



COUNCIL – 15TH MARCH 2023

SUBJECT: GWENT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD – WELL-BEING PLAN 2023 - 2028

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Council that the Gwent Public Services Board has finalised its draft Well-being Plan 2023 - 2028 and to request that Council approve the Plan under Section 43(5) of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 In September 2021 the five existing Public Services Boards in the Gwent region merged to form the Gwent Public Services Board. Since then, this Board has been working together to develop the Gwent Well-being Assessment, published in May 2022, and this first Gwent Well-being Plan.
- 2.2 The draft Gwent Well-being Plan has been developed through collaborative partnership activity based on the Gwent Well-being Assessment and informed by stakeholder and community consultation.
- 2.3 The statutory consultation period ended on 31st December 2022. The final draft plan reflects the responses received.
- 2.4 The Plan must be approved by the Gwent Public Services Board's statutory partners: the five local authorities, Natural Resources Wales, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service. In the case of the local authority the Plan must be agreed by full Council. The Plan must be published within one year of a local government election. Subject to statutory partner approval, the Plan will be ratified by the Gwent Public Services Board at its meeting of the 27th April 2023.
- 2.5 A similar report is going to all statutory partner organisations.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Council notes that the Gwent Public Services Board has produced its final draft Well-being Plan and approves the Plan so that it can progress to final publication before the 5th May 2023.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To allow Caerphilly County Borough Council to meet its duty under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to develop a local Well-being Plan for the area, in conjunction with partners.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Gwent Public Services Board (PSB) has developed its Well-being Plan 2023 – 2028 (appended to this report). Following public and stakeholder consultation, and the feedback of Public Services Board partner members, the plan has been further refined and amended to reflect consultation responses and is now in a position to progress to final statutory partner approval.
- 5.2 The Gwent Well-being Plan includes two high level Well-being Objectives which address the key finding of the Gwent Well-being Assessment 2022:
- We want to create a fairer, more equitable and inclusive Gwent for all.
 - We want a climate-ready Gwent, where our environment is valued and protected, benefitting our well-being now and for future generations.
- 5.3 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, requires PSBs to set out the steps that will be taken to achieve the objectives. The Steps chosen were those which would help to meet the Objectives and addressed the areas highlighted by the majority of the different channels (survey, stakeholders, community events, statutory responses and written responses) during the consultation. The draft plan contains five, collaborative steps:
- Take action to reduce the cost of living crisis in the longer term.
 - Provide and enable the supply of good quality, affordable, appropriate homes.
 - Taking action to reduce our carbon emissions, help Gwent adapt to climate change, and protect and restore our natural environment.
 - Take action to address inequities, particularly in relation to health, through the framework of the Marmot Principles.
 - Enable and support people, neighbourhoods, and communities to be resilient, connected, thriving and safe.
- The cost of living crisis and housing were seen as the most important aspects of well-being, especially by communities.
- 5.4 The Gwent PSB has agreed to work together to become a Marmot Region. This is an evidence based approach to addressing the social determinants of health inequalities. The eight Marmot Principles are a framework for developing collaborative activity to tackle the inequity that exists in our communities. The Marmot Principles are:
1. Give every child the best start in life
 2. Enable all children, young people, and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
 3. Create fair employment and good work for all
 4. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
 5. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
 6. Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention
 7. Tackle racism, discrimination, and their outcomes
 8. Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together
- 5.5 Each of the steps will have regional and local activities that will contribute to their achievement. The enlargement of the PSB to a Gwent footprint has enabled a more

regional understanding of the issues affecting well-being across the region. However, it also requires a clear understanding of where best to focus activity, at a regional or local level. The collaborative development of regional and local delivery plans will ensure that action takes place at the appropriate level, duplication is minimised, for example where the Council's Corporate Plan is directing resources, and gaps in provision are plugged.

- 5.6 The regional and local delivery plans will include programmes for the short, medium, and long-term as well as performance indicators, and will be completed before the first annual reporting cycle in July 2024. This extended timeframe is to allow for proper consideration of what the PSB can add to existing initiatives taking place across the region.
- 5.7 The Caerphilly Local Delivery Group (LDG) will develop the local delivery plans which will complement the regional ones. Membership of the LDG reflects that of the PSB partners at a senior officer level and is chaired by the Deputy Leader.
- 5.8 To promote the new regional way of working for the Gwent PSB the draft Well-being Plan describes four Overarching Principles explaining how the PSB will work together. These are:
- Effectively working together
 - Communication and engagement
 - Welsh language and culture
 - Performance management
- 5.9 Once approved the Gwent Well-being Plan will be published by 5th May 2023, in accordance with Section 39(6) of the Act.
- 5.10 Section 43(5) of the Act defines that the function of approving the local well-being plan rests with full Council.
- 5.11 The appendices listed will either be available by the publication date or shortly after, in the case of the Marmot Report from the Institute of Health Equity, which is anticipated in June 2023.
- 5.12 **Conclusion**

The Gwent Public Services Board has prepared this draft Well-being Plan to respond to the issues affecting well-being identified in the Gwent Well-being Assessment. The collaborative, regional approach, with more local activity when appropriate, looks to improve well-being across the region and in the county borough for the long-term.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 It is assumed that all PSB statutory partners will formally approve this draft Well-being Plan and continue to commit time and resources to its delivery at a local and regional level.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This is a regional, strategic Plan developed by the Gwent PSB, of which Caerphilly County Borough Council is a member. It sets out what the PSB wants to achieve but not how that will be done. The delivery plans will provide this detail and will be impact

assessed. An assessment process for the region is being developed so that there is consistency across the regional delivery plans.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications related to this report. Public Services Board Partners have committed to providing support in kind in delivering the Well-being Plan.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no direct personnel implications, however officers from the Council are actively engaged, alongside partners, in the development and delivery of both the local and regional delivery plans.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 This report has been sent to all consultees and all comments received are reflected in the body of the report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Section 43(5).

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Background Papers:

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 [The Well-being of Future Generations | GOV.WALES](#)

Gwent Marmot Region [Gwent Marmot Region - Gwent Public Services Board Gwent Public Services Board \(gwentpsb.org\)](#)

Gwent Well-being Plan 2023- 2028

Findings from the Well-being Plan consultation – ranked

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-2028