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**THIS IS A MEETING WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND**

21st January 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee will be held in Via Microsoft Teams on Friday, 28th January, 2022 at 10.00 am (*if you wish to observe this meeting please contact [committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:committee.services@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)*).

***Please note that a pre and post meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start and following the conclusion of the meeting for members of the committee.***

Yours faithfully

Michelle Morris  
Managing Director

**AGENDA**

**Pages**

**1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION**

You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

We welcome correspondence in the medium of Welsh or English. / Croesawn ohebiaith trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg.

2. **APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND  
DISPENSATIONS**

To receive any declarations of interest and  
dispensations made.

4. **PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** 3 - 10

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup>  
December, 2021.

5. **GWENT REGIONAL WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT** 11 - 36

To consider the report.

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To: Councillor M. Cook (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor S. Healy (Chair)  
Councillor P. Baldwin  
Councillor M. Cross  
Councillor G. A. Davies  
Councillor C. Meredith  
Councillor J. Millard  
Councillor M. Moore  
Councillor J. P. Morgan  
Councillor G. Paulsen  
Councillor S. Thomas  
Councillor H. Trollope  
Councillor J. Holt  
Councillor J. Hill  
Councillor J. C. Morgan

All other Members (for information)  
Manager Director  
Chief Officers

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO:** **THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT:** **PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**REPORT OF:** **DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**PRESENT:** COUNCILLOR S. HEALY (CHAIR)

Councillors M. Cook  
P. Baldwin  
G. Davies  
J. Hill  
J. Holt  
G. Paulsen  
J. Millard  
M. Moore  
J.C. Morgan  
J.P. Morgan  
S. Thomas  
H. Trollope

**WITH:** Service Manager, Policy and Partnerships  
Service Manager, Children Services  
Policy Officer (PSB)  
Scrutiny and Democratic Officer/Adviser

**AND:** K. Cross, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board  
C. Nottingham, Sustainable Food Co-ordinator, Tai Calon

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>
	<b><u>CONDOLENCES</u></b>
	The Chair informed Members of the sad passing of Helen Wilkshire, the wife of Councillor David Wilshire and asked that the Committee hold a one-minutes silence as a mark of respect.

<b>No. 1</b>	<p><b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b></p> <p>It was reported that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.</p>
<b>No. 2</b>	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Councillor M. Cross.</p>
<b>No. 3</b>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>The following declarations of interest was raised:-</p> <p><u>Item No. 7 - Blaenau Gwent Participatory Budget Programme:</u>  <u>"Community Voice, Community Choice"</u></p> <p>Councillor P. Baldwin  Councillor J. Holt  Councillor G. Davies  Councillor J.P. Morgan</p> <p>Councillor M. Moore wished to report that she was an employee of GAVO who featured in a number of the reports being considered.</p>
<b>No. 4</b>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>
<b>No. 5</b>	<p><b><u>BLAENAU GWENT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2020/21</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager Policy and Partnerships.</p> <p>The Service Manager, Policy and Partnerships presented the third annual progress report on 'The Blaenau Gwent We Want' Well-being Plan. The Service Manager spoke to the report and outlined the key points as detailed in the report.</p>

The Service Manager referred Members to the Annual Progress Report which provided the progress made in the second year of the PSBs Programme for delivery against the Well-Being Plan under the five key sections. The Service Manager thereupon gave an overview of the five key sections as outlined in the report.

At this juncture, the Service Manager invited questions from Members and noted that questions would be passed to the local board or Regional PBS accordingly if Members requested.

A Member welcomed the report along with the work achieved and proposed that Option 1 be agreed. This proposal was seconded.

The Committee AGREED that the PSB Scrutiny Committee noted the progress made in the third year of delivery against the Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan and provided comments (Option 1).

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**No. 6**

**WELSH GOVERNMENT EARLY YEARS INTEGRATION  
TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME PILOT CHILDCARE OFFER –  
JOINT WORKING PILOT – BLAENAU GWENT PATHFINDER**

Consideration was given to the joint from of the Interim Director of Finance and Procurement (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board) and the Service Manager, Blaenau Gwent Children's Services.

The Service Manager Children's Services advised that the report updated the PSB Scrutiny Committee on the progress made to date on the Welsh Government's new Early Years Integration Transformation Pilot in the Blaenau Gwent Pathfinder area. The Service Manager added that the report also sought approval to further roll out into the Blaina Ward from January 2022.

The Service Manager further reminded Members of the work being undertaken as part of the Early Years Integration Transformation Pilot. The Service Manager noted that plans were currently underway to move into Brynmawr then into Nantyglo by January 2022 as already approved by BG PSB. The Service Manager reported that due to the ABUHB Health Visiting Department being recently restructured and Health Visitors given new caseloads, the Brynmawr, Nantyglo and Blaina Wards were being run as a team and therefore approval had been sought from the BG Local Well-being Partnership's to roll into Blaina at the same time as Nantyglo in January 2022.

It was added that work had also been undertaken around progressing the pilot for another 5 years and the Service Manager was confident that if funding was available the pilot could be rolled across Blaenau Gwent within 2½ years. Although the Service Manager stated that the speed of roll out would be dependent on funding available.

A Member welcomed the extension of the funding and had hoped that the whole of Blaenau Gwent would benefit from this excellent project.

Concerns were raised in respect of the lack of supporting evidence from the work undertaken in the Cwm Ward. The Service Manager Children's Services advised that a full evaluation of the Cwm Ward had not been completed at the time of the writing the report, however, it was hoped that following further roll out in Brynmawr, Nantyglo and Blaina a full analysis of would be included in the next stage when we sought approval for roll out across Blaenau Gwent.

Another Member noted the excellent work achieved with this project and welcomed roll out across Blaenau Gwent as it would be greatly welcomed in the Waundeg Ward. The Service Manager advised that once the project had a presence in a vulnerable area it helped turn that area around. The Service Manager was also pleased that the Waundeg Ward would be one of areas to be accessed in the roll out pilot and it was hoped that we could target this most vulnerable area next year.

The Member further reiterated his thanks to the Service Manager and her Team on the excellent work achieved.

Another Member raised concerns that a study of the progress of children in flying start areas had not been undertaken as they progress through their school life. The Service Manager advised that Welsh Government was not looking at this aspect at the moment and noted the performance indicators which are then measured against a red, amber and green system in terms of the action to be taken. These findings are passed to schools to highlight the work which may need to be taken forward with the child.

