

Agenda



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Date: Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

To: Councillors J Clarke (Chair), M Spencer, S Marshall, Hussain, M Linton, R Mogford, T Suller and K Whitehead

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Minutes



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Date: 28 July 2021

Time: 5.00 pm

Present: Councillors J Clarke (Chair), M Spencer, S Marshall, G Berry, Hussain, M Linton, R Mogford and T Suller

In Attendance: Tracy McKim (Partnership Policy & Involvement Manager), Nicola Dance (Senior Policy & Partnership Officer), Neil Barnett (Scrutiny Adviser) and Felicity Collins

Apologies: Councillor K Whitehead and Rhys Cornwall (Head of People & Business Change)

1 Declarations of Interest

None.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 February 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 February 2021 were accepted and approved as an accurate record, with the following amendment:

A Member of the Committee requested a mention of the use of greening which is useful information to be included within the minutes. It was agreed for this to be added in retrospectively about the point from social and housing; where private residential homes were given seed packs to motivate them in becoming more green which the committee felt important to note and follow it up locally.

3 Formation of a Regional PSB

Invitees:

- Rhys Cornwall – Head of People and Business Change
- Tracy McKim – Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager
- Nicola Dance – Senior Policy and Partnership Officer

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager gave apologies for the Head of People and Business Change, and then gave a brief overview of the formation of the Regional Public Services Board (PSB), to help explain to the Committee what could entail for the Council as a result. The Officer referred to page 21 of the pack which states that the same has been received by all Local Authorities within Gwent, therefore deemed relevant for every scrutiny committee to have sight of this. The report took Members through the formation of the Regional Gwent Services Board and the Regional Public Services Board in every area in Newport, such as One Newport which was established by the Wellbeing Future Generations Act.

Members were advised that there has been discussion across Gwent and in the G10 Partnership, amongst all leads from the Gwent PSBs to acknowledge the work that Newport City Council does is in common with other areas, and the challenges that they all face are in

common also. Therefore it has been deciphered whether they would be better working as one Public Service Board. The team's main work has been producing a well-being assessment. The officer explained that they have one assessment for Newport with a Ward Assessment and one for the well-being plan for Gwent, as a regional body that will arrange a range of partnerships on a Gwent Level, the report outlines these with further detail.

The Officer informed Members that there has been lots of dialogue over a period of time about a Gwent Public Service Board and what that could mean for local partnerships, as they will no longer be covered by the act as a Public Services Board but both would support the regional body, but this can be moulded to what the council needs it to be. The changes to the council are something that the council has to take a view on especially with the well-being plan and well-being assessment as they legally form what the council is and what it does affect in terms of reference for the council and committee. The Partnership Committee came into action at the same time as the PSB, and looks at a range of partnerships including the PSB and within that remit, Community Safety.

The change that the Committee would see right away would be that they review and comment on the Well-being Plan. It was stressed that will still happen as it is scheduled into the programme and is an important activity for the council to undertake. The Committee would also have responsibility to call in any community safety items, so if there is something the Members may wish to bring forward in the future, they can.

As the new plan develops, it will be developed on the Gwent footprint with local scrutiny committees to scrutinise the regional plan and the regional assessment board. From this, there will still be the Newport scrutiny team but they would not be directly scrutinising the Gwent well-being plan. Instead of five plans, there would be one and the same for the five well-being plans, there would be one. Therefore, the council would be tasked with looking at different aspects and looking at engagement for a new plan.

For scrutiny, the officer then began to explain that it will be discussed what their role would be like for the future and what roles would they want to specifically look at for instance. Members were assured that it does not need to be as community safety is covered by a different legislation, therefore the Members were assured that they are continuing to scrutinise the current local plan as the details have not been fully planned out as of yet.

The Policy Partnership and Involvement Manager and the Senior Policy and Partnership Officer opened up questioning from the Committee.

The Committee asked the following:

- A Member noted that if another borough such as Caerphilly will be in the chair for two years, how would that affect Newport, and asked if the officer could explain how the board came to that decision.

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager replied explaining that Caerphilly are not in the chair but agreed to take the administration of the meetings for the first two years. There will be ten organisations who are members, so local authorities are best placed, members were reminded that Newport City Council is used to this type of committee. The officer mentioned that five local authorities to rotate the administration, therefore it has been set out that Caerphilly will do this first, mainly because we have taken on the work for G10.

The officer went on to state that there are nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair which could fall to a local authority, these nominations will be considered ahead of the first meeting. In terms how it will affect the council if they are not in the chair as such, because Newport would not be in the chair permanently. It was clarified to members that is the nature of each PSB, to discuss what is important, and the right things for

Newport will be in the plan with the right activities needed padded with evidence for what Newport as a City needs. The representatives of the Local Authority body would be the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council who will put forward the requirements of Newport very clearly within the meeting.

- A Member of the Committee queried with regard to the Well-being Future Generations Act, which way could the Council make it better?

In response, the lead officer would like the committee to consider the common ground within the area of well-being and how it will help. The officer highlighted how there will be significant differences between Newport and the other areas within the Regional Partnership Board. Partly because it is urban and has a city status, with a more diverse population and higher rate of crime for instance which emphasizes its different challenges.

However, there will be common ground with other authorities in that respect with universal issues such as tackling climate change, making active travel more accessible.

Members were also advised that a lot of partners are regional partners anyway, such as South Wales Fire and Rescue and the Police. Therefore, the Council does have the ability to discuss things at higher levels with an advantage there by debating whether particular needs of Newport are enough. This is a matter for the Council and Partnership Team to continually review as work progresses.

- A Member expressed their concern in the council making a big decision to go from a city basis to a regional basis in terms of a PSB. As the City is slightly different from others, the committee queried what has been perceived as a challenge going forward which could conflict with other areas? The Committee then asked what the nature of the partnerships would be going forward with the Well-being Plan. The committee asked for clarification on the situation with interventions, as from other scrutiny committees some local authorities do not come in and are at completely different stages.

The officer replied, suggesting that some of the interventions are about making the green spaces safer, which could be an issue for everyone to agree to, to an extent. Working with different communities to make them stronger and more resilient, is relevant to everybody in different contexts. The officer acknowledged the challenges, for instance, the Newport offer is their current intervention. The Leader is keen to discuss to the local Newport one to see how we can take forward local issues. The Newport offer outside of the well-being act is a bigger piece of work, as the bid for city culture could be a part of the Newport offer which the Leader is keen to discuss this.

Local partnerships will be discussing Newport's role there, with sustainable local intervention, so it is likely that such areas will have common goals, with different interventions in different areas. This could be area based planning, which is important to any new well-being plan because the board must be able to vary the activity from area to area. The skill work is very varied but the regional officers are very skilled and puts the council in a stronger position as they have worked in lots of projects.

The lead officer stressed that they engage with a range of big regional partners, such as University of South Wales College, Gwent. So the council already has a very diverse membership which is important to maintain at a local body. For example, Newport Live is a very important partner, this emphasized to the committee how the strength of local partnership is important. As the council would not expect them in the regional and the regional footprint, they are a really important partner to us on a local level.

The Senior Policy and Partnership Officer stated that most partners perform perfectly well on a regional basis because we are working with regional partners is the new offer. With the Newport offer is what they want to take forward and focus on the local delivery partnership.

The committee was advised that the new offer does not completely depend on the effectiveness of the other interventions as they all feed into the Newport offer intervention. So it would be important to make sure that the work continues, even though it might be operating on a regional level.

Members were informed that the partnership team has stolen a bit of a margin in terms of the skills work, for example when organising events, by being focussed such as for the careers event that we organised for local schools and focussed on the digital sector that has constantly put schools first. This is important to mention as now the rest of the region will benefit because they also have access, so they will be continuing that kind of focus first, and then other areas benefit as a result.

- Are there any reservations the officers might have with effectively scrutinising at the regional level, as there will be a local level, a regional level, and a Cardiff City Level with the Cardiff City Deal? Members wanted to ascertain whether this would be too much scrutiny.

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager responded by explaining that there is almost certainly more that they can do to scrutinise better and be more effective. There are definitely new skills and a big culture change as the move into so much regional scrutiny is relatively new to the team. There are examples, and with the City Deal and the Corporate Joint Committee are the cases that come out of the Local Government Act and explained to the members that they will see more of that. This requires a different skill set, for instance, if you were a scrutiny body but not part of the team you stated within council with in the first place, then it would be different set up by looking out for the interest of Newport and scrutinising the importance of this.

Members were then informed that there would be some development and support needed for members for all of these changes to regional scrutiny on this one in particular. The Partnership Team have worked really hard on the Well-being Plan and that will continue to be scrutinised for the next two years. Alongside that, the new Well-being Plan will be developed, and the team will discuss with the Committee about what is going forward and what is not, s partnerships and the committee have a bit of time for developing what that looks like.

It was then advised that there could be some advantages to Community Safety with the PSB, or it could be something that the Committee can take forward separately, perhaps locally. So there will be changes needed which could be more effective. Without this, there are alternatives, however there is a danger that there is not enough scrutiny on a regional level and that locally the Committee can only sometimes pick away at pieces of these partnerships and some of the reports that the committee will attend, might have too many scrutiny committees plus regional partnerships. It is important to consider if this is the most effective thing to do in challenging and pushing for the role of Newport in this.

The lead officer acknowledged that they have to think about what it will look like for the city and stressed that the important point is that it is not for the officer to defend whether it would be a good thing for the city.

Two points were clarified;

1. The Regional Service Board was going to happen with or without Newport City Council. There might have been a consensus that it was a proposal and that Newport would not want to not be in a Regional PSB that everyone else was in.
 2. The Council can leave the Regional PSB. Although the Partnerships Team hope that this will bring about a positive change, the Council can de-merge from the regional Public Service Board if it does not work well for the city and its partners, but that would be a very brave move in the future to consider that.
- The Committee queried if Newport will have a fair representation by all areas having the same number of representatives.

It was confirmed that with the PSB, there would be an equal amount of members sitting in. But with scrutiny, this has not been decided yet. That is something that the Committee can offer their opinion on this. To make sure that there is a fair representation is a very important point. For the PSB, it would be one officer and one Member per area, which is generally the most senior person in the organisation.

- A Member noted the mention of Sustainable Travel. What steps are the Council going to take now with local travel in trying to remove the carbon footprint?

It was advised that sustainability and carbon are very complicated, what has come out of the Carbon Strategy is that Newport has its own requirement for a strategy to influence our partners. It affects the well-being of the future so it is under the Well-being Act.

Under Sustainable Active Transport, there is a great job to take forward a number of strategies, as with Active Travel. For instance, the Clear Air Day was brilliant with lots of partners showing key leaders and ministers on bikes. However one has to accept that if they want to effectively challenge and push forward for active transport, it is a regional challenge.

An example of this could be the rental bikes, it could be better if everyone in Gwent had the same type of bikes as either side of the borders of Gwent. Members were advised that they have taken it a long way for Newport, could this mean that the team could take it further for a region. It would be possible if they pull together and collaborated effectively.

If within the new Well-being Act, there would be a new requirement, such as creating more sustainable travel; there would be Gwent piece of work which would give Newport a task as a contribution to the piece of work and tasked with doing stuff locally. So it would be partly down to Newport in how much effort and work we put behind that.

- A Member expressed concern how the city has got a lot of housing estates away from the inner city area and that Newport needs a good transport system. We need people who work in Newport to have a robust system. The committee queried that if they have this public service board, it could not be joined up together with the regional travel.

In response, the Senior Policy and Partnership Officer noted the committee's comments and explained that in theory, the areas would all have surely the same aims. If they think about how they need people to be able to get from where they live to the hospital, for example, they don't want everyone to drive as that doesn't work.

The Council fully appreciate the parking problems, whoever you are and wherever you work.

As all of those bodies do have that in common, it could perhaps will be rationalised. Officers have seen some of this in other reports in other committees, and pointed out that they rationalise in the buildings that we work from, of working out of different buildings and so on. Perhaps there could be more sharing. There are opportunities in the region, but note that it is harder to line things up as the more parties you've got is harder to line things out. The opportunities are bigger, but the work to get to them is harder.

- Members of the Committee asked the officers how the committee can challenge the partners to improve, especially at a regional level. Including, what would be different, for instance, could the council apply for better grants? In terms of aspirations, what does the regional board have in mind? Members further asked from the final point discussed, what would happen if an area fails within the board? Would there be reprimands and where would be best for them to be held to account? As an additional query, a Member added what would be the best course of action if Newport City Council was not satisfied for what they signed up for?

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager replied to the committee, explaining where they can challenge is scrutiny, partly, because council is also a partner in this, so they could consider if there is a problem for the city through regional security. As the Council is a key partner invested in this, the officer recognised that the tricky part is that they do not have money flowing around for funding, because in partnerships it is all about people and resources, so the challenge is not direct to scrutiny.

So escalating that, and taking a stand by de-merging would be a brave move for the Council to do it alone to break away from a group or ten. Whereas if it did not work for all councils, then that would be easier. The Partnership Team would have to determine why it would not work for the city, but for everyone else. It could possibly be due to the fact that we are different from the other areas, but with many years running and they might not be able to just immediately come back out. The Council would back out for traction if they were not satisfied, so they can legally come back out of that agreement.

In terms of grants, the Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager stated that with their experience of working in Newport, the city tends to be just outside of the criteria. As the grant criteria is often aimed at other areas despite the fact that the city very much needs them. There could be the possibility that if the board goes regionally, they could go for more grants that could somehow across the region fit the area very well. It was reiterated to the Members that Newport City Council would still have the Council and the Regional Public Service Board as anyone can apply for it. When Newport continued to apply for grants, 70% of grants are funded by all different aspects.

With regard to the mention of aspirations, this is also similar, is it that Newport could be limited by their own borders. Perhaps the City's aspirations would be bigger because we are with the big hitters across the whole of Gwent, thus we could consider whether that could open up more opportunities. If one area fails under the Regional PSB, it would be for the other areas to call that partner into account. For example, if the whole area appears to be failing then all would be in it. If Newport would fail, not just council but also its partners, then that would be poor for the

Regional PSB not making it a priority. In all, the only area you harm is your own area if they do not pull their weight when not fully committed. Therefore the incentive is there to push hard, as it could be a success for their own area even if Gwent isn't the Council's area, it could be a good push for Newport in piece of works.

- A Member asked to hear what may be granted across the board, whether Newport could feel disadvantaged to other partners. For instance, there are Parish Councils and Youth Councils. How could the committee and partnership team ensure that nobody is left out at regional and different levels?

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager confirmed that in terms of how Newport City Council are more efficient, with the ability to make very big decisions. This depends on the type of person and what authority one holds over such decisions. With regard to other regional partnerships whom have very significant budgets and are on a Gwent footprint. And the work that they do, if their work aligns to the regional partnerships then there could possibly be a discussion about the sharing of resources. This objective is contained within the report. Even if there is not a budget, those priorities being aligned and duplication being reduced would release resources.

The other point mentioned by the Committee about very local individuals, communities and organisations is indeed a challenge that the partnership team must recognise within the region. In the officers' view, the Well-being Plan must have the ability to do local work. It is understood that we have the national Well-being Plan. Members were reminded that the council has strong, resilient communities for instance based in Pill. Within that, they have particular pieces of work that have taken place in England, so the Committee is aware of the participatory budgeting work. If the Partnership Team do not see that in the new plan, that will be a big challenge. Partly because of the voices of very local people and organisations, but also partly because of the different needs.

In the local Newport One partnership, that is where a lot of very local organisations will be represented within the sector, such as the Youth Council. It would be important that if the impact is not flowing down, whenever the council sees a move to a regional partnership then there must be a concern of local voices being lost.

- From this response, a Member commented on how there are lots of local areas and wondered how they could be combined in a way to make sure they are fed in. The Committee asked if this would need to be addressed by partners, otherwise such areas might not be able to be heard in the regional side of things.

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager appreciated this piece of feedback, and clarified that is not their area of expertise. There could be a certain size limit of community councils above which they have a right to be involved with the PSB and Well-being Plan. Within those organisations some may have more power and say than others. It was pointed out to Members that within Newport, there is the Community Council liaise where the representatives of Council in a third party sector, it could be discussed if there is a need for regional intervention there.

