

Committee: **Partnerships Scrutiny Committee**
Date of meeting: **14th October 2022**
Report Subject: **Consultation on the Draft Well-being Plan for Gwent**
Portfolio Holder: **Councillor Steve Thomas, Leader of the Council**
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Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
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1. **Purpose of the Report**
 - 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the draft regional Well-Being Plan for Gwent for comment, as part of the statutory consultation process. The draft Gwent Well-being Plan is attached at Appendix 1 and the consultation documents can be accessed via the following link: [Help us shape the Well-being Plan for Gwent | Get Involved Torfaen](#)

2. **Scope and Background**
 - 2.1 The 5 PSBs in Gwent dissolved in September 2021, in favour of merging to form a regional Gwent PSB. This followed an Audit Wales report into the effectiveness of PSBs, which recommended (amongst other things) that PSBs develop flexible models of working such as merging. Prior to the merger, the five separate PSBs in Gwent had already collaborated on a number of regional projects, for example, the provision of electric vehicle charging points and a review of public sector building assets. Merging provides a more simplified and streamlined model and closer alignment with other existing regional boards, such as the Regional Partnership Board and Safeguarding Board.

 - 2.2 Although the separate Gwent PSBs dissolved as part of the creation of a Gwent PSB, the current Well-being Plans for each Local Authority area still run until May 2023. Local Delivery Groups of the Gwent PSB now exist within each local authority area in Gwent to ensure the continued delivery of the existing Well-Being Plans, and contribute to the well-being objectives for Gwent. Blaenau Gwent's Local Delivery Group is known as the BG Local Well-being Partnership.

 - 2.3 The Gwent PSB brings public bodies together to work to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Gwent. They are responsible, under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, for overseeing the development and delivery of a new regional Gwent Well-

being Plan 2023-28, which is a long term vision for the well-being of the area.

2.4 Gwent PSB has eight statutory member organisations responsible for carrying out their well-being duties under the Act:

- Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
- Caerphilly County Borough Council
- Monmouthshire County Council
- Newport City Council
- Torfaen County Borough Council
- Natural Resources Wales
- South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

and must invite other public bodies to be part of the board to support them. The PSB can also invite other bodies who share their aims and who can help deliver the Well-being Plan. The other members of the Gwent PSB are:

- Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO)
- Gwent Police
- National Probation Service
- Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent
- Public Health Wales
- Tai Calon Community Housing
- Torfaen Voluntary Alliance (TVA)
- University of South Wales
- Welsh Ministers

2.5 Further information on Gwent PSB's purpose, aim, role and responsibilities can be found in the [Terms of Reference](#).

2.6 The Well-being of Future Generations Act places a duty on all Public Services Boards (PSBs) in Wales to produce a local Assessment of Well-being every five years. The plan is required to set out how the PSB intends to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area.

2.7 A Well-being Assessment (considered by the PSB Scrutiny Committee in January 2022) must be used to inform the Well-being Plan for the area. Using the information in the Gwent [Well-being Assessment](#) 2022 and the three response analyses completed on the three themes identified by the PSB, a draft Well-being Plan has been produced.

2.8 There are five main elements of a Well-being plan:

- the objectives;
- why these were chosen;
- the steps the PSB proposes to take to meet the objectives;
- How the five ways of working have been applied; and

- Contribution to the seven well-being goals.
- 2.9 The Partnerships Scrutiny Committee is a statutory consultee of the draft regional Well-being Plan for Gwent which has been prepared under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
3. Options for Recommendation
- 3.1 **Option One**
The Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
- I. Considers the draft Gwent Well-being Plan and;
 - II. Endorses the draft Plan as a statutory consultee
- 3.2 **Option Two**
The Partnerships scrutiny Committee
- I. Considers the draft Gwent Well-being Plan;
 - II. Provides additional comments as part of the consultation; and
 - III. Recommends comments to the Gwent PSB for consideration as their response as a statutory consultee
4. **Evidence of how does this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan**
The final Gwent Well-being Plan will apply to all LA areas across Gwent, including Blaenau Gwent, with opportunities for the Gwent PSB Local Delivery Groups to deliver against local priorities through their own local actions plans going forward.
5. **Implications Against Each Option**
- 5.1 ***Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)***
There are no direct financial implications relating to the statutory Consultation process. The engagement programme is funded from regional PSB funding from Welsh Government.
- 5.2 ***Risk including Mitigating Actions***
Failure to carry out a statutory consultation on the draft local well-being plan 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***
Failure to carry out a statutory consultation on the draft local well-being plan would lead to the PSB not complying with the collective duties set out in the well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
- 5.4 ***Human Resources***
The Policy and Performance Division supports the work of the PSB and BG Local Well-being Partnership and leads on supporting them on delivering their collective duties under the Act. The draft plan has been developed

collaboratively with representatives from Gwent LAs and PSB partners. Regional collaborative work on drafting the plan was carried out via GSWAG.

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 ***Performance Information and Data***

The draft Gwent Well-being Plan for consultation (attached at appendix 1) contains the following three draft objectives (as well as proposed steps to achieve these objectives) based on evidence from the Gwent Well-being Assessment:

- We want to create a fair and equitable Gwent for all.
- We want to create a Gwent that has friendly, safe and confident communities.
- We want to create a Gwent where the natural environment is protected and enhanced.

The draft plan also includes an explanation of the Marmot principles for a Fair Society, Healthy Lives and how these link to the draft objectives. The Gwent PSB agreed to work towards becoming 'Marmot Region' in March 2022.

Further information, such as how the five ways of working have been used in developing the objectives and steps, and how success will be measured, will be developed during the consultation period and once the objectives and steps have been finalised.

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

It is expected that the consultation will help to refine the Well-being Plan, providing further insights into what our communities and partner organisations feel is important to improving well-being.

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

The Partnerships Scrutiny Committee is a statutory consultee of the draft regional Well-being Plan for Gwent which has been prepared under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The legislation sets out a 12 week statutory consultation period for draft Wellbeing Plans. This runs from 1st October – 31st December 2022.

The officer Engagement sub-Group of GSWAG has prepared a number of consultation methods including: Production of an easy read version of the draft Well-being Plan Stakeholder events – being organised as part of the Marmot work with IHE Community events – using existing events to connect with people Meetings with groups representing and supporting people from protected characteristics Online surveys.

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

The draft Well-being Plan takes consideration of the data and future trend information including the Gwent well-being assessment and public

engagement on what people consider would make the area a better place for the future and have most positive impact on their well-being.

6.5 Preventative focus

The draft Plan focuses on Prevention as one of the five ways of working, and outlines a series of proposed steps for taking preventative action to help achieve the each of the 3 draft objectives.

6.6 Collaboration / partnership working

The draft Well-being Plan has been developed using a collaborative approach with involvement from the 5 LAs and a variety of partner organisations across Gwent.

6.7 Integration(across service areas)

The draft Well-being Plan follows an integrative approach that considers each of the five ways of working (including integration) and notes opportunities for integration between the draft well-being objectives and with the Marmot principles.

6.8 EqIA

Equality and Human Rights are specifically identified as key consideration in the statutory guidance Shared Purpose: Shared Future 3 - Collective role (public services boards). As a consequence, the process of developing the draft plan has taken into consideration the equality requirements through the development of the supporting Gwent Well-being Assessment and engagement programme.

7. Monitoring Arrangements

A Gwent PSB performance management framework currently being developed to set out how progress will be monitored and success will be measured against the Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-28.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

- *Appendix 1: Draft Well-being Plan for Gwent for Consultation*