The Service Manager added that this was a major piece of work and at present there was no funding to take it forward. It was noted that the Member had raised the matter in Education and Learning Scrutiny Committee on a number of occasions and the Service Manager advised that the request had not been ignored, there was no aspirations from Welsh Government to take the project in this direction.

The Member felt that this was a failing of Welsh Government and it should be pursued to monitor the progress of pupils in flying start areas. Although, the Member recognised the excellent work and welcomed roll out across Blaenau Gwent could being secured.

A question was raised in relation to 'hubs' in the respective areas, the Service Manager informed that a number of places had been looked at in the Brynmawr Ward, however these were out of budget. Following a conversation with the Head Teacher in Blaen-y-Cwm Primary School a room had been acquired within the school.

The Chair thanked the officer for an excellent report and for the work undertaken by the Team.

The Committee AGREED that the Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee noted the roll-out outlined for 2022 (Option 1).

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**No. 7**

**BLAENAU GWENT PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROGRAMME:  
"COMMUNITY VOICE, COMMUNITY CHOICE"**

Consideration was given to the report of the Service Manager Policy and Partnerships.

The Policy Officer (PSB) advised that the report provided an update about the results of the Blaenau Gwent "Community Voice, Community Choice" Participatory Budget programme. The Policy Officer spoke in detail to the report and highlighted the key points.

A Member raised concerns in relation to the issues with the process for the programme and stated that many people struggled to join zoom calls and were therefore not able to vote. The Member felt that as there was no real lockdown in place at the time the process could have been undertaken in person with the necessary social distancing in place. The Member stated that not everyone was not digitally equipped or confident to take part in virtual meetings.

The Member also noted his concerns that monies were being awarded to projects outside of Blaenau Gwent.

The Service Manager Policy and Partnerships noted the concerns and advised that although the situation was not ideal the Council needed to be mindful of the pandemic and take forward the project from a public safety aspect. It was added that the process was carried in the safest manner and followed the Gwent Region processes. The Service Manager appreciated the digital platform could be restricted obviously with the restrictions in place there was a need to take forward the process in the most appropriate way.

In terms of monies being awarded outside of Blaenau Gwent, the Service Manager advised that the organisations maybe based outside of the Borough but they operated within the Borough as the services were for the people of Blaenau Gwent.

The Service Manager continued that the monies had now been distributed with contracts signed and projects were now in the delivery stage. The outcomes of the projects would be presented next year and although some concerns had been raised it was felt that the events were welcomed.

The Policy Officer (PSB) added that the Council controlled the funding and project plans would be monitored going forward to ensure their plans was on track to deliver the projects. An update on projects would be presented to the next Committee.

The Committee AGREED the report and accepted the report as provided prior to it being submitted to the Public Services Board (Option 1).

Councillor M. Moore left the meeting at this juncture.

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**No. 8**

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**SUSTAINABLE FOOD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**  
**PROGRESS UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Chief Executive and Director of Communities and Housing, Tai Calon Community Housing. The Blaenau Gwent Sustainable Food Co-ordinator, Tai Calon gave a comprehensive update on the Sustainable Food Partnership Programme.

A Member asked if foodbanks/groups promoted healthy eating and had fast food outlets been challenged to change their options on offer.



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The Co-ordinator advised that healthy eating was a 'hot topic' at the moment and referred to the changes made in sugary drinks. It was hoped that these changes would be applied in the food industry. The food debate was on the agenda for consideration at by the Welsh Assembly and the Co-ordinator felt that it would be interesting to see the outcome of these discussions.

The Member appreciated that tackling the fast food outlets was a major change nationally, however the Member felt that it was important that we attempt to tackle the issues more locally. It was informed that some groups provided an education around healthy eating and there was a lot of work being undertaken to obtain more fresh fruit and vegetables in foodbanks. However, it was also important to ensure individuals had access to cookers and were taught how to follow recipes to place fruit and vegetables in their everyday diets. These are key areas in changing lifestyles which would also be reliant on a family's income, therefore it was a need for good local economies.

The Co-ordinator added that one of promising spaces to tackle these issues were in with schools and there were lots of exciting projects being taken through schools, however it was stated that we could not force families or individuals to eat the right foods.

The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and noted the report and appendices as provided (Option 1).

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# Agenda Item 5

*Executive Committee and Council only*

Date signed off by the Monitoring Officer:

Date signed off by the Section 151 Officer:

Committee: **PSB Scrutiny Committee**  
Date of meeting: **28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
Report Subject: **Gwent Regional Well-being Assessment**  
Portfolio Holder: **Cllr Nigel Daniels**  
Report Submitted by: **Andrew Parker, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive	Council	Other (please state)
	06.01.22	18.01.22			28.01.22			Gwent PSB & BG LWP

## 1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to present the consultation draft of the regional Gwent Well-Being Assessment in line with statutory timelines, and to outline the consultation process and next steps for the draft Assessment of Local Well-Being for Gwent.

## 2. Scope and Background

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

2.2 The Gwent PSB was established on 1 October 2021. The task of developing the Well-being Assessment was assigned to the PSB GSWAG (Gwent Strategic Well-being Action Group) officer sub-group and the draft Assessment was reviewed and agreed by the Gwent PSB in their December 2021 meeting to enable the consultation process to begin.

2.3 The first cycle of Well-being Plans set out how the former PSBs are collectively continuing to respond to some of the key issues identified when they assessed local well-being in 2017. This Well-being Assessment is an opportunity to determine if existing well-being objectives are still the right ones, if more needs to be done in some areas and less in others, and how regional partners can best work together through the new Gwent PSB in a way that positively builds on what has gone before.

### 3. **Options for Recommendation**

#### **Option 1**

That Members of the Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee consider and accept the report and appendices as provided prior to it being submitted to the Gwent Public Services Board.

#### **Option 2**

That Members of the Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee consider and provide specific comment on the draft Gwent Well-being Assessment for consideration by the Gwent Public Services Board before approval.

### 4. **Evidence of how does this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan**

This report is in-line with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

### 5. **Implications Against Each Option**

#### 5.1 ***Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)***

The regional grant funding allocation from Welsh Government supports the development of common data and systems for the Well-Being Assessment. Blaenau Gwent Council Policy Team is overseeing the application and implementation of the funding for 2021/22 on behalf of all regional partners, as well as supporting the development of the draft and final Assessment following the consultation process.

#### 5.2 ***Risk including Mitigating Actions***

Failure to produce a WBA and carry out a statutory consultation on the draft WBA would lead to the PSB not complying with the collective duties set out in the well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

#### 5.3 ***Legal***

The programme has been developed in line with the 5 Ways of Working and other requirements stated in Well-being of Future Generations Act.

