents of the report and additional information contained in the presentation. Establish what progress has been made from the partnerships inception and what that means for the Council and its service users.

- Take a look at the achievements of the Newport Wastesavers Partnership to date and whether this constitutes as positive progress;
- Assess and make comment on the impact the Newport Wastesavers Partnership has had on:
  - The local economy, skills and employment, the environment and schools and local communities;
  - The extent to which and opportunities to learn and change practices are being addressed and associated risks are being mitigated;
- Conclusions:
  - 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 performance of the partnership?
  - Do any areas require a more in-depth review by the Committee?
  - Do the Committee wish to make any Comments / Recommendations to the Cabinet?

## Suggested Lines of Enquiry

- 4.1 The Committee might wish to think about the following when devising questioning strategies;
- What challenges does Wastesavers anticipate in the next few years regarding recycling and waste management, and how does it plan to address them?
  - Are there any fundamental changes to the relationship that would allow for greater success?
  - How does Wastesavers engage with the local community to gather feedback on its services, and what mechanisms are in place to incorporate this feedback into future projects?
  - How does Wastesavers' performance compare to similar organisations in other regions, and what best practices can be adopted from them?
  - What strategies does Wastesavers employ to raise public awareness about recycling and waste reduction, and how effective have these campaigns been?
  - Are there any innovative practices or technologies that Wastesavers is considering to enhance its recycling processes or community engagement?

## Section B – Supporting Information

### 5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 The report links with the Wellbeing-being Objectives and Aims of the Council's Corporate Plan 2022 – 2027;

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
<b>Aims:</b>	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.

- 5.2 The Newport Wastesavers Partnership report has strong links with Wellbeing Objectives 1 and 3.

### 6. Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)
- [Socio-economic Duty Guidance](#)
- [Public Sector Equality Duty](#)
- [Welsh Language Measure 2015](#)
- [Newport Wastesavers](#)