

<b><u>BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL</u></b>	
<b>Report to</b>	<b>Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Report Subject</b>	<b>Statutory Consultation on the Draft Assessment of Local Well-Being</b>
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## Report Information Summary

<b>1.</b>	<b>Purpose of Report*</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to outline the statutory requirements for consultation on the assessment of local well-being and highlight options for how the Public Services Board (PSB) Scrutiny Committee can fulfil their role as a statutory consultee.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Scope of the Report*</b>
2.1	This report relates to the statutory requirements of the PSB to consult with the PSB Scrutiny Committee on their assessment of local well-being for Blaenau Gwent.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Contribution to the National Well-Being Goals – Detail attached as Appendix 1</b>
3.1	The draft assessment of local well-being for Blaenau Gwent contains relevant evidence and intelligence to cover the seven National Well-being Goals.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Recommendation(s) / Endorsement by other groups, e.g. CMT/Committees/Other groups*</b>
4.1	Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee take the preferred options for a 'statutory consultation session' on the draft assessment of local well-being for Blaenau Gwent.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendation/s for Consideration*</b>
5.1	To consider the options provided in paragraph 6 of the report, and recommend the approach to responding to the well-being assessment.

### **Why this topic is a priority for the Council?\***

*Report author to identify links to the main corporate strategies.*

Single Integrated Plan (SIP)	Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP)	Performance Management Improvement Framework (PMIF)	Operating Model	Transforming Blaenau Gwent (TBG Programme)	Relevant legislation	Other (please state)
X					FGA	

### **Reporting Pathway\***

*Report author to identify proposed reporting pathway. (To identify dates where relevant)*

Directorate Management Team (DMT)	Corporate Management Team (CMT)	Audit	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny	Executive	Council	Other (please state)
2/2/17				13/2/17			PSB

**\*Denotes mandatory section**

## **Main Report**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Background and Context*</b>
1.1	All PSBs in Wales have a statutory requirement to prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area. The assessment must then be used to prepare a well-being plan no later than a year after the assessment is agreed by the PSB.
1.2	The guidance places an expectation that an assessment will use a broad range of evidence sources to help assess the state of well-being, for example, census and statistical data; academic research; and qualitative evidence which captures people's opinions and perceptions as well as giving context to quantitative data (the story behind the data).
1.3	The Blaenau Gwent PSB in July 2016 agreed an over-arching plan to ensure it was able to meet this statutory requirement. The plan took a collaborative approach for PSB partners to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• gather a broad picture of well-being using available data set; and</li><li>• Carry out proactive public and stakeholder engagement to help strengthen and challenge the data sets.</li></ul>
1.4	The Local Government Data Unit Wales (LGDU) were commissioned on a Gwent footprint to support the collation of available data sets on key economic, social, environment and cultural issues.
1.5	'The Blaenau Gwent We Want' engagement programme was implemented as an on-going conversation with the PSB to provide an opportunity for people to share their views on shaping the well-being assessment.
1.6	The data sets and findings from 'The Blaenau Gwent We Want' have been used to develop a draft assessment of well-being for Blaenau Gwent. The assessment is subject to a four week formal consultation in February 2017. In March 2017 the information will be considered by the PSB in March 2017 for final ratification.

2.	<b>Performance Evidence and Information*</b>
2.1	<p>The draft well-being assessment for Blaenau Gwent is a comprehensive document which looks to satisfy the requirements set out in the statutory guidance <i>Shared Purpose: Shared Future 3 - Collective role (public services boards)</i>.</p>
	<p>The draft document includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An introductory chapter providing context, requirements and information on the process for developing the assessment.</li> <li>2. An overview chapter for the area providing statistics at a Blaenau Gwent level, information on our communities, and the people that live within in them. This chapter also includes key future trends and summary information from the 'The Blaenau We Want' engagement programme.</li> <li>3. The four subsequent chapters are aligned to broad well-being or sustainable development headline areas i.e. Economic, Social, Cultural and Environment. Each of these chapters has a number of sections providing the relevant information of the key issues. These chapters follow a standard format exploring available data, information from public engagement and what is known from credible research.</li> <li>4. A series of appendices to support the information provided in the draft assessment.</li> </ol> <p>The draft assessment for well-being for Blaenau Gwent is available on the PSB website: <a href="http://www.blaenauwentpsb.org.uk">www.blaenauwentpsb.org.uk</a></p>
2.2	<p>Overall, involvement in the phase one of 'The Blaenau Gwent We Want' held between August and October 2016 was seen as positive with significant feedback including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 150 questionnaires returned;</li> <li>• Over 400 'BG We Want' postcards completed at events;</li> <li>• Over 300 drawings from children and young people;</li> <li>• 16 large 'graffiti' sheets from key engagement events; and</li> <li>• 62 Future Trees &amp; 42 Future leaves</li> </ul>
2.3	<p>Approximately 1,000 residents were engaged representing a variety of groups and communities. The feedback was divided into individual 'statements'. Many respondents provided more than one statement, with over 2,500 individual well-being statements being provided.</p>