#### 5.4 ***Human Resources***

The draft assessment is being developed collaboratively with representatives from all Gwent local authority areas being actively involved in both an analytical and public engagement perspective.

Progress against the overall plan is reported to the PSB via a PSB Strategic Support Group, which in turn is supported by the PSB Engagement Sub-Group.

The Council's Policy, Partnerships and Engagement Team is responsible for the operational delivery of the assessment and overseeing the implementation of the formal consultation for the assessment in Blaenau Gwent.

## **6. Supporting Evidence**

### **6.1 Performance Information and Data**

The joint Well-being Assessment draws on the knowledge and experience each of the five PSBs gained when producing the last assessments in 2017.

6.1.1 Producing a joint assessment is different to producing one for each of the local authority areas. There are aspects that are best considered at a regional (Gwent) level, and others that are more local, affecting individual communities or areas. The assessment has been produced around the four well-being themes set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act: Social, Economic, Environmental and Cultural.

6.1.2 The Executive Summary, the full draft regional Well-being Assessment, and the draft local area assessments of well-being can be viewed in Appendix 1 here: [gwentpsb.org/well-being-plan/well-being-assessment/](http://gwentpsb.org/well-being-plan/well-being-assessment/)

6.1.3 The Assessment brings together a range of information to help explain what Gwent and its communities look like and what is important in planning for the future. Data has been collected at both national and local levels; and engagement with people and communities living and working in an area.

6.1.4 The Assessment is the main 'umbrella' document for Gwent, with each authority area developing its own community area assessments to reflect local communities. These high-level community area assessments will form part of the wider Gwent Assessment document, but each authority area may also develop more detailed assessments for use by their local delivery partnerships building on any existing work. There will be 22 local area assessments across Gwent, including four in Blaenau Gwent (Sirhowy Valley, Ebbw Fawr Valley, Upper Ebbw Fach Valley & Lower Ebbw Fach). Further information is provided in Appendix 2.

6.1.5 Although agreed in principle, Regional Scrutiny arrangements are not yet established, as such the Assessment will be received by the local Scrutiny Committees in each local authority area.

6.1.6 In preparing its Local Well-being Assessment each Public Services Board is required to fully consult with a number of statutory consultees. Key dates include:

- 7th Dec 2021 – draft approved by Gwent PSB
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022 – consultation, including with expert officers
- January/February 2022 – local Scrutiny committees
- April 2022 – Gwent PSB sign-off
- 5th May 2022 – publish (statutory deadline)

### **6.2 Expected outcome for the public**

The well-being assessment process, supported by local engagement and involvement processes, are crucial in ensuring that an effective well-being plan is developed to improve local well-being for the area of Blaenau Gwent.

**6.3 *Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation)***

The Gwent Communications and Engagement PSB sub-group developed the engagement around questions previously discussed at G10 (the group in place before the PSB was established) with questions in English, Welsh and the most prevalent minority ethnic languages which were delivered in the local authority areas and with the assistance of communications/engagement officers in the health board, police and community voluntary organisations.

- 6.3.1 To enable consistency across the partners involved in the engagement process a common set of questions was developed by BGCBC on behalf of regional partners, building on the approach taken when undertaking the previous local assessment in 2017/18. This enabled consideration of whether Gwent communities' views had changed since the last well-being assessments. A stakeholder mapping exercise established the key groups and organisations who needed to be targeted and prevented duplication by the many partners involved in the group. The former PSBs in the region have a range of existing well-being objectives and it was important to understand whether these were still important to communities, as well as provide feedback on work that had happened to deliver the existing objectives.
- 6.3.2 The engagement process followed is included as Chapter 3 of the Assessment.
- 6.3.3 The timeline of establishing a regional PSB, the ongoing COVID pandemic and the new requirement to complete the first regional assessment and supporting engagement activity has presented a range of challenges. It is proposed that this Assessment is a starting point for the Gwent PSB, Well-Being Plan and supporting activities.
- 6.3.4 The consultation process will include expert officers, that is staff within member organisations with responsibility for services that deliver on, or who have knowledge of, economic, environmental, social and cultural factors. In effect to 'sense check' the headlines in the assessment and consider their views as it moves through to Response Analysis.
- 6.3.5 The draft is being shared with a range of consultees, the statutory requirements are:
- The Future Generations Commissioner;
  - The Board's invited participants;
  - its other partners;
  - such of the persons who received but did not accept an invitation from the board under Section 30 as the board considers appropriate;
  - the local authority's overview and scrutiny committee;
  - relevant voluntary organisations as the board considers appropriate;
  - representatives of persons resident in the area;

- representatives of persons carrying on business in the area;
- trade unions representing workers in the area;
- such persons with an interest in the maintenance and enhancement of natural resources in the board's area, as the board considers appropriate;
- any other persons who in the opinion of the board, are interested in the improvement of the area's economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being

Gwent PSB members to support the consultation process within their own organisations, and also at the local delivery groups.

#### 6.3.6

To follow the statutory consultation requirements outlined in section 3.7, it is proposed that the following actions be taken locally in Blaenau Gwent:-

#### 6.3.7

- Provide a link to the full document on the Gwent PSB website link on home page of the BGCBC website
- Share the document with BG LWP members asking them to consider the draft and provide any comments or feedback from their organisation's perspective (views also to be sought at the LWP meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022)
- Share the document with all BGCBC Members
- Share the document with our stakeholder engagement networks (e.g. Youth Forum, Citizen Panel, 50+ Forum members etc.) and GAVO requesting feedback from residents, community groups and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector organisations
- Share the document with BGCBC staff for specific input on matters relating to their service areas
- Hold a PSB Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for the document to be considered by scrutiny committee members

#### 6.4 ***Thinking for the Long term (forward planning)***

The Gwent WBA will outline future trends information and feedback from public engagement on what people consider would make the area a better place for the future.

#### 6.5 ***Preventative focus***

The WBA process will focus on a situational analysis which will support the Gwent 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 locally.

#### 6.6 ***Collaboration / partnership working***

The WBA will be developed using a collaborative approach with involvement from the five Gwent local authority areas as well as a variety of PSB partner organisations.

#### 6.7 ***Integration(across service areas)***

The WBA follows an approach of considering the evidence gathered under well-being and sustainable development pillars: economic, social, cultural and environment issues.

6.8 ***EqIA***

The engagement approach is built on the national principles for public engagement. There are number of established forums which support engagement covered by the protected characteristics.

7. **Monitoring Arrangements**

The Gwent PSB, BG Local Well-being Partnership and the PSB Scrutiny Committee monitor progress through its forward work programme performance management arrangements.