- The Committee commented on how the partnership will review not what the partnerships are doing, but on how they review the partnership itself. For example, it could be done on a biannual or yearly basis perhaps to see weaknesses and strengths therefore could make the partnership stronger and be a forefront of the interventions.

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager took on board the committee's suggestion, as they acknowledged that everyone focuses on the effectiveness on the delivery which is difficult in a public meeting. It was explained to members that they have a partnership development that owns an honest feedback process, it could provide a useful model to use for a new public body.

The Senior Policy and Partnership Officer explained that they have done a self-evaluation exercise every two to two and a half years which entail questionnaires out to members anonymously about the governance and if there are challenges in the PSBs for example, if the board needs development on. We held a session with Academy Wales about eighteen months ago, which was a healthy board workshop which covered the criteria for members on if they are a healthy board. This is a model that the new regional PSB could look at and would be very useful. It could be in the same way as current arrangements, the Chair of Scrutiny can attend as an observer, and this has been built into the regional scrutiny set up.

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager added to this by confirming that it is proposed but is developing at present and took note of the Committee's feedback.

- A Member of the Committee asked the officers that are there any other Public Service Boards using this Board get together, and if so, is it working?

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager clarified that the Public Service Boards are a Wales construct from the Well-being of Future Generations Act. It encourages regional working, further to this, Audit Wales has sat out a report that is set out in the report on how it is really important for regional bodies to work together. The Welsh Government are supportive of the formation of regional partnerships. It was confirmed that at present, there is only one in Wales, which is not defective and has not demerged. It is the Cwm Taf Board, and understand its working as it has been set up for quite some time.

- A Member commented on their reservations and asked what if the Committee and Partnership Team are not seeing all of the detail of the potential benefits and disadvantages of moving to a more regional basis.

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager directed the Committee to the formation of Regional PSB within the paperwork provided in pages 15-36, and the regional report for pages 21-36. This is the best summary that the Committee can get, it does focus rather on reasons to do it, as it is a proposal to do it. Although, it does also talk about how crucial it is to maintain local voices in order for effective regional scrutiny.

For what developments will be needed, in the report there is a summary version from what was mentioned at the start of the meeting. It is very detailed and even though those pages are not all detail as there are more details to follow. There are even another 6-7 pages on partnerships structures. As there are lots of pieces of work there and some of which will be reported back to the Members within scope of the Committee. From looking at the paperwork, there is a lot of detail and a lot of work has gone into the proposal.

- Concern was raised that the Council could agree to the proposal and realise it was a bad decision and asked for reassurance on this.

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager clarified that it is not their place to make the case to do it as it is not the officer's decision or proposal as the lead officer

is not a member of the PSB. The point of the meeting and paperwork is to set out what could be the advantages, with lots of hurdles to get over. It is clear there are greater opportunities are there at a regional level and a lot of work to do to get into place.

The Leader and the Chief Executive will be the members of the board, as the council will be sending their strongest representatives to look out for Newport in that way. Members were reassured that every tiny piece of work and assessment at every level is correct to ensure the interests of Newport are considered.

Members were reminded that as discussed earlier, the Council can de-merge but it is important to note that would be a big move and would have to be sure that we are not losing more by coming back out. The other question is, if it is going to happen, would Newport lose out by not being a part of it. That could be the greatest risk by not being a part of this partnership. The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager stressed that their job was not to sell it to them but to map it out for the Committee.

- The Committee queried if there would be anything expected from them in terms of political capital, would there be a conflict amongst the region? As elected members, they have their own power and more influence than certain partners.

In response, the Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager advised that if doing a stakeholder analysis, all members would be a key part of that, as they have been elected by the community. However the officer was unable to confirm for definite as it is all relatively new, but it is a key question, and making sure that members are fully informed and understand the partnerships.

As an elected member in any ward needs to know who is responsible for what. That there is a challenge at every level. Which comes back to the most senior officer and elected member, which takes a lot of work to communicate what the PSB does both publically and to both Members and Officers. Also it is important to consider how this would look like in future also.

- The Committee requested if the partnership officers could keep the committee appraised as members of committee and if there is anything they can assist with/ read up on documents.

The Policy, Partnership and Involvement Manager agreed to this request.

- A Member raised a question, asking if it would be possible to bring someone from another region and explain why they would like the Regional Public Services Board to happen.

Members were advised that this is something for the Partnership Team to consider, to think about how every area is concerned and how they believe they have their own special criteria, which is true. Statistically, Newport is more different than the others, for instance, transport issues, the port, the M4, more diverse population and by a big margin, an urban city. It could be insightful whether someone else from another region could come to the committee or perhaps Newport could go to another region to another committee to discuss such matters.

- Members queried if they could propose an independent body, perhaps from the WLGA to advise them, from a local authority basis but with dealings of working with Local Authorities across Wales?

In terms of the two sessions, to cover about technicalities and structures of what would work, how it could work for Newport and going forward the Lead Officer

thanked the Committee for listening to the team and sent on the Head of People and Business Change's apologies.

The Committee thanked the officers for their attendance.

Conclusions

The Committee **noted** the proposal to move to a Regional PSB as outlined in the report and wished to make the following comments to the officers:

- The Committee wished to express their gratitude for the informal briefing that took place last month, as tonight's meeting allowed them to discuss the impact for Newport and how things look for the Committee going forward. Members also wish to thank the officers for their attendance and expertise on the matter.
- Members queried if a representative from the Welsh Local Government Association or a similar organisation could talk to the Committee about the move to a Regional PSB and wider. Members also queried if someone from elsewhere in the partnership talk to the Committee about this?
- The Committee were pleased to hear that an advantage of regional working could mean more access to funding and grant possibilities. It is hopeful that this will raise our aspirations for Newport.
- Members hope to see a fair and equal representation on the make-up of the joint scrutiny committee.
- Concern was raised about what if the model was not a good fit for Newport, but the Committee felt reassured that there is a legal option to come out of the regional partnership if the Council felt things were not working.

The Committee also wished to raise the following queries and concerns:

1. How can we hear the voice of young people, for example, the Newport Youth Council? Also, how can Community Councils be better supported and represented?
2. How will this work take forward existing Well-being Plan priorities and interventions – and which ones are likely to feature?
3. Are there any examples of a regional PSB elsewhere, and has this worked?
4. How will the new partnership evaluate itself and ensure that it is effective?
5. How can the Committee and all Members continue to support and challenge the new model?
6. How do we ensure regional work relates to and is influenced by local people?
7. What happens if a partner is not performing, and what if the model is not working?

4 Scrutiny Adviser Reports

Invitees;

- Neil Barnett – Scrutiny Adviser

The Scrutiny Adviser presented the forward work programme, and informed the Committee of the topics due to be discussed at the next two meetings:

6 October 2021

- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children
- One Newport PSB Well-being Plan Annual Report

3 November 2021

- Norse Joint Venture Partnership – Strategy and Performance Review
- Education Achievement Service – Value for Money 2020-21

Members asked the following:

- Discussion ensued and the Committee requested to have the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children agenda item to be conducted as an individual meeting on due to its importance, and it is the first report the Committee will have received relating to this. The Scrutiny Adviser advised the Committee that he would discuss this with the Head of Children and Young People Services to see if the report can come to separate meeting.
- The committee queried whether they could invite other parties to attend the Norse Partnership agenda item, such as Newport Association School Governors and any other parties where they can share their thoughts on how the partnership is working. Members stated is an important meeting as it is the first full report that the Committee has had from them to scrutinise. It was agreed that the Scrutiny Adviser would discuss this with the Acting Head of Regeneration to see if this would be appropriate.

Members then asked if it would be appropriate for them to use their own examples when putting forward constructive criticism to Norse in the November meeting. Scrutiny Advisor responded by confirming they are more than welcome to if they have got some evidence from schools that they work with. Members were reminded that they could always request information and email it to the committee if they cannot get an answer within the meeting.

It was appreciated that every school governor will have different concerns about Newport Norse, so if a governor has questions to ask then that is the motive of scrutiny.

b) Actions Plan

The Scrutiny Adviser advised the Committee that since February; they have actioned the comments and sent them to Cabinet for the Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2020-21 Q2 Performance and also the comments to EAS for the Education Achievement Service (EAS) Business Plan 2021 – 2022.

c) Information Reports

There were no Information Reports to bring to the Committee's attention.

The meeting terminated at 6.48 pm

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Scrutiny Report

Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 6th October 2021

Subject **Public Services Board Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21**

Author Scrutiny Adviser

The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Cllr Jane Mudd	Leader, Newport City Council; Chair, One Newport Public Services Board,
Huw Jakeway	Chief Fire Officer, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Nicola Prygodzicz	Executive Director of Planning, Digital and IT, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Craig Lane	Newport Third Sector Partnership
Guy Lacey	Principal, Coleg Gwent
Harriet Bleach	Natural Resource Wales
Bev Owen	Chief Executive, Newport City Council
Tracy McKim	Policy Partnership and Involvement Manager
Nicola Dance	Senior Policy and Partnership Officer

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked

- To consider the Wellbeing Plan Annual Report 2020-21 attached as Appendix 1 and determine if it wishes to make any comments to the Public Services Board.

2 Context

Background

Well-being Assessment

- 2.1 The statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFG Act) 'Shared Purpose – Shared Future' 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. One Newport PSB published its Local Well-being Assessment (called the Community Wellbeing Profile) on 3 May 2017 and Members may recall that the Committee received it for information on 26 July 2017, as required by the statutory guidance.

Well-being Plan

- 2.2 The Guidance also requires that the Local Well-being Plan must be published no later than 12 months following each local government ordinary election. The Committee may recall receiving the Consultation draft of the Local Wellbeing Plan on 10 January 2018 and submitted its consultation response. The PSB agreed the final version of the Well-being Plan 2018-23 in May 2018 and in accordance with statutory requirement the PSB sent a copy of the final report to the Council's designated Scrutiny Committee for Partnerships. The Committee received the final Plan at its meeting on 20 June 2018. The PSB has since been focused on delivering the Plan,

In December 2020, the PSB agreed revisions to the Well-being Objectives going forward. The changes to the Objectives and associated revisions to the supporting interventions were made in the light of Covid-19 impacts and advice from the Future Generations Commissioner on setting Well-being Objectives. The changes to the Objectives were shown in the minutes of the PSB meeting held on 8th December 2020 and these were submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 24th February 2021. *(A link to the Well-being Plan 2018-23, containing these revisions, is provided in Section 8 of this report in the Background Papers).*

The Annual Report

- 2.3 The Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires Public Services Boards to prepare and publish a report detailing the progress made towards meeting local well-being objectives no later than 14 months after the publication of its first local Well-being Plan, to enable the board to report on the full year's activity. Subsequently, an annual report must be published no later than one year after publication of each previous report. The PSB must send a copy of its annual report to Overview and Scrutiny.
- 2.4 The Committee received the second Annual Report for 2019-20 on 7th October 2020. *(A link to 2019-20 Annual Report is provided in Section 8 of this report in the Background Papers).*
- 2.5 The Future Generations Commissioner has set out nine expectations to be reflected in the Annual Reports of bodies named in the Act. *(These are set out in section B of this report).* The expectations do not directly relate to the Public Services Board, however, they can be applied as a tool to consider the contents of the Public Services Board Annual Report.

2.6 The Well-Being Plan Annual Report 2020-21 was agreed and endorsed by the Public Services Board on 22nd September 2021. The final draft includes the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1:**
 - **Background**
 - Introduction
 - Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
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A foreword by the PSB Chair and Vice-Chair will be added to the report The report will also be available in Welsh and is also published in [Sway](#) to improve accessibility.

The Committee is reminded that attendees have been invited as Public Services Board Members working in partnership and scrutiny questions should focus on the Annual Report and not on the work of individual organisations.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

3.1 The following are attached for the Committee's consideration:

- a) Public Services Board Well-being Plan Annual Report 2020-21 (Appendix 1)
- b)

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

4.1 Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

- *Take a look back at how the Partnership has performed in its delivery of the Well-being Plan in its Annual Report.*
- *Use the expectations from the Commissioner as a tool to consider the contents of the report.*
- *In drawing its conclusions, the Committee should assess:*
 - *What was the overall conclusion on the information contained within the Annual report?*
 - *Is the Committee satisfied that it has had all of the relevant information to base a conclusion on the delivery of the Well-being Plan at the Year End point?*
 - *Does the Committee wish to make any Comments to the Public Services Board?*

4.2 Suggested Lines of Enquiry

Scrutiny's role in receiving the Annual Report is to hold the PSB to account for how it is taking steps to meet its objectives within the Well-being plan, and ensure that it is demonstrating the sustainable development principle in everything it does.

When considering the Annual Report and determining what questions it may wish to ask of the PSB, the Committee should consider the following:

1. *How much progress has been made towards delivery of the Well-being Plan? How far have the PSB's expectations been met? Does the information contained within the report give you a clear indication as to the progress?*
2. *How effectively has the partnership worked together to achieve the objectives?*
3. *Have there been any barriers that have affected delivery of the plan that need further exploration and explanation?*
4. *Does the report demonstrate how the Partnership is delivering the Well-being Objectives in accordance with the five ways of working?*
5. *Does the report demonstrate how the Partnership has evaluated its own progress? What lessons have been learnt and how will they be incorporated into the Partnership going forward?*
6. *What have been the resource implications of delivering on the Well-being Plan? How has working as a partnership maximised the resources available?*



Section B – Supporting Information

5 Future Generations Commissioner’s Expectations

5.1 The Future Generations Commissioner has set out nine expectations to be reflected in in the Annual Reports of bodies named in the Act. The expectations do not directly relate to the Public Services Board, however, they can be applied as a tool to consider the contents of the Public Services Board Annual Report.

These are summarised below:

Expectation	Summary
1. Well-being objectives and goals	What are our well-being objectives and steps and how did we choose them using the well-being goals and the five ways of working?
2. Sustainable development principle	How have we considered the sustainable development principle / five ways of working?
3. Looking ahead	What are our ambitions for 5, 10, 15, 25 years and beyond?
4. Tracking process	How are we tracking progress and what progress has been made? Have we adopted any new ways of tracking progress?
5. Applying and implementing the Act	How has the Act adapted the way we are working?
6. Self-reflecting	How has this process gone so far? What are the areas for development?
7. Collaboration with other public bodies	How are we working together to meet the objectives?
8. Accountability	How will we be scrutinised?
9. Making your reports clear	Is the report accessible to a range of readers?

6 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015

6.1 Overview

As mentioned earlier in this cover report the Local Well-being Plan and Annual Report are part of the Act’s collective duty on Public Services Boards.

6.2 Wellbeing Goals

The Local Well-being Plan has four well-being objectives:

1. Everyone feels good about living, working, visiting and investing in our unique city
2. Everyone has the skills and opportunities they need to develop, prosper, and contribute to a thriving, sustainable city
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4. Newport has healthy, safe, and resilient environments with an integrated sustainable travel network

The Public Services Board developed the well-being objectives to support the Act's seven well-being goals.

The Annual Report details a number of case studies and examples that show how the Public Services Board is meeting their well-being objectives. Each case study / example sets out how it meets the well-being goals.

6.3 Sustainable Development Principle

The Public Services Board developed the Local Well-being Plan in accordance with the Act's five ways of working of the Sustainable Development Principle.

In the Well-being Plan, the Public Services Board pledged to work differently by:

Working together with local communities towards the common goals and objectives set out in this plan. To work to improve the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of the city and to be:

- *Ambitious*
- *Serious about working in partnership*
- *Firmly focused on people and their stories*
- *Focused on integrated well-being outcomes*
- .

