



COUNCIL - 6TH MARCH 2018

SUBJECT: DRAFT REGIONAL AREA PLAN

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the draft regional Area Plan required under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act and set out how it complements the Well-being Plan required under the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing Act (2014) places a statutory duty on local authorities and health boards to prepare a regional Area Plan following the publication of the region's population needs assessment (PNA). A draft Area Plan has been jointly developed across the region (Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen) by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and the Regional Partnership Team. The draft Area Plan sets out the actions to achieve the priorities identified in the PNA and will closely align and share similar priorities to the Caerphilly Well-being Plan. The draft Area Plan is best read as a working draft as there are still a number of details to be added such as the Integrated Care Funding profile.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- Well-being Assessment (Well-being of Future Generations Act)
- Well-being Plan
- Draft Corporate Plan.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Act), in Part 2, section 14, requires that local authorities and local health boards jointly carry out an assessment of the needs for care and support in relation to the Gwent region's population. The Gwent regional population needs assessment (PNA) report was agreed and published on 1st April 2017 and set out priorities over specific core themes:

- children and young people
- older people
- health / physical disabilities
- learning disability/ autism
- mental health
- sensory impairment
- carers who need support; and
- violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

- 4.2 Following the publication of the regional PNA report each local authority and health board are required to prepare and publish an Area Plan setting out the range and level of services they propose to provide in response to the PNA. Area plans must include the specific services planned in response to each core theme identified in the population assessment. As part of this, area plans must include:
- the actions partners will take in relation to the priority areas of integration for Regional Partnership Boards;
 - the instances and details of pooled funds to be established in response to the population assessment;
 - how services will be procured or arranged to be delivered, including by alternative delivery models;
 - details of the preventative services that will be provided or arranged;
 - actions being taken in relation to the provision of information, advice and assistance services; and
 - actions required to deliver services through the medium of Welsh.
- 4.3 The first area plans must be published by 1 April 2018 and there will be a need to ensure links between the Area Plan and the local authority Well-being Plans required under the Well-being of Future Generations Act. Although the definition of well-being is slightly different in each Act, there are synergies to gain, and duplication to avoid by linking the plans. Local officers have been working closely to avoid duplication and identify areas of synergy and joint working. Links to CCBC's Draft Corporate Plan and ABUHB Intermediate Medium Term Plans will also need to be established, as well as alignment to the Neighbourhood Care Network plans in each of the GP cluster areas.
- 4.4 The Area Plan and previously the PNA, were developed through extensive engagement with regional citizen panel, provider forum and regional executive director leadership group; as well as local groups such as youth forum, older people's forums, carers groups and parenting networks.
- 4.5 Engagement was also supported by CCBC and PSB through the *'The Caerphilly You Want'* and groups such as the 'Shout Out Group'. A survey was developed and completed by 172 people of which over a third (37%) had a disability, long term illness or health problem. Some key points included:
- Greatest health support needs - Mental health support
 - Greatest social care needs – Integrated care services, information on what is available, support for older people (to remain independent), support in the community – facilities such as day care, support for adults and children with disabilities, support for those with mental health issues – counselling, accessible and affordable
 - Health and social care services required - Ageing population needs to be provided for – homecare, joined up approach to health and social care
- 4.6 Some of the wider **regional** emerging areas of interest are also set out below and further engagement is planned during the consultation period:
- An ageing population brings many opportunities, however there are also challenges for service provision and increases in the number of people living with long term conditions.
 - Loneliness is a growing concern.
 - Across the region there are high levels of social capital and volunteering. By taking an asset and placed based approach there is an opportunity to improving well-being.
 - Increasing support is required for Looked After Children across the region
 - Adverse childhood experiences have a negative impact on people's long term health and economic prospects and can be perpetuated through the generations.

- 4.7 The draft Area Plan was presented to Health Social Care and Well-being scrutiny and a number of comments were received and will be included in the final Area Plan.
- 4.8 The Area Plan will have to be signed off and agreed by the Regional partnership Board by March 31st 2018 and subsequently published on individual websites.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing Act principles of working are similar to the sustainable principles identified under the Well-being of Future Generation Act. The development of the draft Area Plan is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the WFG Act in that it is:
- Long-term – It identifies issues that will affect the county borough and region over the next 3-5 years.
 - Preventative – It sets out preventative action and how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse will improve local well-being.
 - Integrated – It considers how the issues may impact upon partners and how these are interrelated.
 - Collaborative – The Assessment was prepared in collaboration with partner organisations with an interest in the well-being of the area. It identifies how acting in collaboration could help improve local well-being.
 - Involvement – The Assessment was prepared involving people/organisations, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Promoting equalities is a fundamental requirement of the Social Services and Well-being Act legislation and an equality impact assessment will accompany the final Area Plan.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications related to this report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Officers from the Gwent Regional Partnership Team have been working closely with Council's Corporate Policy Unit who have played a key part in ensuring the alignment of both the regional Area Plan and Well-being Plan required under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act and Well-being of Future Generations Act respectively.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To note content of the report and recognise the alignment of the draft Area Plan and Caerphilly's Well-being plan (*the draft Area Plan is best read as a working draft as there are still a number of details to be added such as the Integrated Care Funding profile*).

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 To avoid duplication between the Area Plan and Well-being Plan and to explore joint processes to maximise partnership working across the Regional Partnership Board and Public Services Board.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 Welsh Government.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Draft Regional Area Plan

Appendix 2: Area Plan questionnaire