**Background Documents /Electronic Links**

- **Appendix 1** – [Draft Gwent Well-being Assessment](#)
- **Appendix 2** – Gwent Well-being Assessment Overview



# Draft Gwent Well-being Assessment



Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus  
**Gwent**  
Public Services Board

# Introduction

- Extensive work has been undertaken across the PSB partnership officers in providing both the main and Executive Summary.
- This is only the beginning, the assessment is not complete and will change during the consultative process.
- The assessment highlights key areas of impact. All parts of Gwent will have higher or lower levels impacts, it doesn't mean that issues don't exist in areas of low impact its just less prevalent.
- There will be a number of 'don't know yet' but the extensive full assessment will be the key document to unpick some of those areas during this exploratory stage.

# Draft Gwent Well-being Assessment - Introduction

- The Assessment tells us about all aspects of Well-being on a Gwent basis for the first time
- Covers 5 very different local authority areas, with different strengths and experiences
- Will help understand differences in communities and help to work collaboratively on issues affecting the whole region
- Highlights inequalities in our communities as well as opportunities



# What is the data telling us?



## What's good

- A **diverse economy** that is well placed to contribute to the industries of the future
- A **rich culture and heritage**
- **Strong communities** - many people feel connected to their neighbourhoods and proud of their surroundings
- A distinct and **iconic natural environment** is a significant resource.

## What isn't so good

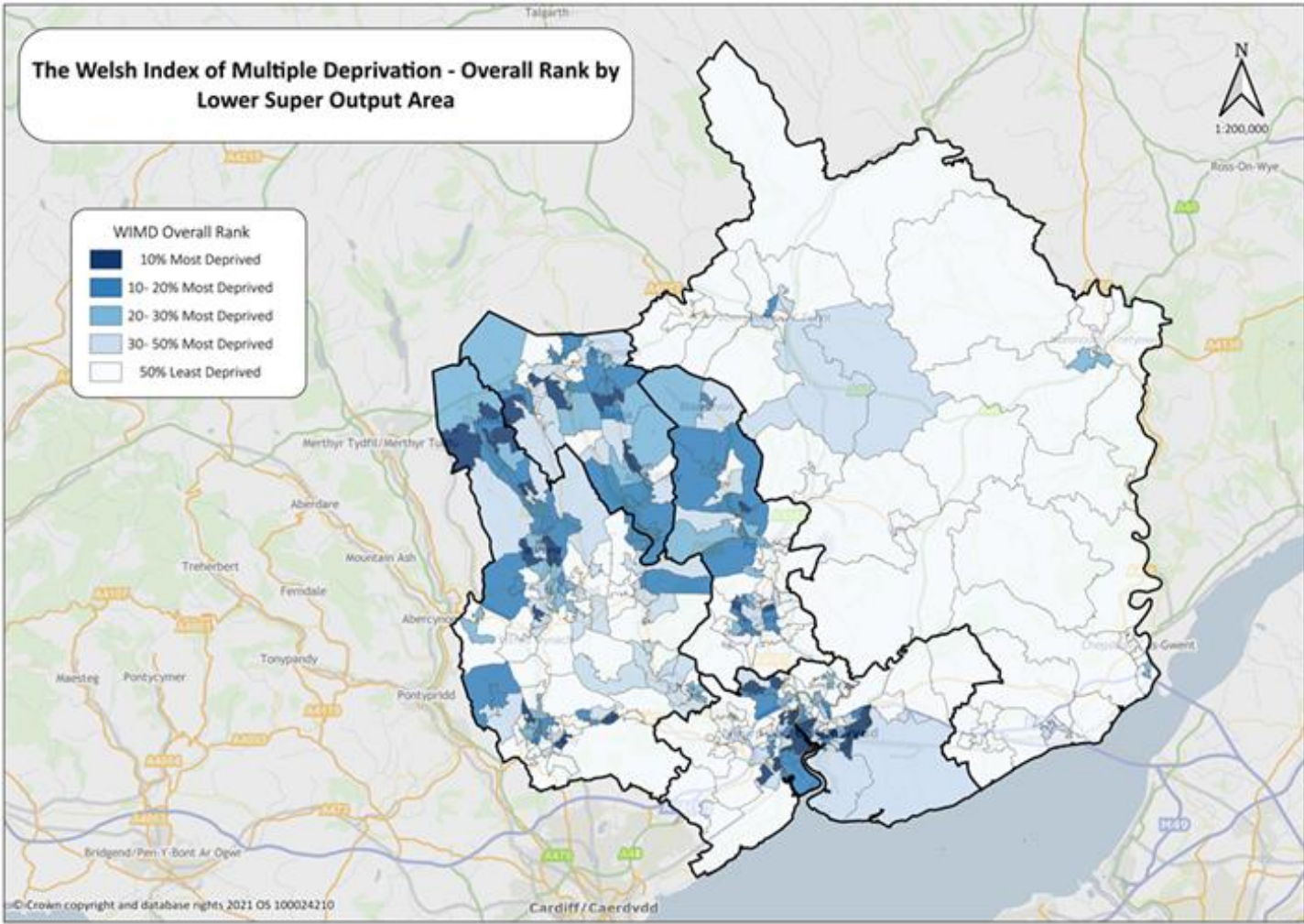
- There are significant health, education, housing, income and employment **inequalities**
- There is significant **deprivation**
- Condition of our natural resources and **declining biodiversity**



# Social Well-being - Deprivation

Area	Number	%
Blaenau Gwent	21	45
Caerphilly	26	24
Monmouthshire	1	2
Newport	33	35
Torfaen	19	32

- The Assessment highlights inequalities in Health, Housing and Education
- Most disadvantaged, disproportionately affected by Climate Change
- Most deprivation in valleys and areas surrounding towns/city centres



# Social Well-being - Housing

- Most housing deprivation around Newport City Centre, otherwise more uniform
- Blaenau Gwent (28%) highest proportion of deprived, Monmouthshire lowest (11%)
- Future housing needs to be Climate Change-resilient and suitable for an aging population
- Nearly 50,000 residential properties at risk of flooding in Gwent
- Potential for 300,00 houses to be powered by wind and 4m+ houses by solar energy

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

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

# Social Well-being - Health



- Significant health inequalities in Gwent – areas across Gwent (other than Monmouthshire) in top 10% most deprived
- St James in Caerphilly most deprived LSOA in Gwent and 7<sup>th</sup> most in Wales
- Blaenau Gwent highest proportion residents with limiting long-term illness but localised pockets in Gwent with very concerning levels
- Blaenau Gwent also highest premature death rate in Gwent although pockets in other areas, with Pill, Newport with more than double Wales rate
- Healthy life expectancy very unequal across Gwent