This will be achieved by:

- **Looking to the long term:** *Being aware of and addressing, the well-being of future generations whilst addressing the needs of the people we currently serve.*
- **Prevention:** *Exploring how to break cycles and dig deeper to better understand the causes and effects of key issues that people and communities face. Finding enabling solutions and intervening at the right time to prevent problems getting worse or arising in the future.*
- **Taking an integrated approach:** *Fully considering the connections between the well-being goals, the PSB well-being objectives and the well-being objectives of individual organisations. Taking steps which maximise the collective impact to the well-being goals rather than just meeting the objectives.*
- **Collaborating with others:** *Strengthening joint working across the city's public service. No single organisation is able to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Newport on its own. Taking a collaborative approach ensures that actions are complementary and therefore maximise the collective impact.*

- ***Involving People:*** *Developing solutions in partnership with local people and communities and ensuring they are involved in the decisions that affect them.*

The Annual Report demonstrates how the Public Services Board has met this pledge. Each of the case studies and examples detailed under the well-being objectives evidences how the Public Services Board has met the five ways of working of the Sustainable Development Principle.

7. Impact Assessment:

7.1 Summary of impact – Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

The case studies in the annual report demonstrate how the sustainable development principle has been applied.

8. Background Papers

- <https://www.newport.gov.uk/documents/One-Newport/Local-Well-being-Plan-2018-23-English-Final-Revised-Aug-21.pdf>
- [Cynllun Llesiant Casnewydd 2018-23](#)
- [Newport's Well-being Plan Annual Report 2019-20](#)
- [Cynllun Llesiant Casnewydd Adroddiad Blynnyddol 2019-20](#)
- [Minutes of Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships held on 7th October 2020](#)
- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 guidance
 - <https://gov.wales/well-being-future-generations-act-essentials>
 - Shared Purpose: Shared Future – Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
 - [SPSF 1: Core guidance](#)
 - [SPSF 2: Individual role \(public bodies\)](#)
 - [SPSF 3: Collective role \(public services boards\)](#)
 - [Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards](#)
- [Socio-economic Duty Guidance](#)

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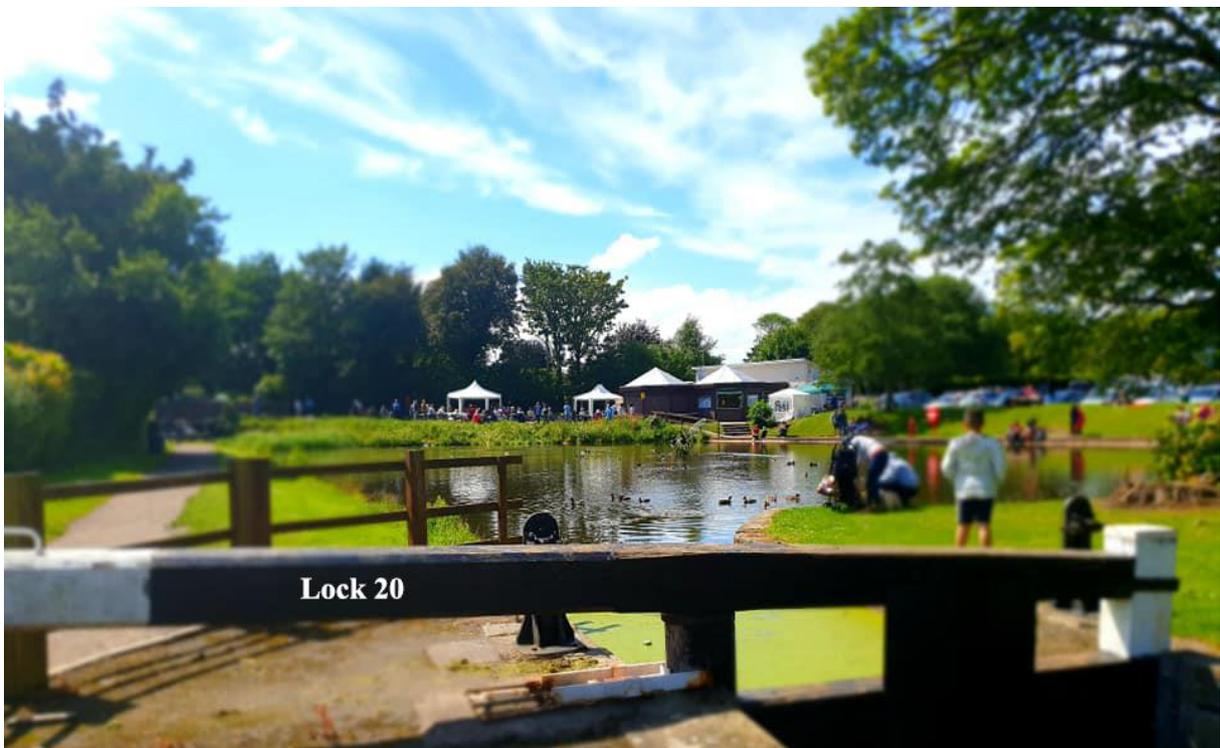
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NEWPORT'S WELL-BEING PLAN 2018-23



Annual Report 2020-21





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CHAPTER 1: BACKGROUND

Introduction

This is the third Annual Report of [Newport's Local Well-being Plan 2018-23](#), covering the work of the partnership during the period of April 2020 to March 2021, along with any additional updates from April-June 2021. This follows on from the [second annual report](#), which was published on the 14 October 2020.

The Annual Report is produced following the Well-being Plan's first year of implementation and each subsequent year. This overview provides the opportunity for the Public Services Board (PSB) to review progress against each of our four well-being objectives by identifying areas of good practice using the following framework:

- Description of the case study / example
- Which of the intervention(s) & well-being goals does this relate to?
- How were the 5 Ways of Working used?
- What performance measures were used to demonstrate progress?
- Plans for the future

To comply with the Well-being of Future Generations Act the report would have been published on the 3 July 2021. With the continued impact of Covid-19 and the transition to a Regional PSB, it was agreed to delay publication until the end of September 2021.

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

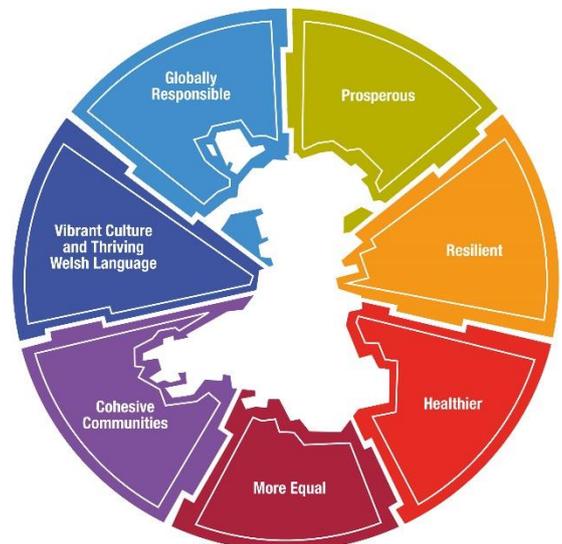
The [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It is to ensure that public bodies listed in the Act think more about the long-term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach.

The Act sets out a “sustainable development principle” which is about how the public bodies listed in the Act should go about meeting their well-being duty under the Act. The principle is made up of five ways of working that public bodies are required to take into account when applying sustainable development.



The Act sets seven well-being goals, which together provide a shared vision for the public bodies listed in the Act to work towards. These goals must be considered as an integrated set of seven to ensure that the relevant links are made in the context of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.

In addition to the well-being duty placed on listed individual public bodies, the Act also sets a well-being duty on specified public bodies to act jointly via public services boards (PSBs) by contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals.



What is the One Newport Public Services Board (PSB)?

The Act establishes a statutory board known as the [Public Services Board](#) in each local authority area. In Newport, the One Newport Public Services Board (PSB) brings together the city's public service leadership and decision makers. The membership includes four statutory partners and a wide range of invited partners, which are as follows:



Collectively members of the PSB are responsible for developing [Newport's Well-being Plan 2018-23](#) with the support of the wider partnership across the city.

Until now each local authority in Gwent had its own PSB. From September 2021 there will be one Gwent PSB uniting all the public service partners in Gwent to produce a regional well-being assessment in support of the development of a regional well-being plan by 2023. Within Newport we are committed to maintaining a strong local partnership that will support the Gwent PSB and ensure we deliver on our existing Well-being Plan.

What is the Local Well-being Plan?

The five-year [local well-being plan](#) was published on the 3 May 2018 and sets out the PSB's priorities and actions until 2023 to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Newport. The plan sets out local well-being objectives, priorities and steps that the board proposes to take to meet the objectives and is the main work-plan and focus of the PSB.

During 2020-21 the PSB reviewed each of the Interventions within the well-being plan to ensure their visions and steps were still relevant in light of the impact of Covid-19 and emerging issues. Further details of these reviews can be found in Chapter 4.

CHAPTER 2: THE PLAN

One Newport PSB Well-being Plan

In developing the plan we utilised the [Community Well-being Profiles](#), which were produced during an [assessment of local well-being](#). These profiles enabled PSB members working with other partners and professionals to agree thirteen main priorities that form the basis of the plan, which were as follows:

Economic Well-being

1. *Improve the perceptions of Newport as a place to live, work, visit and invest*
2. *Drive up skill levels for economic and social well-being*
3. *Support regeneration and economic growth*

Social Well-being

4. *Provide children and young people with the best possible start in life*
5. *Long and healthy lives for all*
6. *Ensuring people feel safe in their communities*
7. *People have access to stable homes in a sustainable supportive community*

Cultural Well-being

8. *People feel part of their community and have a sense of belonging*
9. *Participation in sports and physical activity is important for people's well-being*
10. *Participation in arts, heritage and history is important for people's well-being*

Environmental Well-being

11. *Newport has a clean and safe environment for people to use and enjoy*
12. *Improve air quality across the city*
13. *Communities are resilient to climate change*

Our Well-being Objectives

The well-being plan was required to set out local well-being objectives and the steps that we proposed to take to meet the objectives. In line with the five ways of working four well-being objectives were developed that deliver against multiple well-being goals and encompass the thirteen priorities identified.

The original well-being objectives agreed by the PSB were:

1. *People feel good about living, working, visiting and investing in Newport*
2. *People have skills and opportunities to find suitable work and contribute to sustainable economic growth*
3. *People and communities are friendly, confident and empowered to improve their well-being*
4. *Newport has healthy, safe and resilient environments*

On the 8 December 2020 the PSB agreed to a set of revised well-being objectives, which are as follows (see Chapter 4 for more detail):

1. *Everyone feels good about living, working, visiting, and investing in our unique city*
2. *Everyone has the skills and opportunities they need to develop, prosper, and contribute to a thriving, sustainable city*
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Rather than rationalising the priorities we identified five crosscutting interventions that would span these priorities and maximise the contribution to all the Well-being Goals and objectives. The interventions chosen were:

- *The Newport “Offer”*
- *Strong Resilient Communities*
- *Right Skills*
- *Green and Safe Spaces*
- *Sustainable Travel*

Progress against each of the Interventions is detailed in the next chapter.

One Newport PSB Local Well-being Plan Structure

This structure shows how the goals, objectives, priorities and interventions link together.

Well-being Goals



Well-being Objectives



Priorities

Economic			Social				Cultural			Environmental		
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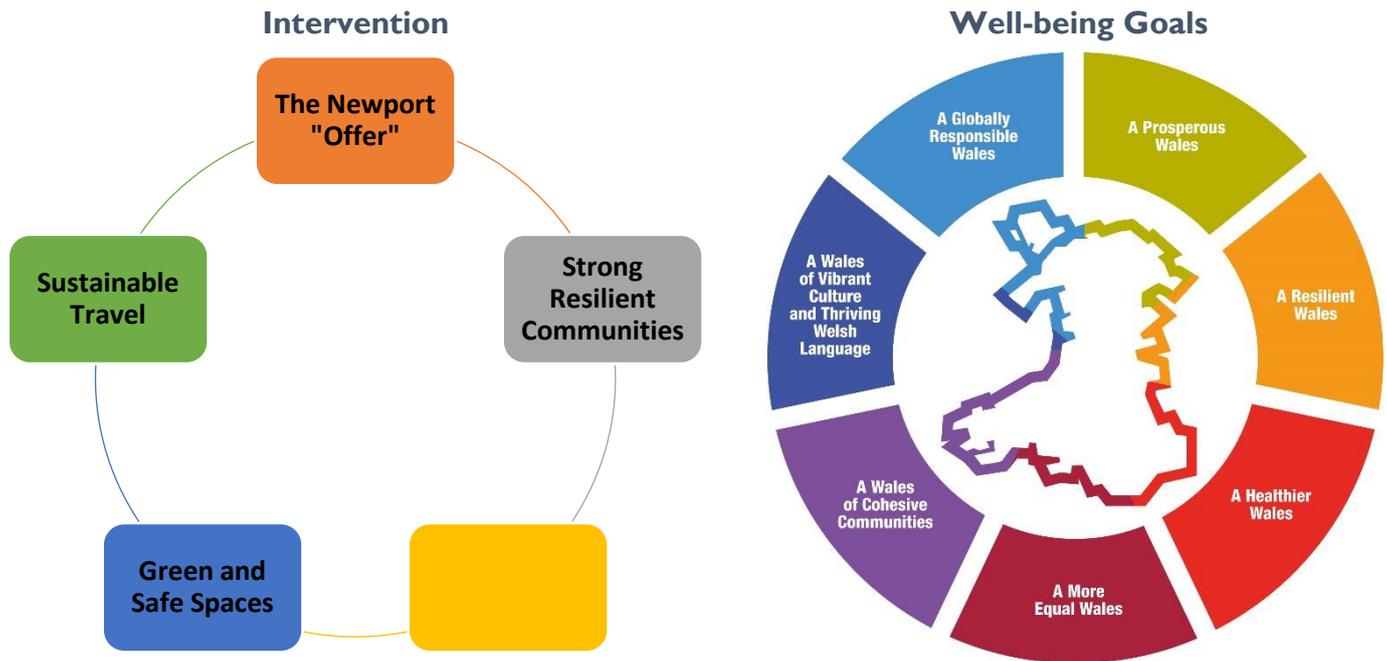
Integrated Interventions

The Newport “Offer”	Strong Resilient Communities	Right Skills	Green & Safe Spaces	Sustainable Travel
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Everyone feels good about living, working, visiting, and investing in our unique city

To demonstrate progress made against this well-being objective during 2020-21 a number of case studies have been identified. Each case study / example includes the following details: a brief description; which Intervention(s) & Well-being Goals it relates to; how the 5 Ways of Working were used; any performance measures; and plans for the future.

Placemaking Wales Charter



One Newport became the first Public Services Board in Wales to sign up to the [Placemaking Wales Charter](#), which was launched in September 2020.



The Charter is a commitment to “support the development of high-quality places across Wales for the benefit of communities”. It promotes a series of six principles that contribute to establishing and maintaining good places. These are:

- Involve the local community in the development of proposals
- Choose sustainable locations for new development
- Prioritise walking, cycling and public transport
- Create well defined, safe, and welcoming streets and public spaces
- Promote a sustainable mix of uses to make places vibrant
- Value and respect the positive distinctive qualities and identity of existing places

The PSB has embedded the Charter into its Newport Offer work and is part of the Wales-wide Partnership taking it forward.

5 Ways of Working

Long Term



Prevention



Integration



Collaboration



Involvement



This relates to new developments as well as existing ones, ensuring the delivery of inclusive, socially connected, and vibrant communities for the **long term**. It aims to **prevent** places failing to serve the needs of local communities. There is **integration** with the interventions in the Well-being Plan for the city, notably the Newport Offer, Sustainable Travel and Green and Safe Spaces. The Charter builds on Planning Policy Wales' focus on placemaking and contributes to delivery of the Well-being Goals for Wales, with Welsh Government as a partner in

its development. Well-designed places can support environmental, social, cultural, and economic well-being. The Placemaking Wales Partnership brings together more than 25 organisations in **collaboration**, including the PSB, who have signed up to take the Charter forward. A key principle of the Placemaking Wales Charter is **involving** the local community in the development of proposals so that the needs, aspirations, health, and well-being of all people are considered at the outset.

Looking Ahead to the Future

The PSB is a member of the Placemaking Wales Partnership that will take the Charter forward. The PSB has recently reviewed its Newport Offer intervention and added a new action to “Develop high quality places in line with the Placemaking Wales Charter”.