<b>3.</b>	<b>Risk Implications</b>
3.1	Failure to carry out a statutory consultation on the draft local well-being assessment would lead to the PSB not complying with the collective duties set out in the well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Financial Implications</b>
4.1	There are no direct financial implications relating the statutory consultation.
4.2	However, Welsh Government provided access to a 'regional grant' to support the production of assessment of well-being of 2016/17. The Blaenau Gwent PSB was successful with the other four PSBs in Gwent in submitting a regional grant of £45,000 to commission analytical expertise from the Local Government Data Unit Wales (LGDU).
<b>5.</b>	<b>Staffing/Workforce Development Implications</b>
5.1	The draft assessment has been developed collaboratively with representatives from PSB being actively involved in both an analytical and public engagement perspective.
5.2	Progress against the overall plan is reported to the PSB via a PSB Strategic Support Group, which in turn is supported by the Blaenau Gwent Engagement Group.
5.3	The Policy, Partnerships and Engagement Team of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council is responsible for the operational delivery of the assessment and overseeing the implementation of the formal consultation for the assessment.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Options for Consideration</b>
6.1	In preparing both its assessment of local well-being and its local well-being plan, the PSB is required to consult fully with a variety of formal partners, including the PSB Scrutiny Committee.
6.2	As outlined above, the draft assessment is subject to a four week period of formal consultation in February 2017. The committee has the following options for considering the draft assessment:
6.3	<p><b>Option 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee agree to hold a PSB Scrutiny facilitated consultation session in order to receive a presentation on the findings of the draft well-being assessment.</li> <li>• The session will give members of the committee the opportunity to provide collective feedback as a committee on the draft assessment.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the session feedback will be collated and submitted back to the PSB Scrutiny Committee for final sign off in March 2017.</li> <li>• Members of the PSB Scrutiny Committee also have the opportunity to provide individual feedback on the draft well-being assessment as part of the formal consultation process.</li> </ul>
6.4	<p><b>Option 2:</b></p> <p>Members do not hold a facilitated consultation session and a formal response from the PSB Scrutiny Committee is not submitted as part of the formal consultation process.</p>
6.5	<p>Furthermore, Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee (as the Local Authority's Overview and Scrutiny committee) must receive a copy of the published well-being assessment following it being ratified by the PSB.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Impact Assessment Against Proposals / Options*</b>
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thinking for the long term</b></li> </ul> <p>The draft well-being assessment outlines future trends information and feedback from public engagement on what people consider would make the area a better place for the future.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Taking an integrated approach</b></li> </ul> <p>The draft well-being assessment follows an approach of considering the evidence gathered under the broad heading linked to sustainable development pillars i.e. economic, social, cultural and environment issues.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Taking a preventative approach</b></li> </ul> <p>The draft well-being assessment focuses on a situational analysis which will support the PSB to prioritise which issues it will focus on as part of its Well-being Plan. Following the prioritisation further work will be considered to understand the appropriate approaches to tackling the issues identified.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Collaborating</b></li> </ul> <p>The draft well-being assessment has been developed using a collaborative approach with involvement from a variety of partner organisations.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Involvement</b></li> </ul> <p>The Blaenau Gwent We Want engagement programme has been fundamental in the development of the draft well-being assessment, with feedback being incorporated into the document. Overview information on the programme is provided above in Section 2.</p>
7.2	<p><b>Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)</b></p> <p>Equality and Human Rights are specifically identified as key consideration in the statutory guidance <i>Shared Purpose: Shared Future 3 - Collective role (public services boards)</i>. As a consequence, the draft assessment contains relevant statistical information taking into consideration the protected characteristics. Furthermore, The Blaenau Gwent We Want engagement programme has specifically considered engagement with those from protected characteristics, as well as identifying further opportunities to engage more effectively in the well-being process in the future.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Conclusion*</b>
8.1	<p>Consultation of the draft assessment of well-being for an area is a fundamental process to ensure that consideration is given to the findings of this important document.</p>
8.2	<p>As a statutory consultee of the draft assessment the Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee has the opportunity to shape the assessment and provide feedback to ensure that the document is appropriate for the PSB to consider to help set appropriate priorities for the future of the area.</p>

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Assess how well your project / activity will result in multiple benefits for our communities and contribute to the national well-being goals.		
Description of the Well-being goals	How will your project / activity deliver benefits to our communities under the national well-being goals?	Is there anyway to maximise the benefits or minimise any negative impacts to our communities (and the contribution to the national well-being goals)?
<p><b>A prosperous Wales</b>            An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>The Well-being Assessment is a fundamental process for the PSB and contains key information on the economy of Blaenau Gwent.</p>	N/A
<p><b>A resilient Wales</b>            A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).</p>	<p>The Well-being Assessment is a fundamental process for the PSB and contains key information on the environment of Blaenau Gwent.</p>	N/A
<p><b>A healthier Wales</b>            A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</p>	<p>The Well-being Assessment is a fundamental process for the PSB and contains key information on the health of the populatin in Blaenau Gwent.</p>	N/A

Description of the Well-being goals	How will your project / activity deliver benefits to our communities under the national well-being goals?	Is there anyway to maximise the benefits or minimise any negative impacts to our communities (and the contribution to the national well-being goals)?
<p><b>A more equal Wales</b>            A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).</p>	<p>The Well-being Assessment is a fundamental process for the PSB and contains key information on the social factors of people in Blaenau Gwent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.</p>	<p>The Well-being Assessment is a fundamental process for the PSB and contains key information on the community safety and cohesion issues in Blaenau Gwent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b>            A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.</p>	<p>The Well-being Assessment is a fundamental process for the PSB and contains key information on the areas culture, heritage and Welsh language usage.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>A globally responsible Wales</b>            A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.</p>	<p>The Well-being Assessment is a fundamental process for the PSB and outlines some key findings relating to how Blaenau Gwent is globally responsible.</p>	<p>N/A</p>