No LSOAs in top 20% most deprived in Wales per LA

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

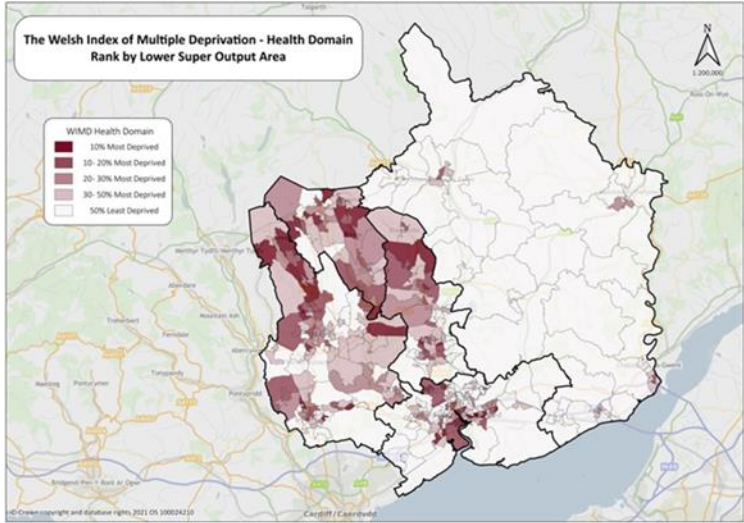
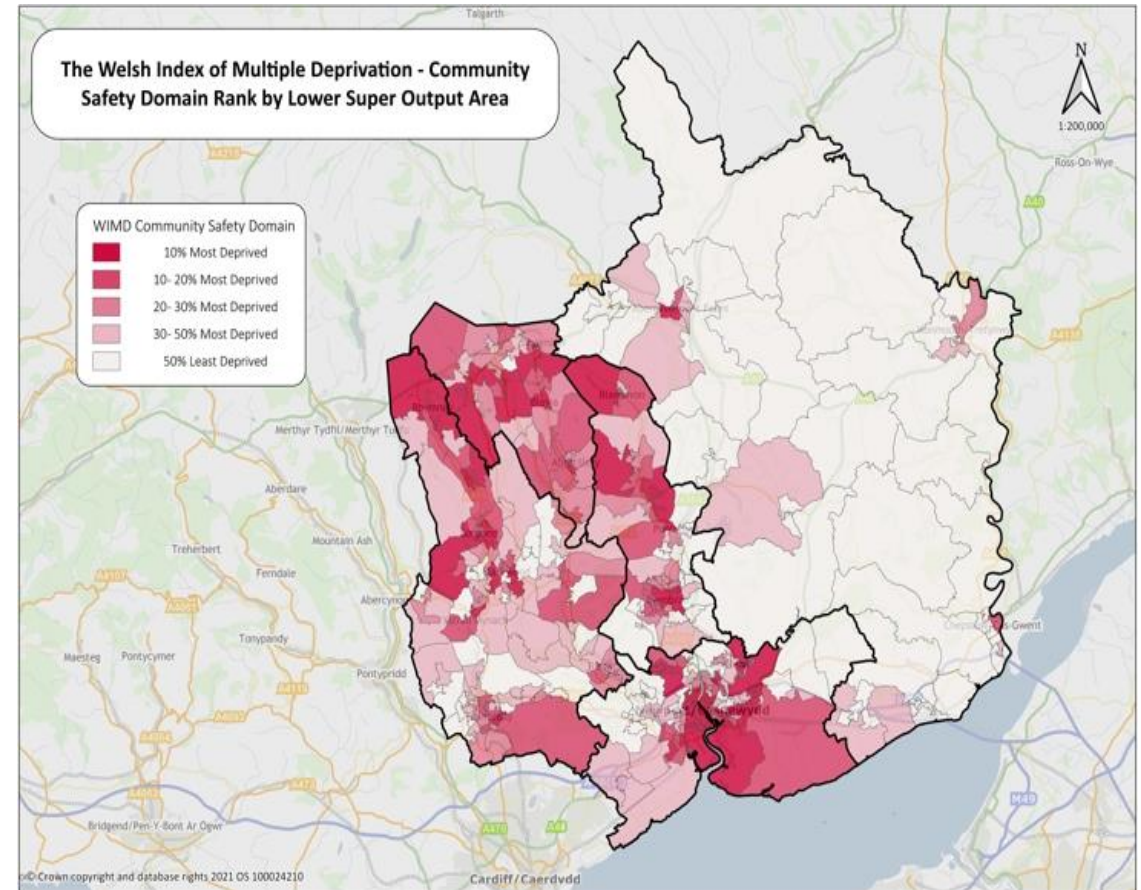
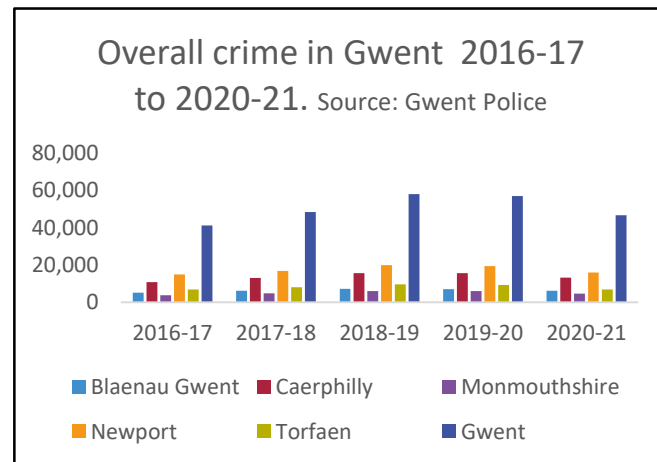