Greening City Centre – Green Arc Rainwater Gardens and Enhanced Biodiversity



New rainwater gardens, and enhanced planting for increased biodiversity, have been installed in June 2021 following some delays caused by Covid-19, along the river front and near the Queensway roundabout as part of the Greening City Centre Green Arc project.

1. New rainwater garden and planting by Admiral building, Queensway
2. Two new rainwater gardens and planting by The Wave, Riverfront
3. New planting in Queensway roundabout

Newport City Council and Natural Resources Wales worked in partnership to secure funding to support the development of Green Infrastructure (GI) within the City Centre. An application was submitted November 2019 to Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment programme: Town Centre Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Project 2020-21.

Before



This pilot has been a successful test run of expanding Green Infrastructure in a highly urban area. It has helped kick start the delivery of nature-based solutions for sustainable drainage and enhanced biodiversity within the heart of the city. It has helped recognise the value of green and blue infrastructure and the health and wellbeing benefits it brings for City residents.

After



Greening and installing enhanced planting have multiple benefits, including benefits to a sustainable economy. Green Infrastructure increases biodiversity, provides benefits to people's health and well-being, helps cool the city alleviating heat island effect, and makes the city more visually appealing attracting more people to city centre businesses.

5 Ways of Working

Long Term



Prevention



Integration



Collaboration



Involvement



Designs have been drawn for further rainwater gardens, and funding is being sought. There is potential for further collaboration to work with Welsh Water Dŵr Cymru, particularly in areas with flood risk. Newport City Council is carrying out ongoing maintenance in the **long term**. The rainwater gardens help support ecosystem resilience and mitigate against climate change, including **preventing** flood risk and slowing surface rainwater run-off. This project helps increase biodiversity contributing towards mitigating against nature emergency. All partner's work

recognised the cross cutting wide range of benefits that restoring and enhancing nature brings across all the **integrated** well-being goals, supporting social, economic, environmental & cultural well-being. Newport City Council teams and Natural Resources Wales have worked in **collaboration** to secure funding and worked with contactors for designs and advice. Further collaboration is planned with Welsh Water Dŵr Cymru on installing more rainwater gardens particularly in areas with flood risk. The plans will dovetail with the new leisure facility planned for the riverfront. The project aligns with the goals of stakeholders on the Green and Safe Spaces Network, but we will seek wider **involvement** from partners and communities on future plans and share learning with others.

Performance Measures

We will look to measure the following measures over time: Percentage of total accessible "urban green space" / Percentage of total green space and green infrastructure / Percentage of high quality nature / National Indicator 44: Status of Biological diversity in Wales (Newport).

*Green and Safe Spaces performance measures are currently being refreshed.

Looking Ahead to the Future

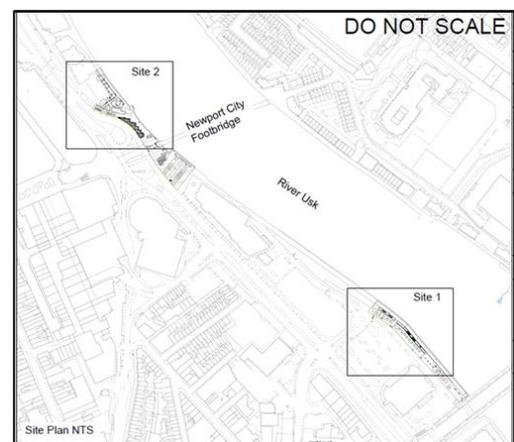
Technical designs have already been drawn up for further sites.

Future plans:

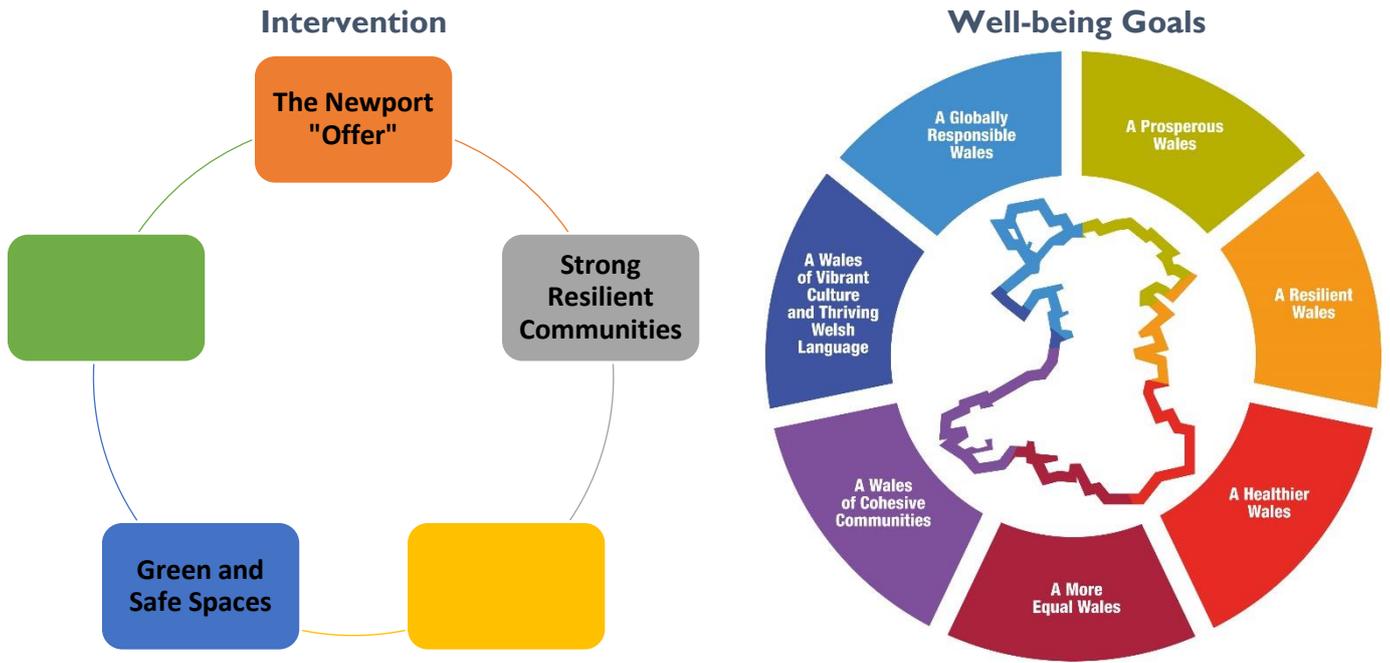
1. Near Newport City Footbridge area - feasibility and designs produced.
2. Near planned new leisure facility Uskway, Riverfront - feasibility and designs produced.
3. As part of separate funding bid, raingardens have been designed and approved for Devon Place footbridge, for spring 2022.

The pilot has built confidence, knowledge and demonstrated the successful impact. Rain gardens at Devon Place footbridge will be implemented as part of the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) requirement as part of a separate funding stream.

With further funding, there is potential for more rainwater gardens to be installed, particularly in areas with flood risk.



City Centre Regeneration



The Covid-19 Pandemic has had a profound effect on the City Centre and its economy and business profile. Successive lockdown periods and an overnight shift towards home working and online retail have seen the final collapse of a number of high-street chains. Despite support from the Council, this included the Debenhams brand, the anchor store within the Friars Walk complex. The new reality has re-focused efforts on growing and diversifying the business base of the City Centre, and attracting new investors.

Despite the economic challenges presented, the Council and its partners made positive progress on the programme for City Centre Regeneration including a number of key projects identified in the masterplan.

The Chartist Tower hotel, due to open in early 2020, had its opening curtailed by the pandemic with the hospitality sector amongst the worst hit. Nevertheless, the mixed-use development was able to attract a number of new tenants including the South Wales Argus, who relocated their offices into the City Centre.



The refurbishment of the city’s Victorian Market Arcade has proceeded extremely well. Completion is forecast before the end of the year. In collaboration with the various property owners, a Public Space Protection Order was implemented by the Council which ensures the Arcade is secured overnight. The Activity Plan for the project, which includes engagement with schools, universities, heritage societies and users of the Centre, has gathered pace, with a number of short films produced to celebrate and record the history and importance of the Arcade.



Adjacent to the Arcade, another key heritage building has entered a new phase in its history as the Indoor Market redevelopment commenced. Scheduled for completion in Winter 2021, the redevelopment will provide a revitalised traditional market alongside flexible-use office space relevant to the new world of agile working and greater levels of entrepreneurship.



A very different project on the opposite side of the railway at Mill Street echoes this theme of flexible workspace. The project is nearing completion and ready for occupation, and the modern industrial space presented will help ensure the city centre has a range of office accommodation suitable to accommodate all needs. When the new Active Travel footbridge over the railway line is implemented in Winter 2021, the Mill Street Hub will be properly linked to the City Centre.

Terms are being finalised with Tramshed Tech, one of the most successful Welsh incubation enterprises, to occupy the lower floors of the former railway station building and provide space for start-up businesses in the digital, tech and creative sectors. This will complement use of the upper floors by Cardiff University's prestigious National Software Academy and support Newport's role as a leading digital hub for the City Region, and drive demand for the flexible space developed elsewhere in the city centre.

The City Centre remains a place where increasingly people will live as well as work. Following completion of the Central View over-55 apartment complex (Pobl), Newport City Homes redevelopment of Olympia House has proceeded with assistance from the Council via the Welsh Government Transforming Towns programme. The refurbishment of Castle View on Upper Dock Street has also been completed, providing new homes for private ownership and helping to ensure the housing offer of the city centre has the right blend of tenures.



Our work in the city centre includes access to attractive open spaces. Working in partnership with NRW and the Welsh Government Transforming Towns a number of green infrastructure pilot schemes have been implemented along the riverfront.

Finally, a number of small grants were made available to enable businesses to continue trading through the period of restrictions put in place to dampen the spread of coronavirus over the winter. Grants were available to support outdoor seating, safety measures and equipment needed to ensure as many of the businesses based in the City Centre as possible were able to navigate the most challenging trading period in their history.

5 Ways of Working

Long Term

Prevention

Integration



Collaboration

Involvement



City Centre regeneration has a **long-term** time frame with a focus on projects that will shape the future performance and sustainability of the city centre, as well as improving the vibrancy of the city centre in the short and medium terms. Diversification of the economic offer and prevalent uses is inherently linked to supporting the long-term economic sustainability of the city centre. A key outcome is to **prevent** decline in the city centre in terms of its vitality but also, its architectural heritage by breathing new life into

historic buildings that are at risk due to vacancy and dereliction. In the wake of the pandemic, if these buildings can be used to grow and sustain an ecosystem of new business, then risks around unemployment and economic disadvantage may also be mitigated. City centre regeneration forms part of a City Centre Masterplan. The work forms part of the Newport Offer intervention but **integrated** closely with other interventions and the overall Well-being Objectives by creating opportunities for employment, training and skills development, by supporting a strong resilient city centre community, by including access to safe open space and building in options for active and more sustainable travel. Delivery of regeneration projects and the maintenance of an attractive, welcoming and safe city centre has relied on strong **collaboration** between public sector partners but also extensive collaboration with the city centre business community, the voluntary sector, and private sector developers and investors working within the framework of a long-term masterplan. Regeneration projects have **involved** local partnerships including Newport Now, the city centre Business Improvement District, heritage, schools and community groups, and feedback from service users. Projects have encouraged the direct involvement of citizens in sharing memories, learning about the city's past and, in the case of Market Arcade project, contributing with their own creativity.

Looking Ahead to the Future

Partners will continue to work together to ensure the city centre has an attractive offer as a place to work, visit, study, live and invest. Work across our interventions will contribute to city centre regeneration and we will take account of the Wales Placemaking Charter in delivering this. We will also continue to work in partnership with private sector investors and businesses on the delivery of transformative flagship projects. Key projects will reach completion in the second half of 2021, and creating the right narrative, perception, welcome and support to new business occupiers, visitors and service users coming to the City Centre on the back of these projects completing will be vital to sustaining the ongoing regeneration of the City Centre.

Purple Flag



Following years of partnership working, Newport was awarded the prestigious Purple Flag status in 2020-21 in recognition of the City's thriving evening and night-time economy.

Purple Flag – similar to the Blue Flag for beaches – is an international award to raise the standards and broaden the appeal of town and city centres from early evening until the late night.

Purple Flag is an accreditation process run by the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) and is the benchmark for good night-time destinations. Areas awarded with a Purple Flag are recognised for providing a diverse and vibrant mix of dining, entertainment and culture while promoting the safety and well-being of visitors and local residents. Or, to put it simply, Purple Flag status indicates where to go for a good, safe night out! And this means not just for pubs and clubs but for a wide range of activities including arts and culture, leisure, eating out and events for people of all ages.

Newport City Centre ticked all the boxes with a growing number of restaurants, cafes and attractions, plus major cultural events attracting visitors and residents of all ages, but also recognises that Newport can further grow and improve the city centre offer with already excellent foundations in place.

For further information about the coveted award, visit www.atcm.org/purple-flag.

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Purple Flag is about supporting a thriving evening and night-time economy both in the short and **longer terms**, providing the right environment for business vitality, and a city atmosphere that creates positive perceptions and paves the way for future investment. At the same time work under the Purple Flag scheme can **prevent** anti-social behaviour, an unsafe environment and other issues that may lead to negative perceptions and even decline.

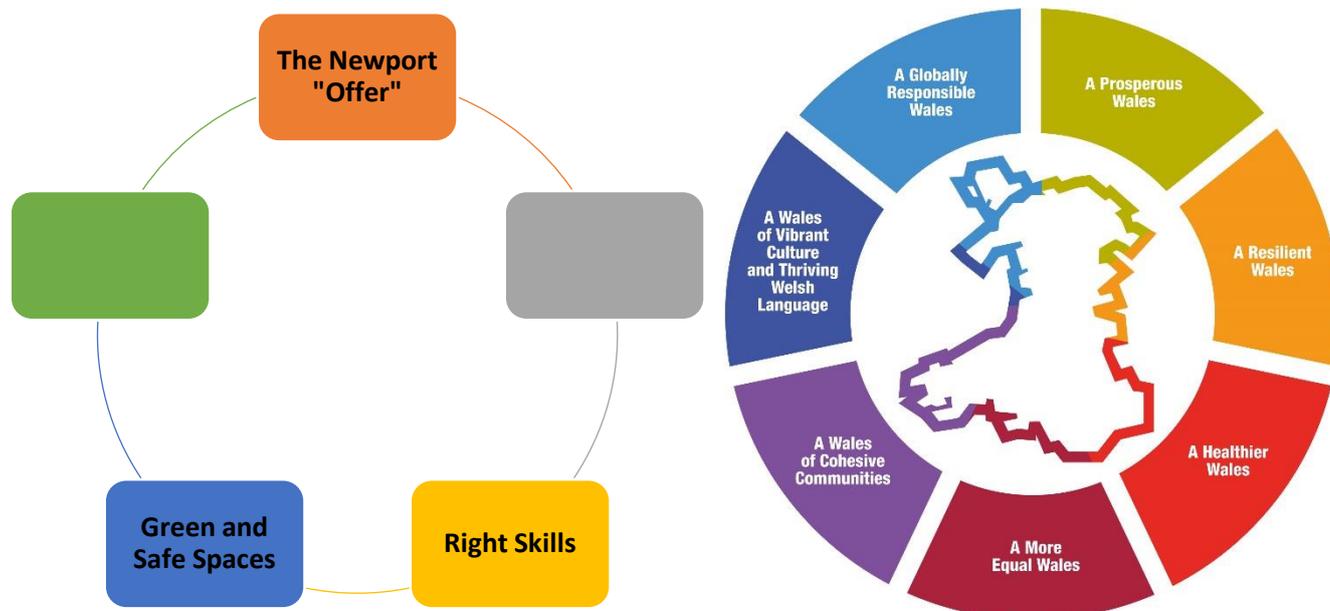
Collaboration is at the heart of this work, which brings together public sector partners, the business community,

and the voluntary sector. It also underpins **integration** between Well-being Plan delivery, the work of the Safer Newport Partnership and the objectives of the Newport Now Business Improvement District. Understanding the change in perceptions among residents, businesses and stakeholders of Newport's evening and night-time economy is an ongoing process in monitoring how well we are doing in raising standards and broadening the appeal of Newport's night-time economy. Surveys are regularly undertaken to seek the views of local people and business **involvement** is central to ensuring that city centre users feel safe, welcome and receive high standards of customer care.