Figure 1: Gwent local authorities in highest health WIMD deprivation ranking



# Social Well-being – Community Safety

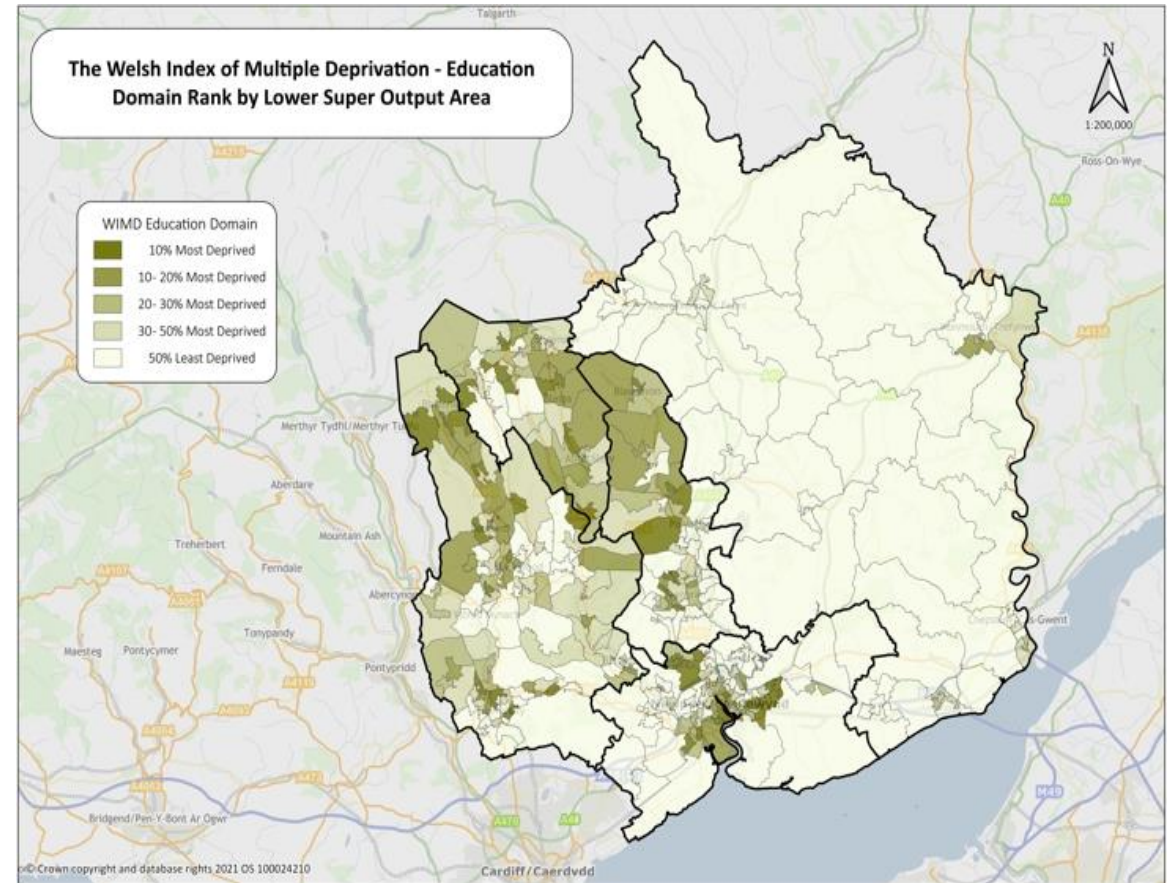
- Blaenau Gwent highest proportion LSOA in top 20% most deprived (53%), Monmouthshire lowest (5%)
- Overall crime increased 2016-2019 before Covid saw a reduction
- Focus on Prevention





# Social Well-being - Education

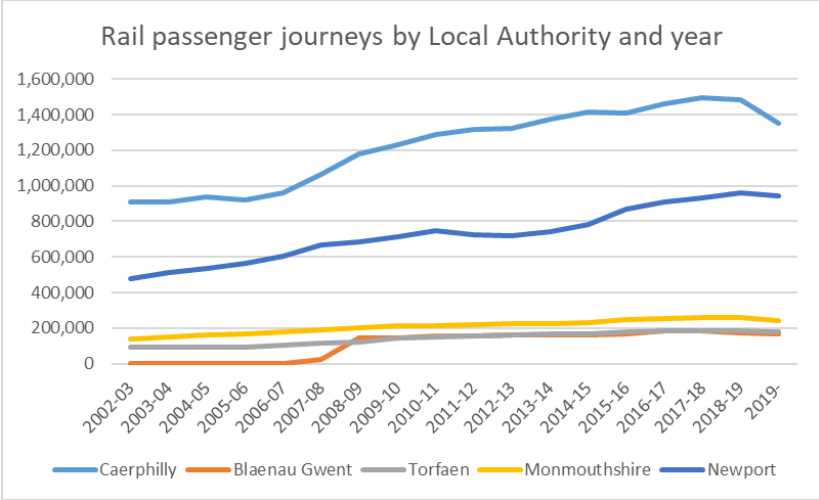
- Noticeable variations in attainment/qualification levels across Gwent
- Families finding it hard to afford the basics in life – nearly a quarter of school age pupils eligible for free-school meals in Gwent
- Nearly 12% pupils from ethnic minority background
- Longer term impact of Covid on learning yet to be determined



# Social Well-being - Transport



- Good transport links crucial for economy, health, education and leisure
- Travelling by public transport is more difficult in rural areas of Gwent
- Public transport costs increasing
- Active travel can help keep aging population healthier for longer
- Traffic pollution negative impact on health
- Covid lockdowns increased working from home but better digital infrastructure is needed



The number of LSOAs in the top 20% most deprived for access to services in Wales

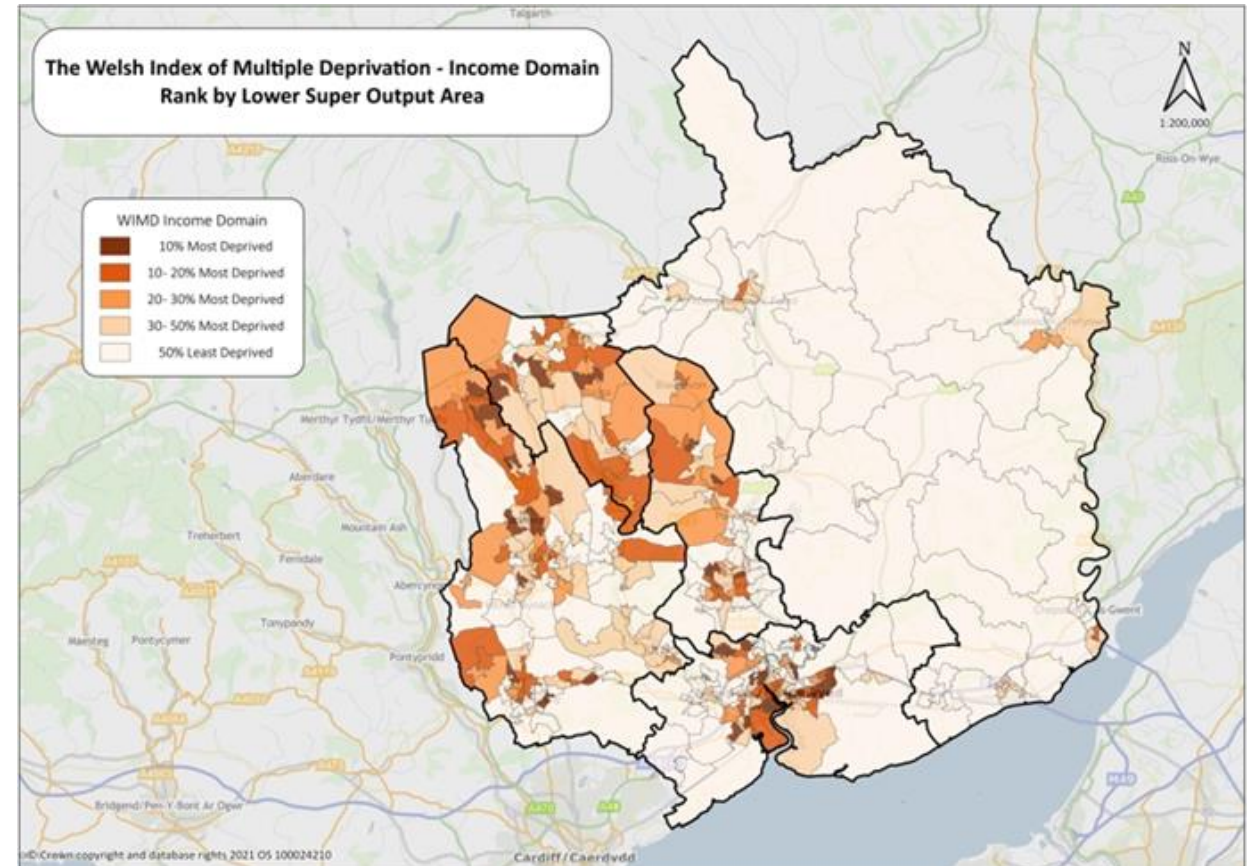
Area	Number	%
Blaenau Gwent	8	17
Caerphilly	5	5
Monmouthshire	22	39
Newport	8	8
Torfaen	3	5

# Economic Well-being - Income

- Many people on low pay – although unemployment is lower than 2011, still high income and employment deprivation in Gwent
- Blaenau Gwent highest proportion for income, and employment, deprivation although pockets in other areas also very high

No LSOAs in top 20% most deprived for income in Wales:

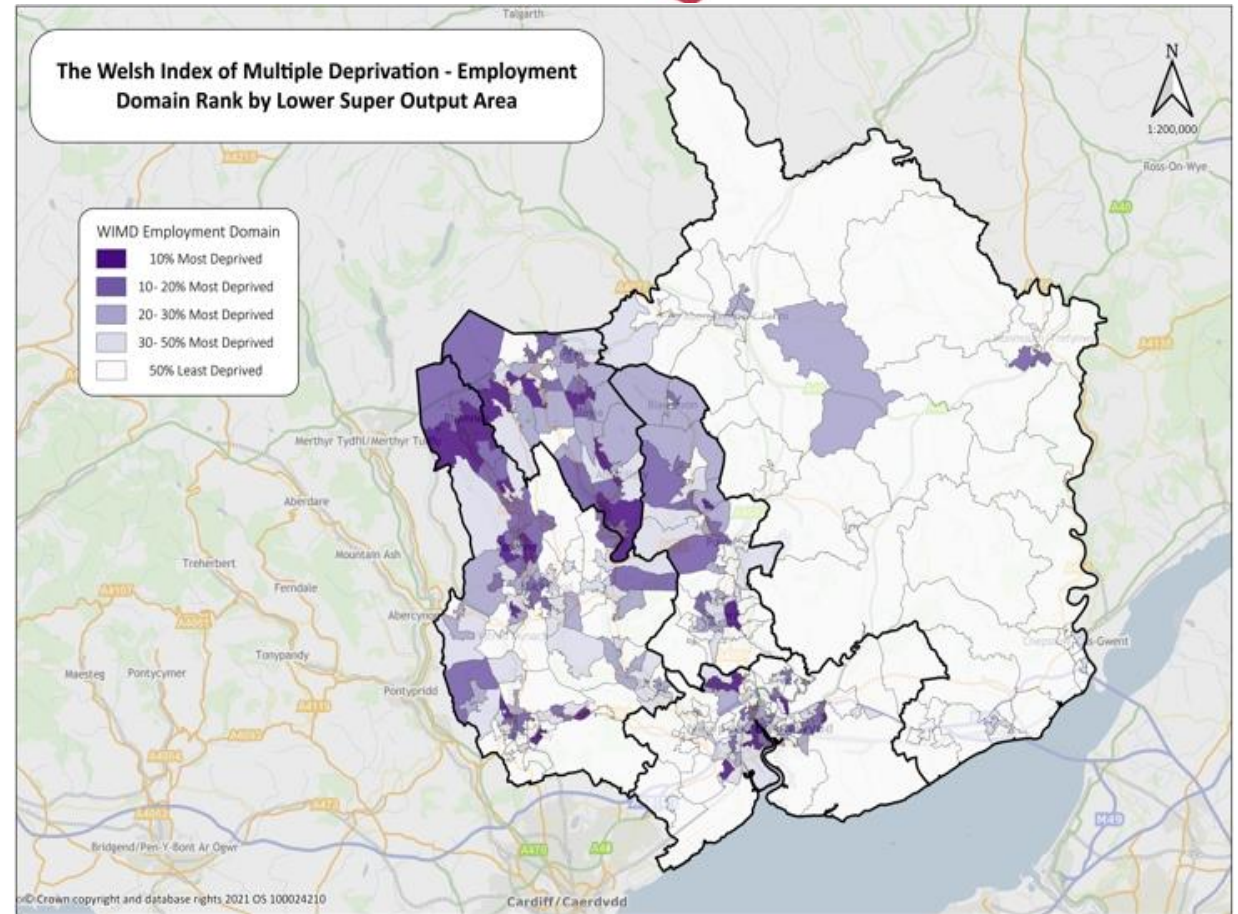
Blaenau Gwent	17	<b>36</b>
Caerphilly	27	25
Monmouthshire	2	<b>4</b>
Newport	31	33
Torfaen	14	23