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A range of local agencies and organisations including Newport City Council licensing team, Gwent Police, the Newport Now Business Improvement District, the Safer Newport partnership and representatives from the business community and voluntary sector will continue to work together to ensure that the city continues to provide great entertainment, exceptional hospitality and a safe night out for visitors.

New City Centre Leisure Centre and Coleg Gwent Campus

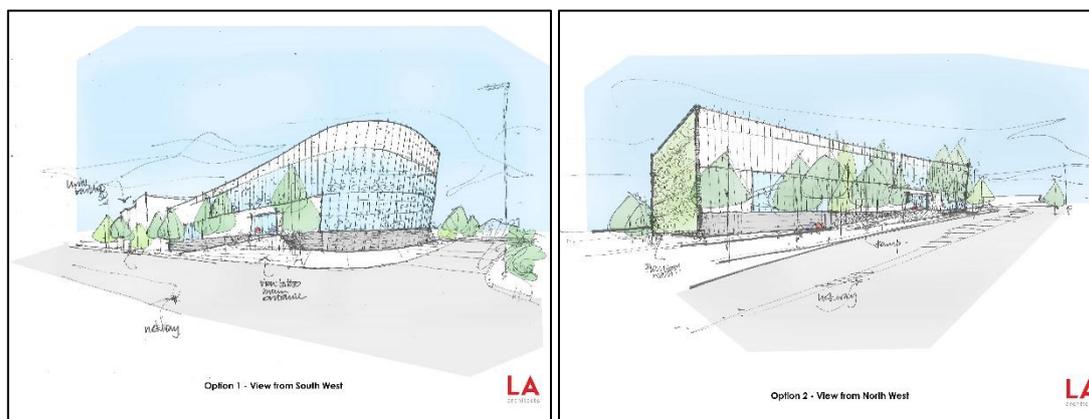


During the year we consulted on replacing the Newport Centre sports and leisure facility with a new health and well-being centre on the riverbank in the city centre and creating a new campus for Coleg Gwent on the Newport Centre site.

The condition of many of the facilities at the Newport Centre has deteriorated due to their age and some are at the end of their usable lifespan. Similarly, Coleg Gwent's Nash campus is in need of significant investment.

The consultation period ran from 17 December 2020 to 29 January 2021, using a range of communication and engagement methods with a total of 1,022 responses received. Of those who responded, 94% indicated that they would like to see new leisure and well-being facilities in Newport and 85% indicated that they supported the reuse of the Newport Centre for the provision of a college campus.

The positive consultation response has encouraged the Council and partners to develop proposals further. Preparation of a full planning application has begun for the leisure and well-being centre with swimming pools, fitness suite and studios, on site bike storage and active travel connectivity, a cafe, roof garden and enhanced accessibility for all users.



Relocation of the leisure centre paves the way for a new, modern and fit for purpose facility for Coleg Gwent in a more accessible location. Approximately 2,000 students could be based at the new campus. Alongside, the University of South Wales campus, the new further education college will be part of the Newport Knowledge Quarter.



The provision of both a new leisure and education facility will deliver new landmark buildings in the city centre, resulting in increased footfall and generating confidence in Newport. It will boost the economy of the city and the wider region, promote health and well-being by encouraging people to engage and become more active, improve educational outcomes creating seamless ‘learning pathways’ from further to higher education, contribute to community cohesion through cultural, social, and economic opportunities, improve community resources by providing new and modern facilities and access to learning, and improve the physical infrastructure of Newport city centre.

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These proposals will bring significant **long-term** benefits. An investment in modern leisure facilities and the Knowledge Quarter will contribute to the ongoing regeneration of the city centre, the promotion of the health and well-being agenda, and the provision of environmentally sustainable and accessible facilities which are well integrated with public transport provision. A modern city centre leisure facility would contribute hugely to regeneration supporting economic growth and job creation, balancing the city centre offer for the future. The proposed location is central and accessible by public transport and active

travel routes contributing to improved air quality and health benefits. The central location is also potentially more accessible to people dependent on the use of public transport links. The proposals involve **collaborative** working between the Council, Newport Live and Coleg Gwent. A communications and engagement plan has been developed to ensure local people are **involved** in developing the proposal. This has included engagement with current users of Newport Centre, residents from surrounding neighbourhoods and relevant equalities groups. The proposals will **prevent** the loss of leisure facilities in the city centre with the existing facilities being at the end of their life. The new leisure facility will be built to BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) excellent standards, with sustainability and future proofing at its core. Together with the new Coleg Gwent building, enhancements to Usk Way and the active travel connectivity, this will create high quality and sustainable green lung, right at the heart of the city centre, which will contribute to the ongoing well-being of residents. Participation in sports and leisure is well documented to have preventative health benefits, and can improve physical and mental well-being. The proposals will deliver **integrated** health, social, economic and environmental well-being benefits and align objectives in the Well-being Plan and the City Centre Master Plan.

Looking Ahead to the Future

The next step is the submission of a full planning application for the new leisure facility. The Green and Safe spaces intervention is also aiming to align with the new Leisure Centre project on the riverfront regarding the plans for a green roof, green wall, and native planting.

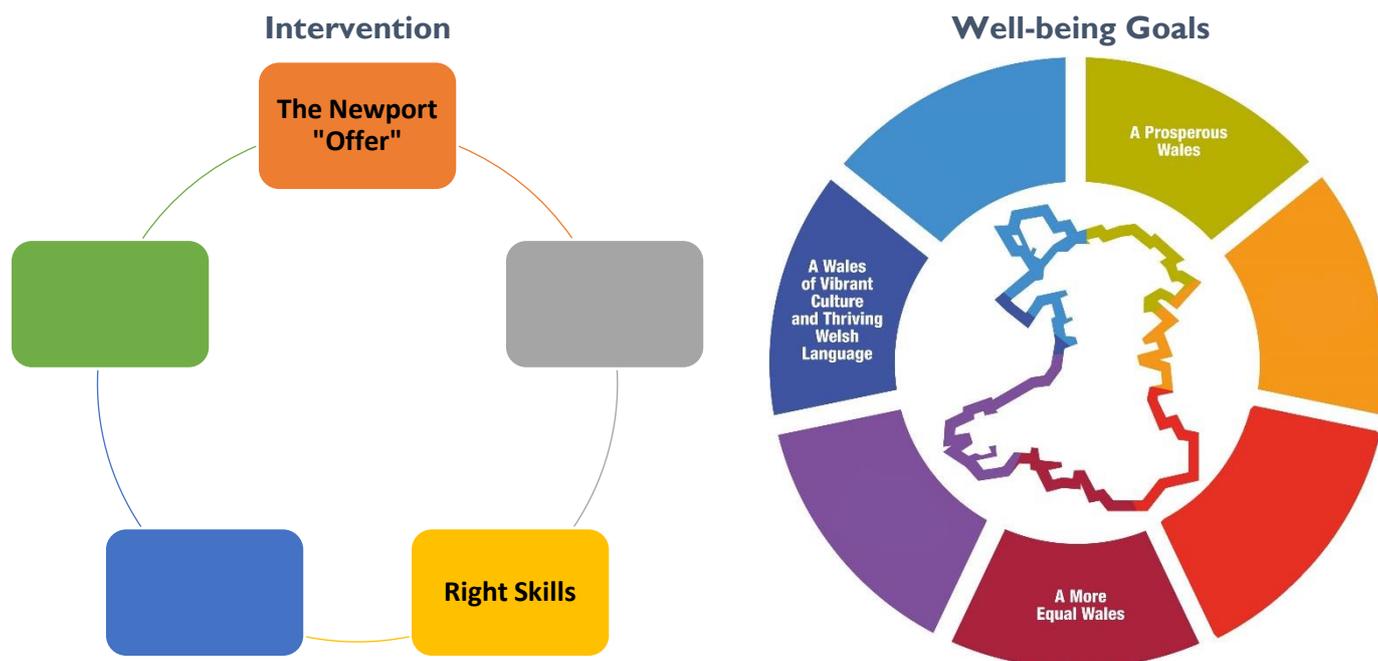
Additional Plans for the Future

Alongside ongoing regeneration schemes, partners are building on the potential of events to contribute to the Newport Offer. The Council, supported by partners, has submitted an expression of interest to be city of Culture 2025, supporting cultural regeneration, boosting the economy and providing a significant opportunity to raise the city’s profile. Investment in the public realm is a key priority with plans developed for the northern gateway to the city centre, promoting a greener environment and strong, positive impressions of the city at an important arrival point.

Everyone has the skills and opportunities they need to develop, prosper, and contribute to a thriving, sustainable city

To demonstrate progress made against this well-being objective during 2020-21 a number of case studies have been identified. Each case study / example includes the following details: a brief description; which Intervention(s) & Well-being Goals it relates to; how the 5 Ways of Working were used; any performance measures; and plans for the future.

Discovering Digital Careers – Virtual Event for Schools



Newport students were given the opportunity to explore a career in the digital sector - and it was all done online. Students in year nine and above were invited to find out about the range of digital careers available to them on their doorstep and the skills and qualifications they need to be successful in them.

The week-long event was delivered on Microsoft Teams and focussed on different themes each day: cyber security; software engineering, semi-conductor, creative, and future technology and digital. There was a mix of live sessions and webinars during the week. Following the event, schools had continued access to video and resources, providing a very rich resource for young people considering their career options and pathways. Here is a sample of the twenty presentations delivered during the week:

- [Introduction to Software Engineering with Admiral](#)
- [Employer Spotlight – Newport Wafer Fab](#)
- [Qualifications and Pathways in Creative Digital Industries](#)
- [An interview with the Team behind Tiny Rebel Games](#)
- [Newport Digital Industry Round-Up with an Expert Panel](#)

We chose digital careers for the event because Newport is home to many successful and growing businesses, with further and significant growth in the sector projected over the next 10 years. The aim was to get Newport pupils excited by what their home city has to offer and to forge a path towards a related career with the support of our schools, colleges, and businesses.

Employers within these sectors showcased what their companies do and the job roles they offer. Each day included a session with Careers Wales advisers on ways to employment in the sectors.

Employers and organisations taking part included: IQE; Newport Wafer Fab; SPTS; Wolfberry; Bright Branch; Third Space; Cardiff University National Software Academy; Cyber Wales; USW Cyber Security; USW Robotics; Coleg Gwent Gaming; Tarian; Urban Myth; and CEMET AI & Virtual Reality. Participating employers were keen to have the opportunity to engage with young people and to be part of an event that could support skills development and pave the way for recruitment of local talent into their businesses.

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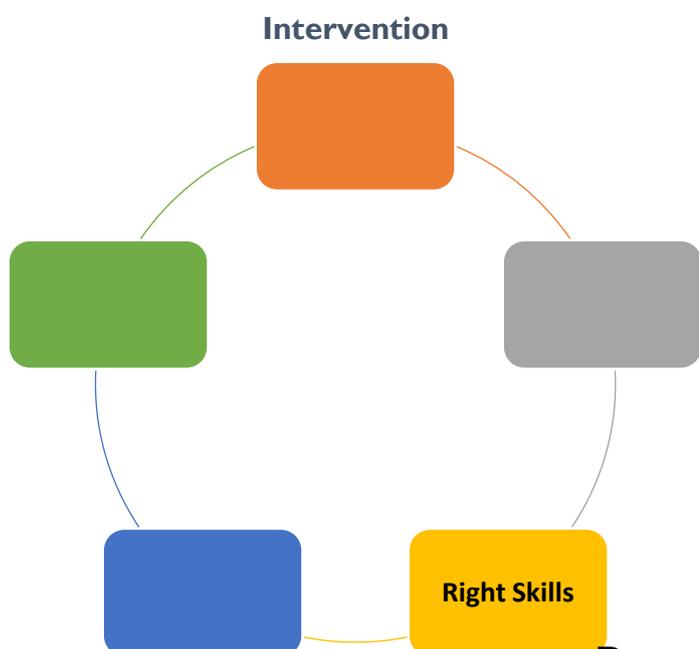
The week-long event was aimed at Years 9 and above and delivered at a time when they would be considering their subject options and possible future career options, thereby helping young people in the city to prosper economically and achieve their potential in the **long term**. The digital sector is a key sector for Newport and South East Wales offering long term growth. The event sought to **prevent** a lack of awareness among young people of the highly skilled employment and career opportunities on their doorstep, and to prevent recruitment difficulties / skills shortages

within a key economic growth sector for the city. The event was a **collaboration** between employers, providers of education and training (Coleg Gwent, National Training Federation for Wales, University of South Wales and Cardiff University), Careers Wales and Newport City Council for the benefit of students in Newport schools. The activity delivered against both Objectives 1 & 2 of the Well-being Plan. The project is **integrated** with the Economic Growth Strategy for the City and the key sectors identified by the Cardiff Capital Region Skills Partnership. Schools were involved and consulted on the purpose and format for the event; students were encouraged to ask questions about the things they really wanted to know about from employers. Feedback from schools will **inform** future sector focused careers events for schools, which we now plan to deliver as a result of the success of this pilot.

Looking Ahead to the Future

Following the success of this event and the subsequent demand from schools we will deliver further online sector-based careers events for the city’s students linked to key growth sectors.

Youth Engagement and Progression Framework



The Youth Engagement and Progression Framework (YEPF) is for everyone working with and supporting young people to engage and progress in education, training, and work. This Framework is focused on reducing the number of young people aged 11 to 25 who are not engaged in education, employment, or training (NEET). There are six components to this Framework:

- Identifying young people most at risk of disengagement.
- Better brokerage and coordination of support.
- Stronger tracking and transitions of young people through the system.
- Ensuring provision meets the needs of young people.
- Strengthening employability skills and opportunities for employment.
- Greater accountability for better outcomes for young people.

The NEET strategy has been a long-term strategy for Newport City Council and partners which has seen the numbers of young people not engaged in education, employment or training reduce considerably over the years from having the highest number of young people not engaged in education, employment or training to being below the all-Wales average.

The Youth Engagement and Progression Framework has continued to be supported by all key partners. The Framework is strongly held to account by the strategic Youth Support Services Board (YSSB). The Pre 16 NEET group, the 16-18 practitioner group and the Learning Provider Network are the working groups that support the YSSB operationally and have an effective impact on the NEET figure reducing.

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The YEPF is in place to prevent young people from becoming NEET in the **long** and short term. The YEPF is trying to ensure young people can find education, employment and training and achieve their potential. The well-being of learners is paramount and vulnerable learners are offered additional services and a Lead Worker. Through the YEPF an Early Identification toolkit is used to RAG rate all secondary school learners. This toolkit along with practitioner knowledge identifies all learners who are at risk or who need additional support. School leavers

(Year 11, 12 and 13) transition meetings take place prior to leaving to ensure progression routes are in place **preventing** them becoming NEET. The YEPF is linked with work across Wales coordinated through Welsh Government and WEFO. It is **integrated** with other Right Skills projects and the NCC Corporate Plan. This is a wholly **collaboration** approach involving PSB partners including Newport City Council, Welsh Government and Coleg Gwent. Wider partnership members include Careers Wales, NTfW and all secondary schools across Newport. The key to successful implementation of the framework has been a whole system approach in which roles and responsibilities are more clearly defined and in which all of the services and providers working with young people collaborate to deliver better outcomes for young people. Feedback is provided from learners through our collaborations. This includes **involving** school learning coaches, pre-16 alternative learners and collaboration Sixth form students. Recommendations from the young people are made to working groups and the YEPF Coordinator follows this up.

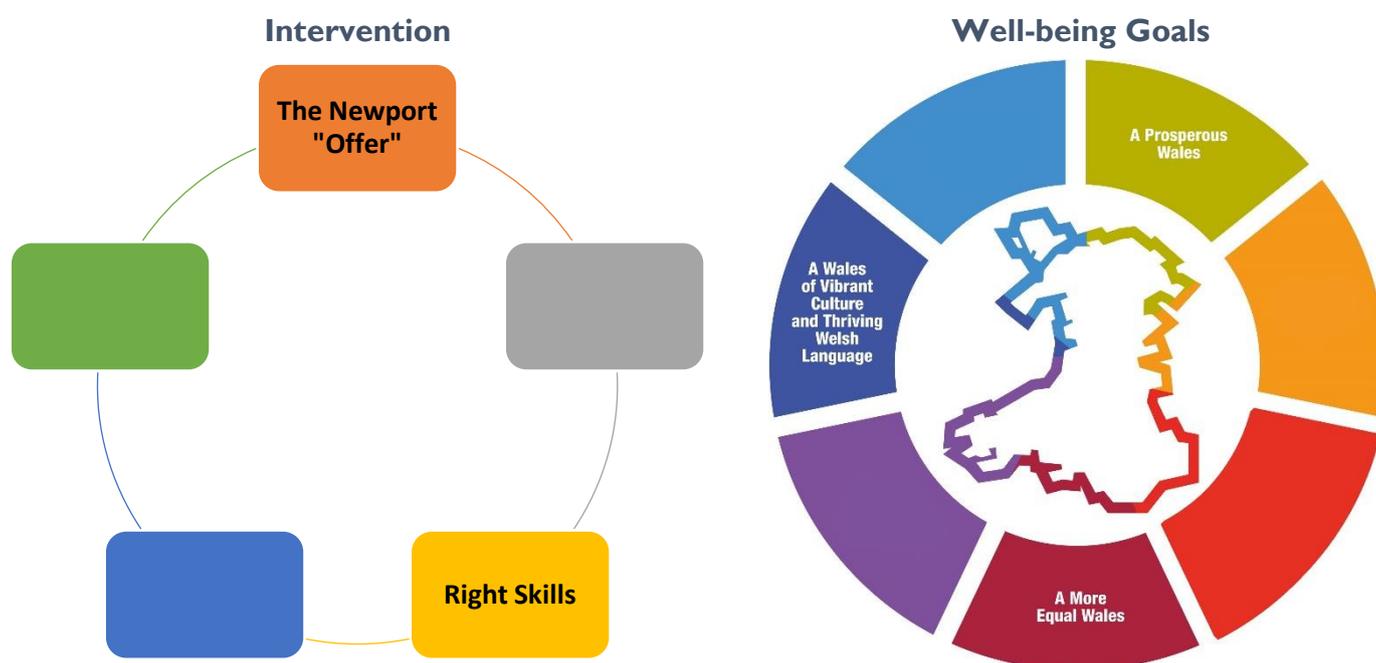
Performance Measures

Performance Measure	Year				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Percentage of Year 11 learners not in education, employment, or training (NEET)	1.7%	1.3%	1.1%	0.9%	1.4% (Wales avg – 1.7%)
Percentage of Year 13 learners not in education, employment, or training (NEET)	2.44%	1.52%	1.65%	1.8%	1.1% (Wales avg – 3.5%)
Percentage of 16-18 young people not in education, employment, or training (NEET)	3.44%	2.75%	2.65%	2.6%	2.6%

Looking Ahead to the Future

The YEPF work has continued to progress despite the impact of Covid-19. The well-established, strong practice in place has provided a strong basis on which to develop revised approaches. New ways of working have been introduced, ensuring that the agenda remains a priority focus for all partners. The Youth Support Grant will continue to fund this work in 2021/2022. This is monitored through Regeneration, Investment and Housing (RIH) and Education within Newport City Council with particular emphasis on the strategic Youth Support Services Board.

Ffilm Cymru and One Newport project; promoting careers in the film and TV industry to under-represented groups



For this project, the PSB worked with Ffilm Cymru to present a Masterclass to young people in Newport on jobs and careers opportunities in the screen sector. Roles include runner, or entry-level crew role and production. Attendees were keen on learning about many areas of work, such as hair and makeup, camera trainees, art department, sound and music technician, location assistants.

The sector is one of considerable growth and a success story in Wales. The Welsh Parliament's May 2019 report titled 'Inquiry into Film and Major Television Production in Wales' highlighted that:

"Since 1999, GVA of motion picture, video and TV programme production in Wales has grown from £59 million to £187 million in 2016. This is an increase of 217%. In the UK as a whole, GVA in this area has grown from £5.15 billion in 1999 to £9.49 billion in 2016. This is an increase of 84%."

However, increasingly there are calls to suggest that more needs to be done to increase diversity within the industry. As outlined by Diverse Cymru, who were commissioned by the Welsh Government's Creative Industries Sector to look at the issue:

"Despite the rich cultural landscape of Wales, our Film and TV industries suffer from a lack of diversity across gender, disability, sexuality, age and socio-economic backgrounds in all sectors, from catering, costuming and set-dressing to writing, editing and directing."



The pilot project was an initial step in addressing that inequality locally by promoting careers within the film industry to groups who are currently underrepresented within it. The project uses the structure of the PSB to bring together key partners, utilising their skills and insights to deliver on the shared aims contained within the city's Well-being Plan.

As an overview, the masterclass sessions included: Introductions to a range of job roles, what the reality is in Wales for entry level opportunities, how to apply for jobs within the industry, introduction to props, camera work, art department, a Q&A with 'Screen Alliance Wales' and 'Sgil Cymru'.

Quotes from the Masterclass Sessions:

"Ashley – I now understand about the various roles, and how accessible some can be. Can be a concern if my body is 'not working', but realising there is opportunity out there, especially in an arts department that may allow flexibility and home working for example".

"Genevieve – I am determined to work with music and sound, it is my life and everything to me. I will research more and improve my knowledge about types of roles and the sector more widely".

"Timothy – I always thought the industry was too competitive. I see now it is an option, I'll continue to look and learn at software and things I can learn at home. I will contact directly some of the people we met and agencies as well to look for any opportunities for work".

"Katy - Great that I can gain experience on the job, I am definitely going to apply for different roles now that I see. I am going to do more research and apply, apply, apply! I want to take up more training opportunities until I find work".

"Rohan – I've learned a huge amount about how to communicate effectively online and feel less nervous about it".

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The project relates to career opportunities within a sector that has been identified as one which will likely experience further growth in the coming years. It supported young people into finding out about careers and gaining a foot in the door” in the Film and TV sectors, which may support their economic well-being and achieving their potential with **long term** benefits. The project aims to play a small **preventative** role in increasing diversity within a growing industry. The project **integrates** a number of themes, in particular those found within Welsh Government’s

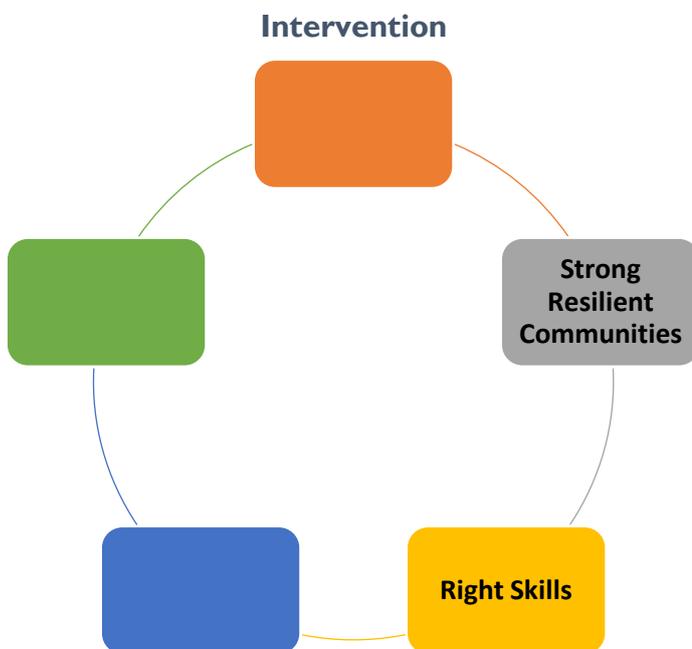
community cohesion stream and the key priority sectors identified by the Cardiff Capital Region Skills Partnership. This project brings together a number of partners from both within the PSB and wider partnership. Ffilm Cymru were an integral partner within the project, demonstrating the cross-sector **collaborative** approach of the project.

Looking Ahead to the Future

The pilot project showed great potential for supporting young people into work, broadening their skills and experience and addressing skills needs of the film and TV sector in South Wales. Ffilm Cymru developed a multi-partner funding bid to the UK Government Community Renewal fund to significantly upscale this project into a major six-month project based in the city.

There are ongoing plans to continually track the outcomes and successes of the participants. They are also part of a Facebook group so they can share jobs and application support.

Reach Restart Project



This project supports refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to overcome English language and other potential barriers to integration in the city. Since starting the project in 2019, we have built a strong partner network to obtain referrals for the project, signposted participants to relevant support and offered education, training and employment opportunities.

Due to the parameters of the project at a Wales-wide level, some of the work supports refugees only while support to learn English is available to all migrants with a language barrier. We offer refugees holistic assessments that identify barriers to integration and follow up support to remove these barriers. Any English language issues are identified through ESOL assessments and we provide classes to help the participant learn English.

Through our assessments, we have identified barriers that include housing, finance and debt, access to benefits, a lack of relevant education and training and poor health and well-being. By taking steps to remove the barriers, we can help equip refugees to settle in Newport and contribute to their communities and the economy.

The project helps secure sustainable employment opportunities for participants, targeting growth sectors and skills gaps, and translating homeland qualifications so that they are recognised in the UK. While receiving support from the Reach / Restart project, participants are also referred to other appropriate programmes such as Journey to Work, Inspire to Work, Communities for Work and Communities for Work Plus which can lead to employment routes, traineeships, and local volunteering/placement opportunities.

Reach / Restart is normally delivered from Newport Central Library where we have a dedicated Hub, however this was impacted by Covid-19 this year. However, contact with refugees was maintained by providing I.T equipment including tablets and Wi-Fi dongles so they can continue ESOL learning, interact with project staff and complete other learning opportunities that aim to support the individual into employment.

We receive the majority of referrals from DWP but also have them from our partners. These include:

- Welsh Refugee Council
- British Red Cross
- Share Centre
- Gap Centre
- NCC's Vulnerable People Relocation Project
- Lighthouse Project
- NCC Hubs including the homeless team
- Home Options
- BAWSO

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The project delivery is based around helping migrants to settle in the UK by supporting them to work and contribute to their local community. By removing barriers to integration, offering English language, employment and training / educational advice, guidance and support, the project aims to ensure that they are safe and settled enough to sustain employment for the **long term**. The project aims to tackle many barriers that **prevent** migrants from settling in the UK. These include:

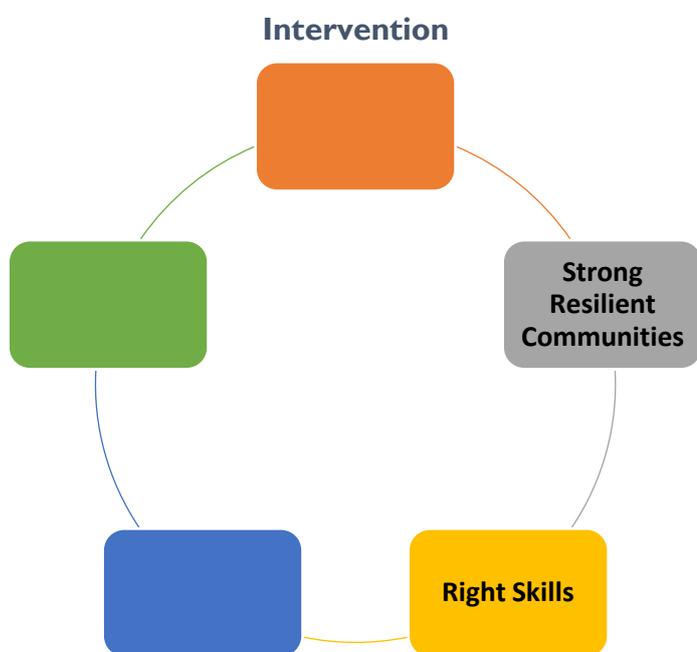
- preventing poverty by offering support with financial issues, including benefits advice and employability support;
- preventing homelessness by offering housing advice and support;
- preventing health and well-being issues by helping migrants to register with doctor, dentists, social services and family intervention teams;
- preventing the inability to integrate by offering language assessments;
- preventing social isolation by offering advice about the local support groups and activities available in their local area.

The project supports both the **integration** of Right Skills and Safe Cohesive Communities interventions in our Well-being Plan and relies on the support and **collaboration** of various partners to deliver an effective service. We have built good working relationships with partners by discussing common themes and issues that affect the participants that we support. Partners **involved** include Cardiff and the Vale College; Newport City Council; Coleg Gwent; British Red Cross; Vulnerable People Relocation Project; Welsh Refugee Council; Adult Learning Wales; DWP; Adult Community Learning; Gower College; Coleg Cambria; Welsh Government; Welsh Strategic Migration Partnership; and Gap Centre. We also work closely with Citizen Advice Bureau, Housing Associations & the Home Office to ensure that any integration issues are resolved.

Performance Measures

Performance Measures	Target	Outcome
Individuals assisted with employability support	66	82
English as a second language (ESOL) assessment	130	136

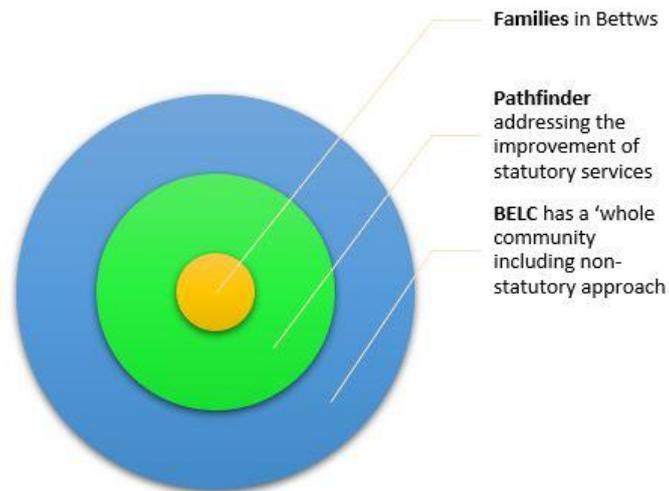
Early Years Pathfinder



Both the Early Years Integration Transformation Programme Newport (Pathfinder) and Bettws Early Learning Community (BELC) are two very distinctive programmes, that complement each other to benefit the needs of families in Bettws with children under the age of 8 years old. They have a strong focus on family support and prevention and by taking an integrated, whole community approach they aim to create lasting and long-term change.

Pathfinder Aims	Bettws Early Learning Community (BELC)
<p>Working in partnership at a system level to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver Early Years' services in a co-ordinated, integrated, and timely way. • Re-configure Early Years' services focussing on planning, commissioning, identifying, and addressing needs. • To identify further opportunities and barriers to integration and ways to remove, reduce or rationalise them; and work more preventatively. 	<p>Takes a whole system integrated approach to improving early years outcomes with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-being and resilience. • Digital poverty – particularly connectivity • Successful transition – particularly Flying Start into school. • Play and safe play spaces – using the Play Sufficiency Assessment as the driver for this.

How do they interlink?



Members of the pathfinder team are integrated with the governance of Bettws Early Learning Community, both at project team and strategic board level. These forums enable the two distinctive projects to interlink and complement each other to help deliver strong resilient communities. In short BELC looks to assist families by providing a healthy wider community and system in which they can flourish after or alongside the interventions provided by the Pathfinder.



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The two projects are by nature **preventative** and provide for **long-term** improvements in individual, family and community well-being by focussing interventions on children in their early years. They also aim to strengthen families, support structures and communities which should **prevent** the need for statutory intervention. The BELC programme is very much an **integrated**, whole systems approach to create an environment of well-being around early years children which seeks to **involve** local people and build their social capital. Both programmes are strong

examples of **collaboration** in practice through multi-agency and multi-disciplinary working. The Pathfinder deliberately brought together all the key services which touch the lives of early years children and families so that it could redesign them to work better together and develop services co-productively.