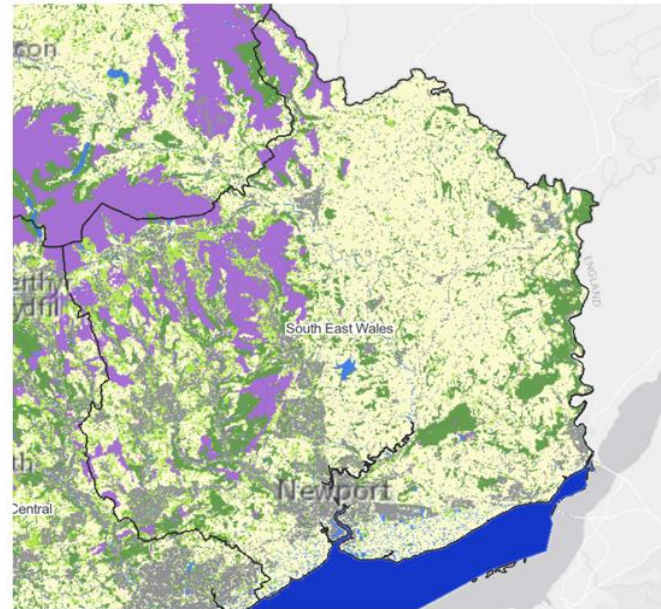
# Economic Well-being - Employment

- Cost of childcare a barrier for families and need more flexibility in work patterns
- Long-term impact of Covid not yet known
- Gwent well placed to take advantage of emerging economic sectors – need to have right skills
- Develop local supply chains and energy efficient to make climate change resilient



# Environmental Well-being – Habitats

- Gwent has distinctive landscape areas and contribute to Well-being in a number of ways – food, water, fuel and other essentials
- Habitats and species under threat across Gwent (71% “unfavourable” condition assessment)
- Woodlands, grasslands, mountains, rivers all with less than favourable condition assessment status
- Competing demand for land (e.g. housing) causing habitat loss



## What the map shows

The ONS broad ecosystem classes.



# Environmental Well-being – Climate Change and Risk



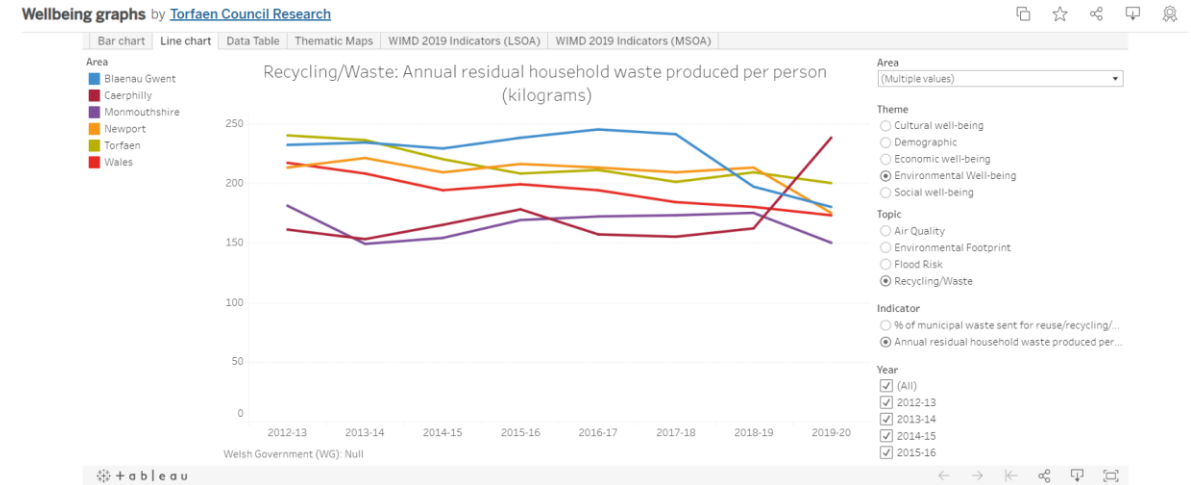
- Climate change, over-use, pollution crime threatening natural resources
- Increased flood and drought risks
- Temperature increases likely to adversely affect landscape such as wildfire
- Major challenge to reduce negative impact of agriculture whilst maintain food production – 65% of Gwent is farmed land
- A number of Air Quality Management Areas in Gwent declared due to NO2 levels

- Brexit and potential changes to agricultural practices

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

- If the rest of the world lived as we do in Wales, then we would need 3.3 planets to support us all
- Need to use resources efficiently, reducing consumption and recycling
- Gwent recycling rates above Welsh average but zero waste by 2050 challenging
- Need to look at food, energy and transport systems to reduce emissions
- Opportunities for low carbon systems in future



Blaenau Gwent	3.1
Caerphilly	3.1
Monmouthshire	3.4
Newport	3.2
Torfaen	3.1

Ecological footprint per person (global hectares) by LA



# Cultural Well-being

- Diverse cultural landscape in Gwent
- Inequalities in communities make it harder for some to access cultural activities
- Increasing numbers of Welsh speakers
- Impact of Covid on sports and culture – economic contribution of tourism in Gwent decreased by 70% in 2020 and FTE jobs reduced by 52% compared to 2019
- Creative economy has great potential to increase contribution to the economy but will take years
- Make sure have the right skills with opportunities for new businesses
- Aging population may help increase numbers of volunteers in the sector
- Risk to built and natural heritage is great but additional opportunities may occur in leisure and outdoor sports from climate change



# Challenges/Opportunities

- **Aging population**
  - Resilience to a **changing climate**
  - Long-term impact of **Covid-19**
  - Long-term impact of **leaving the EU**
  - **Decarbonisation** of heat, power and transport
  - Energy security
  - Food security
- All with the potential to **widen inequalities**

# Assessment Timetable

	Nov		Dec			Jan			Feb			March			April			May		
Consultation draft completed																				
Mature consultation draft sign off by PSB (7 <sup>th</sup> )																				
Formal consultation																				
Expert/officer test data analysis																				
Scrutiny																				
Collate/assess consultation responses																				
Amend in light of consultation																				
PSB sign off (10 <sup>th</sup> )																				
Proofing/translation/design																				
Publish Assessment of Well-being - 5 <sup>th</sup> May																				

# The next steps

- For the PSB to review and agree the draft Assessment of Local Well-Being for consultation over the period 13th December 2021 to 31st January 2022
- Individual members to take the draft assessment through governance arrangements in their own organisation, support the consultation process within their own organisations, and also at the local delivery groups
- PSB to provide any comments on the draft assessment by Monday the 13th December prior to consultation with the statutory consultees
- PSB to consider lead members for areas of the assessment and to support the developing work
- The PSB commit to a workshop in mid-February to consider the results of the consultation and provide input to the response analysis. A date is being sought in the 3rd week of February to engage the PSB in this task

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