Performance Measures

As the Pathfinder is a pilot for systems change there are no performance measures as such, however the key objectives are:

- Develop an operational group and Terms of Reference
- Establish a core team and base for the Bettws pilot

- Pilot new way of working with pregnant Mums and new births in Bettws with all Families, focusing on:
 - ‘What Matters’ discussions
 - Implementation of a keyworker approach followed by the fishbowl technique
 - Enhanced midwife support
 - Establishing appropriate early intervention utilising the extended team in Bettws
- Recruit a midwife and mental health practitioner on a regional footprint and family intervention worker on a local level.

[Looking Ahead to the Future](#)

The Pathfinder in Bettws is intended to form a model for joined up, family-centred working more widely in Newport and across the Gwent Region with rollout beginning in the Autumn of 2021.

[Additional Plans for the Future](#)

Based on the success of the online digital careers event for schools, the Right Skills intervention is planning further sector-based initiatives that bring together employers and schools, showcasing to students the career opportunities available to them locally and the educational and training pathways to reach them. Schools have said how much they welcome this new online approach, providing them with an enhanced careers resource.

The Right Skills intervention is broadening its focus beyond economic well-being to environmental and social well-being.

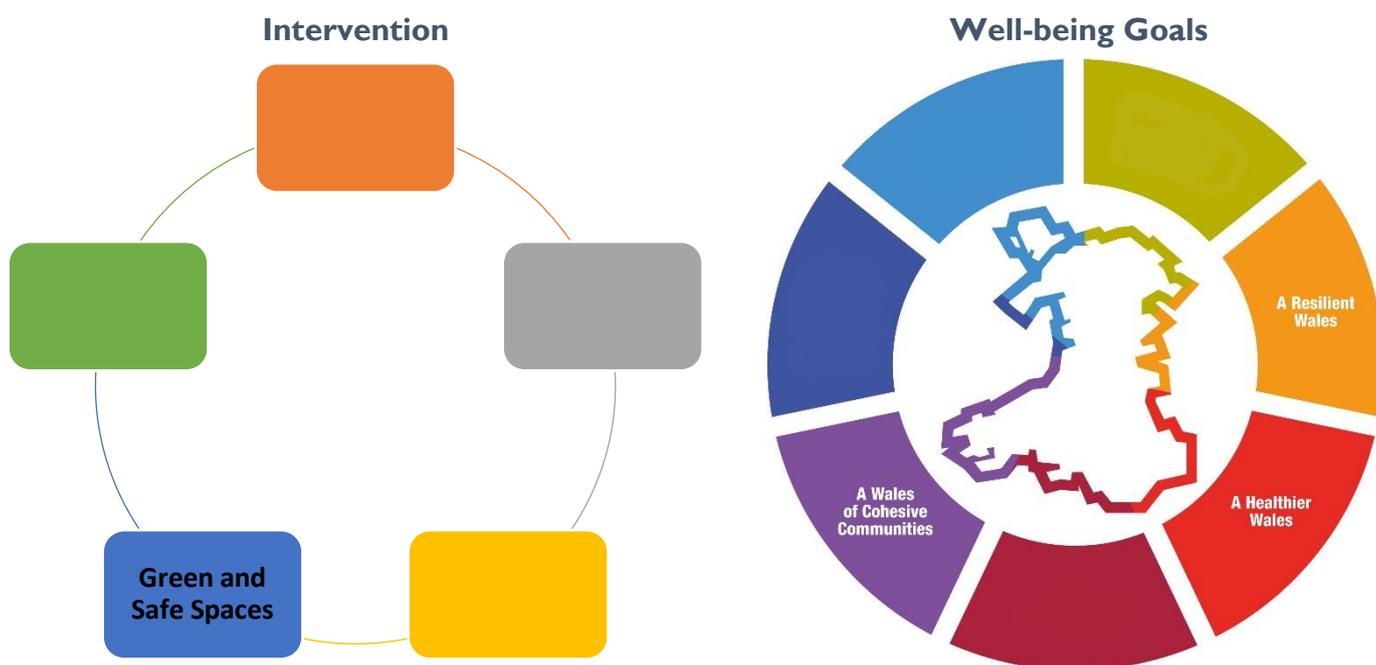
[Green Volunteering](#)

The Green and Safe Spaces intervention has collated known green volunteering opportunities across Newport and is promoting them ad hoc. The aim over the next year is to take a more structured approach in promoting green volunteering opportunities more widely, across platforms, and across the Green and Safe Network, to build people’s connections with nature, gain new outdoor skills, and practical ways people can get involved.

Everyone belongs to resilient, friendly, connected communities and feels confident and empowered to improve their well-being

To demonstrate progress made against this well-being objective during 2020-21 a number of case studies have been identified. Each case study / example includes the following details: a brief description; which Intervention(s) & Well-being Goals it relates to; how the 5 Ways of Working were used; any performance measures; and plans for the future.

Lysaght Community Garden Phase 2



Following the receipt of a small amount of funding from Natural Resources Wales in the winter of 2020 to purchase several additional green elements to improve access to the garden, encourage more local participation and enhance the space for local wildlife. The community gardening group were thrilled to have new raised beds, topsoil, poppy seeds, and additional native hedgerow. Linc Cymru also installed an outside tap to supplement their existing water butts, a roaring success, described as 'a godsend' by tenants.

The group have expanded the range of fruit and vegetables they are growing this year and the pollinator meadow is looking healthy and happy and hundreds of poppy seedlings scattered around the monument are starting to push through.



The new fencing funded by Linc also provides a lovely safe space the tenants now call ‘their secret garden’ and they are really looking forward to organising the next community day where people will be invited to ‘pick their own’ and receive a goody bag including a recipe. The group are very keen to encourage inter-generational use of the Community Garden.

Caroline said:

“We hope to encourage inter-generational use of our Community Garden, our vision is for it to be a place for everyone to come together to learn from each other, to share gardening skills and knowledge, breaking down barriers between age groups and building new friendships. We are particularly keen to involve teenagers, introduce them to gardening and guide them away from local Anti-Social Behaviour, maybe a mentoring programme, pairing them with an older community member with an emphasis on dignity and mutual respect”.

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A motivated community group maintain the garden, with help from Linc and Lysaght Institute manager, and Natural Resources Wales is continuing to explore and share **longer term** sustainable funding opportunities. The group are aiming to involve more people as a **preventative** way to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour, and to improve people’s physical and mental well-being, through getting active, growing food, and encouraging healthy eating of fresh fruit and vegetables. The well-being goals of all the partner organisations and community groups involved are

integrated. In this sense the garden also contributes to objective 4 of the Well-being Plan through enhancing biodiversity and creating a more resilient local ecosystem. This is a **collaboration** between residents of the local community, Lysaght Community Garden group, Linc Cymru, Natural Resources Wales, Keep Wales Tidy, and Bug Life in its initial set up. The community group was established in 2018 with support from Linc Housing. Local residents have volunteered to form the Lysaght Community Garden group to maintain the garden and put-on community events, and through their **involvement** have driven the enhancements to the greenspace and growth of the garden. It is a local accessible safe place for residents enabling new friendships to be created and helping towards a sense of belonging, pride in the local area and a sense of achievement through the successful green flag status.

Performance Measures

Successful community green flag applications by 2023.

Active projects part of the Green & Safe Spaces Network.

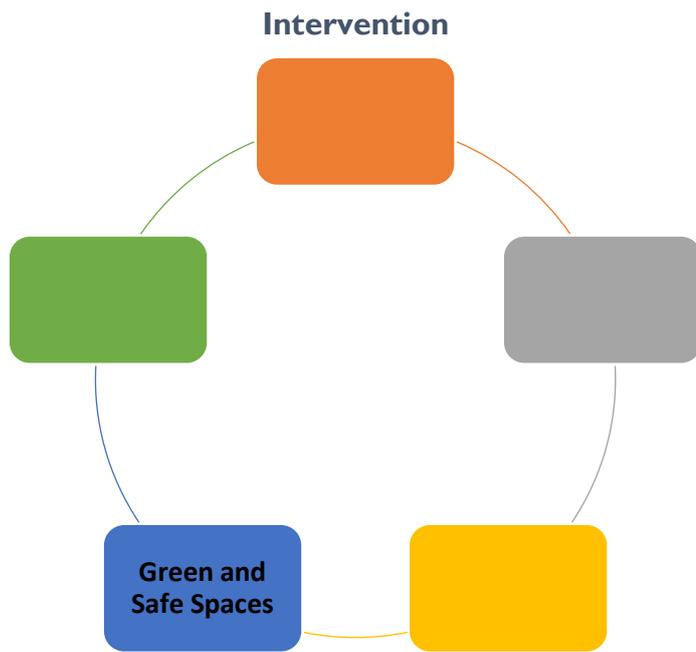
Community groups part of the Green & Safe Spaces Network.

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Looking Ahead to the Future

The group have applied for a Community Green Flag Award for another year. The group plan to invite more people to get involved and benefit from the produce grown in the gardens, including encouraging inter-generational use of the Community Garden.

Woodland Routes to Wellbeing



[Woodland Routes to Wellbeing](#) successfully received funding from the Big Lottery Create Your Space Programme. Duffryn Community Link is the lead organisation working with Keep Wales Tidy, Growing Space and the National Trust forming the delivery partnership.

This project is for the benefit of people of all ages from the community of Duffryn, Newport, Gwent and surrounding area providing opportunities to improve employability, gain skills, access accredited training, improve the environment, improve people’s mental and physical well-being.

The project has just completed its 4th year with 3 years still to come. Here is a roundup of all the activity:

Play Sessions

- Play sessions have been running well and the team are delivering 4 sessions per week. One in the grounds of Tredegar Park Primary School (but open to other schools), 2 in Rabbit Hill Woodland (1 open access and 1 booked on quieter session) and 1 Saturday Session in Tredegar House Parklands.
- A member of the play team has been delivering sessions with reception age children within Tredegar Park Primary School working on their gross motor skills, which will be continuing into the next school year.
- The play team are getting involved in Tredegar House’s summer of play event where they will be delivering play activities for 2 days.

Woodland Warriors

- Woodland warrior sessions have been completed with year 3, 4 & 5 in Tredegar Park primary school. Each class has had 3 sessions each consisting of a decomposition session going through different rubbish found within the area, a wood craft session making elder jewellery / snakes and wands and a fire & s’mores session.
- From September the aim is to encourage children from year 5 & 6 to apply for woodland warriors which will be fortnightly sessions for 12 children from these year groups. They will help plan the

changes within the woods, do planting, craft sessions & sessions in the laundry. The aim is for the children to help shape the sessions on what they want to do and create a sense of ownership over the woods.

Keep Wales Tidy Big Spring Clean

- The local MP and Newport City Homes came to lend a hand, and a group from Duffryn Community Link's childcare holiday club and a group from Youth Club's Fit & Fed program. The aim is to repeat the litter picks with these groups on a monthly basis and encourage more participation from the community.

Keep Wales Tidy – Woodland Regeneration

- Sessions are going really well, and a consistent group attends every week.
- Training is coming up for both brush cutting and chipper.
- A new log circle has been added, new steps have been created with plans for more, and management of the pathways through the woods.
- A tree and plant survey has been carried out in the woods, discovering what native plants are within the woodland.
- Invasive laurel is being removed on an ongoing basis.

The Laundry – Growing Space

- This project is going really well, and the laundry is looking amazing with loads of fruit & veg growing between companion plants.
- There was a 'Bug hunt' within the laundry and there are plans for a notice board listing the biodiversity which people can add to if they see anything else.
- An application is being made for a Green Flag Award for the area.
- Good engagement but still working to engage those within the Duffryn area.



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Involvement



The projects encourage involvement and investment from younger children and encourage a sense of ownership of the woodlands to increase likelihood of defending and protecting it and using responsibly for years to come. This supports building a sustainable **longer-term** approach of continuing this work into the future. The community litter picks, and clear ups help address the short-term issues. Enhanced planting of the area also contributes to increased biodiversity helping to address / **prevent** the nature emergency. All partners work in an **integrated** way

recognise the cross cutting wide range of benefits that restoring and enhancing nature brings across all well-being goals, including improving employability; gaining skills; increasing mental and physical health; and promoting nature and wildlife as our heritage. This project also contributes to Objective 4 of the Well-being Plan ensuring the city has healthy, safe, and resilient environments. Woodland Routes to Wellbeing is an established group of organisations working in **collaboration**: Duffryn Community Link, Keep Wales Tidy, Growing Space and the National Trust. There is also wider collaboration with local people, schools, and Newport City Homes. More community engagement days are planned, which has been a challenge since the start of the pandemic. Expansion of the Woodland Warriors to year 5 & 6 will help get more children **involved** and invested in the woodland as they will help plan the changes within the woods, shape the sessions and create a sense of ownership.

Performance Measures

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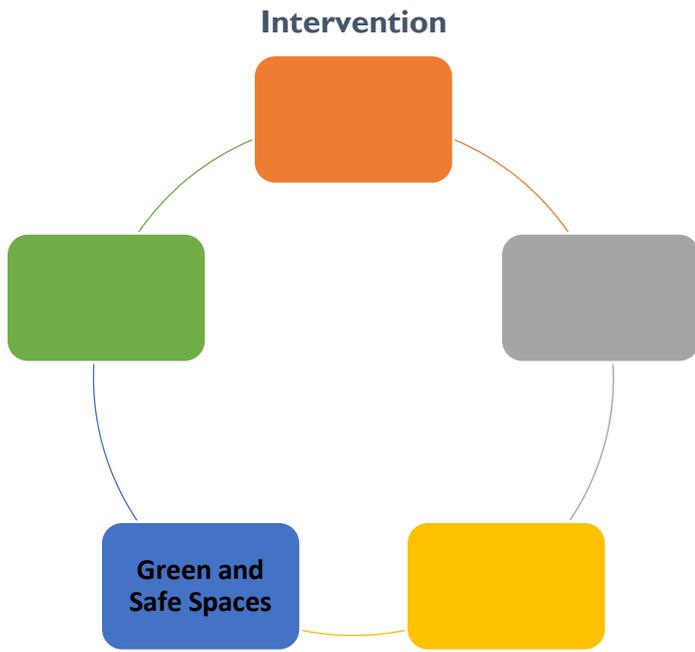
Woodland Routes to Wellbeing have performance measures and reporting requirements to the Big Lottery Create Your Space Programme.

Looking Ahead to the Future

The project has just completed its 4th year with 3 years still to come. There is lots of future and planned activity for each area of the projects, with a number of additional changes to the woodlands over the coming months including expansion of the Woodland Warriors to year 5 & 6 (outlined above).

There are plans to add a disabled access route through the orchard area and add some picnic benches to make this more of a family space for use by the community, which will be happening this winter. If restrictions allow, the aim is for more community engagement days which has been a challenge since the start of the pandemic.

Green and Safe Spaces Network



The Green and Safe Engagement Officer coordinates a well-established Green and Safe Spaces Network which fosters partnership working. There are approx. 130 members working collaboratively towards the shared goals of the Green and Safe Spaces intervention.

This is an important and significant delivery mechanism, a tool to highlight opportunities for collaborative working, providing expertise and a valuable ‘big picture’ understanding of all the work going on across Newport. The network is convened at regular workshops to showcase and share learning and best practice and are brought together in smaller groups on specific projects.

The Green and Safe Engagement Officer is actively expanding membership to create a more diverse network. The Intervention is looking to support more and more community groups such as Green Caerleon, Wild About Rogerstone, Maindee Unlimited, Pride in Bettws etc. by providing advice, support, promotion, and signposting to funding to help enhance existing and unused green spaces.



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The Green and Safe Spaces Intervention has a 25-year **long term** vision, balancing short-term needs with the longer term. Many organisations on the Network have projects which think long-term, especially in terms of the climate and nature emergencies, future generations, reconnecting people with nature, and helping communities manage greenspace in the short and long terms with a focus on sustainability. The Network helps draw this work together, it is well established, and the connections and links made will likely continue long term. The Networks' shared goals

of enhancing green space for people and nature helps **prevent** and reduce physical and mental health problems and increase a good sense of well-being, increase biodiversity and support wildlife, helps to tackle the nature emergency, and helps Newport become more resilient to climate change. The Network is also working in partnership to increase the safety or perceived safety of green spaces, working collaboratively to find preventative approaches to barriers to accessing greenspace. The Network has cross cutting well-being goals which **integrate** and complement each other. All partners recognise the cross cutting wide range of benefits that protecting and restoring nature brings across all well-being goals, supporting social, economic, environmental & cultural well-being. The Network also crosses over with both Well-being Objectives 2 & 4 increasing resilience and enhancing skills and opportunities. With approx. 130 members, the well-established Green and Safe Spaces Network fosters strong partnerships working **collaboratively** towards the shared goals of the Green and Safe Spaces intervention. The intervention has been shaped by the initial well-being assessment but has also been shaped, developed, and driven by the valuable expertise of all these network partners. Many of the Network partners carry out engagement activity, **involving** the communities we work with.

Performance Measures

*The Green and Safe spaces performance measures will be refreshed by end of 2021, following the refreshed and focused new Vision, Steps and Actions.

Performance Measure	Target	Actual	RAG
Green & Safe Network members	50	130	Green
Active projects part of the Green & Safe Spaces Network	25	18	Green
Community groups part of the Green & Safe Spaces Network		14	Green
Network workshops	3 a year	2	Amber
Attendees at the last workshop	30	32	Green

Network membership has increased to 130 (up 10 from last year), and membership is more diverse with key new additions. The workshops are attended by approx. 30 to 40 people with positive feedback.

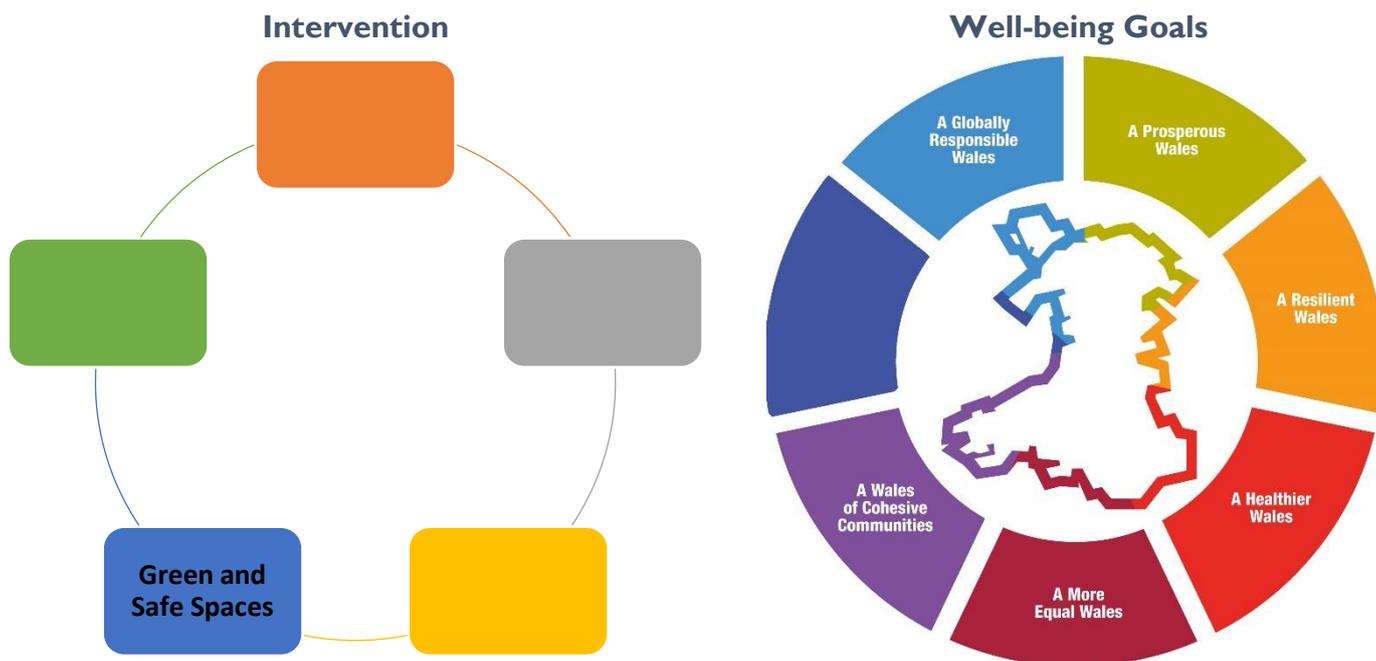
Quarterly Green and Safe Spaces E-newsletters are published drawing the work of the network together with regular updates and sharing learning across the network.

Looking Ahead to the Future

The Green and Safe Engagement Officer is actively expanding membership to create a more diverse network and is working to reach out to and support more community groups. Regular workshops and quarterly newsletters will continue, providing opportunity for shared learning and collaborative working.

Work is underway to further develop a communications plan whereby the network can support each other's projects and revive the #MyWildNewport tag on social media. Plans are also underway to better communicate Green and Safe Spaces intervention to communities, for example, with a one page easy to read version of the vision and aims and how we can all be a part of it.

Barrackswood Greenspace



The Monmouthshire and Newport Local Nature Partnership (LNP) started a project in 2020 with funding from the Local Places For Nature Greening the Public Estate Grant. The aim is to enhance the area's ability to support nature recovery through increased active conservation management, communication and engagement with local residents. Increasing access to quality natural green space for better health and well-being will more likely lead to positive and responsible use by the community.

Several partners including local residents and volunteers are working collaboratively in Barrackswood greenspace to address fly tipping and enhance the area. A new path has been created, new 'no fly tipping' signs have been put in place, volunteers have carried out clearance of fly tipping, and partners are working to address the root causes. The play area has been renewed, there is potential for an active travel route to increase safety and plans for a wildflower meadow. It has also inspired initiatives further afield to enhance some of the smaller green spaces in the housing estates including wildflower areas and growing vegetables.



Before

After



The multi-agency action group of partners including Pobl Housing, Melin Housing, Newport City Council teams, Fly Tipping Action Wales, Natural Resources Wales, and local residents are continuing to work to ensure that the green space becomes a natural asset for both people and wildlife.

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The multi-agency action group of partners are continuing to work on an ongoing basis, and with the development of a local volunteering group this will provide a **long-term** sustainable foundation for ongoing conservation and positive and responsible use by the community. Increasing access to quality natural green space for better health and well-being where it is needed most **prevents** further inequalities of access. The project helps support ecosystem resilience, it increases biodiversity which supports the addressing of the nature emergency and biodiversity loss.

The project helps communicate the health and well-being benefits to people and a connection to nature. Partners have worked together to prevent further fly tipping occurring. All partners recognise the **integrated** cross cutting wide range of benefits that restoring and enhancing nature brings across all well-being goals, supporting social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. This work also contributes to Objective 4 of the Well-being Plan. Several partners including local residents and volunteers are successfully working **collaboratively** to enhance the area for both people and nature. Local residents have provided invaluable insight on previous community perceptions of the green space. The development and **involvement** of the local volunteering group has been important in addressing the key issues of fly tipping and ongoing conservation, upskilling local people in managing their local space. Covid-19 has prevented some engagement and involvement, but this will be picked back up when restrictions allow.

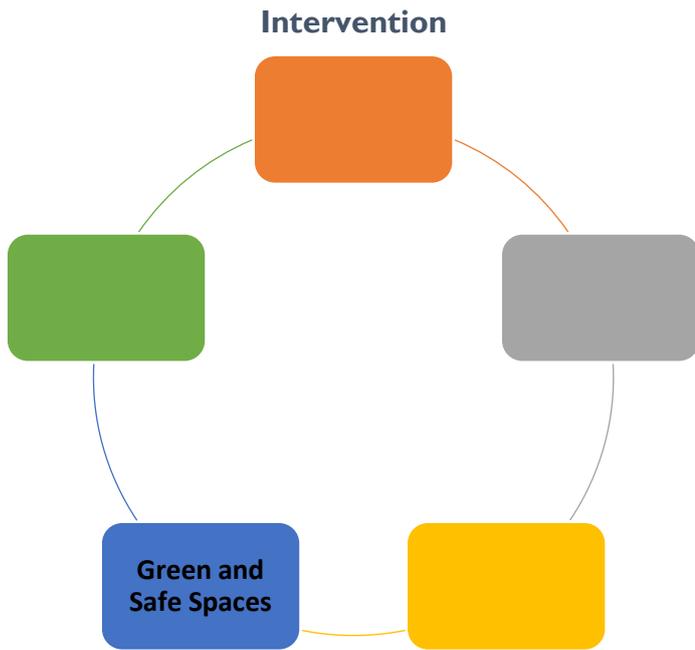
Performance Measures

We will look to measure the following measures over time: Reduction in fly tipping at Green Spaces / Reduction in ASB at Green Spaces / Percentage of total accessible “urban green space” / Percentage of high quality nature / Active projects part of the Green & Safe Spaces Network / Community groups part of the Green & Safe Spaces Network.

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Looking Ahead to the Future

The multi-agency action group of partners are continuing to work on an ongoing basis to ensure that the green space becomes a natural asset for both people and wildlife.



Through Greening Maindee projects, Maindee Unlimited (a group of local residents and partner organisations) work to enhance and create new green spaces in the Maindee area and Victoria Ward of Newport. Here is the latest on their many projects to make Maindee greener:

Orchard Walk

During the winter Greening Maindee replanted an orchard with assorted fruit trees kindly donated by Keep Wales Tidy. This orchard was planted to replace the trees that had been stolen the previous year. Plans are in place to continue to enhance this green pedestrian corridor over the course of the next year. Future plans include enhancing this corridor to boost biodiversity, and to submit a bid to Keep Wales Tidy for a ‘Food Growing Garden Development Package’ to provide allotment space food growing opportunities for the residents in the vicinity of Rodney Road.



St Marys Community Garden

St Marys is the first of the community gardens to be created in Maindee and it is maturing beautifully. The space has become an oasis for urban pollinators, and has been warmly received by the community in the three years since its creation. All of the raised beds within the site have been adopted by local groups and residents from diverse ethnic backgrounds within the community. Local volunteers meet regularly to maintain and develop the garden. A women’s group also meets regularly here to socialise and hone their gardening skills.



Boat Planter Installation and Associated Landscaping

In May 2021, Greening Maindee made use of an abandoned fibreglass boat donated by Usk Mouth Sailing Club. After undertaking rudimentary repairs and a lick of paint the boat was securely 'anchored' into place on amenity land at the junction with Corporation Road and Wharf Road. Over 7 tons of soil was imported and contoured around the boat before planting with hardy flowering shrubs and perennials. The space inside the boat was planted with a variety of pollinator friendly alpine plant species chosen for their colour and drought tolerance. Greening Maindee intend to continue to enhance the land behind the boat with tree planting, native hedging and mixed planting areas of flowering perennials and hardy shrubs. An interpretation panel will be installed at the site detailing the heritage of the site (a former dairy business and terraced houses) as well as the maritime influence and strong links with the docks / wharfs that once employed generations of local people.



Maindee Walkway

This wide pedestrian corridor is approximately 150m long linking Maindee with the Riverside area of Newport. Greening Maindee has been busy over the past year enhancing the Corporation Road entrance section. The space was overgrown with rank grass, nettle, bramble and heavily littered. After clearing all vegetation, roots, preparing the planting bed and importing soil, Greening Maindee devised the concept of a Mediterranean style garden with plant species that are drought tolerant, hardy and can adapt to a range of conditions that are beginning to manifest through climate change. The planting palette was chosen for their attractiveness to pollinators and a continuous succession of flowering throughout the spring-summer-autumn periods. On the opposite side of the corridor, an edible urban garden has been created with a wide range of soft fruits, herbs and vegetables that are being grown for the benefit of local residents to harvest and use in their cooking at home. At the entrance to the walkway two existing brick raised beds have been rejuvenated and planted with herbaceous perennials.



Eveswell Community Centre

Over the past year, the Greening Maindee team have been very active transforming the grounds of Eveswell Community Centre. Having been given permission by Newport City Council to develop the outdoor space and a small amount of funding from TOC-H, Greening Maindee set about creating food growing raised beds, planting an orchard, installing a rain garden and a variety of different planting beds. The space has been developed very much with our 'Food For Life' programme in mind. Providing access opportunities for groups with learning difficulties, schools, and local residents. The intention is for users to enjoy learning how to garden and grow their own food. Eveswell is a secure, accessible and spacious site that has tremendous potential to serve the community. Greening Maindee wants to continue to develop the space and utilise the building to provide horticultural training courses, environmental education and opportunities for like-minded people to meet, socialise and get involved in community greening projects. The group are currently in discussion with the Gwent Wildlife Trust for Eveswell to be used as a facility for young people to learn, develop and implement urban nature-based solutions.



Maindee Triangle Café, Community Space and Outdoor Recreational Area

This project has been over 4 years in the planning. Maindee Unlimited successfully secured funding from Welsh Government Community Facilities Fund, The Big Lottery, and the Public Services Board (PSB). The construction phase is currently underway with contractors, Mobius, carrying out the conversion of the former toilet block into a café and community space for all. The outdoor space is also being enhanced to provide areas for families to enjoy in a relaxed natural setting set amongst nature friendly planting. This exciting scheme has been designed and overseen by renowned architects KHBT. Facilities include, amongst other things, an outdoor performance area and children's climbing wall, we are also creating a woodland themed planting area alongside the café. This project is underpinned by core principles of sustainability – the PSB have provided funding for a rainwater harvesting system and green roof outdoor storage and cycle shelters. The café will be run with the aim of achieving zero waste and low environmental impact behaviours. It's hoped the Triangle will be a thriving and vibrant addition to the Chepstow Road high street, giving a boost to local trade and a facility the community can be proud of. The anticipated launch date is mid to late September 2021.



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All projects have short term needs of the local and visiting communities in mind as well as the benefits of enhanced green space to future generations in the **long term**, addressing the climate and nature emergencies, and building a sustainable longer-term approach to each project to continue this work into the future. Greening Maindee projects help support ecosystem resilience, nature recovery, and reverse the decline in biodiversity. The projects help encourage a connection with nature and to champion wildlife in a highly urban area. Enhancing

neglected greenspaces helps **prevent** further environmental damage and fly tipping. Maindee Unlimited, the Greening Maindee Team and all partners work in an **integrated** way recognising the cross cutting wide range of benefits that restoring and enhancing nature brings across all well-being goals, supporting social, economic, environmental & cultural well-being. This work also contributes to Objective 4 of the Well-being Plan. Maindee Unlimited and the Greening Maindee Team work collaboratively with several other partners and organisations to implement their vision and projects which help connect people with nature and reverse the decline in biodiversity. Maindee Unlimited regularly engage and **involve** local people, communities, and businesses through consultations and conversation which lead to shaping Greening Maindee projects. This has also led to the offer of outdoor / environmental volunteering opportunities and ways to gain new 'green' skills.

Performance Measures

The partnership will look to measure the following measures over time: Percentage total accessible "urban green space" / Percentage total green space and green infrastructure / Percentage of high quality nature / National Indicator 44: Status of Biological diversity in Wales (Newport) / Reduction in fly tipping at Green Spaces / Sites meeting full green flag criteria by 2023 / Number of sites meeting community managed criteria / Active projects part of the Green & Safe Spaces Network / Community groups part of the Green & Safe Spaces Network.

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Looking Ahead to the Future

As well as the ongoing work for all Greening Maindee projects, future plans include:

Halstead Street Pocket Park



This is a small parcel of land on the corner of Halstead Street and Corporation Road owned by Newport City Homes. The site often attracts repeated bouts of fly tipping. Maindee Unlimited is currently finalising the terms of the lease with Newport City Homes then work can begin to create a vibrant pocket park that will significantly

improve the streetscape for local residents. A small amount of funding was gratefully received from the PSB to purchase landscape materials, aggregates, soil and plants. The pocket park work commences in Autumn 2021.

Wildlife Themed Mural

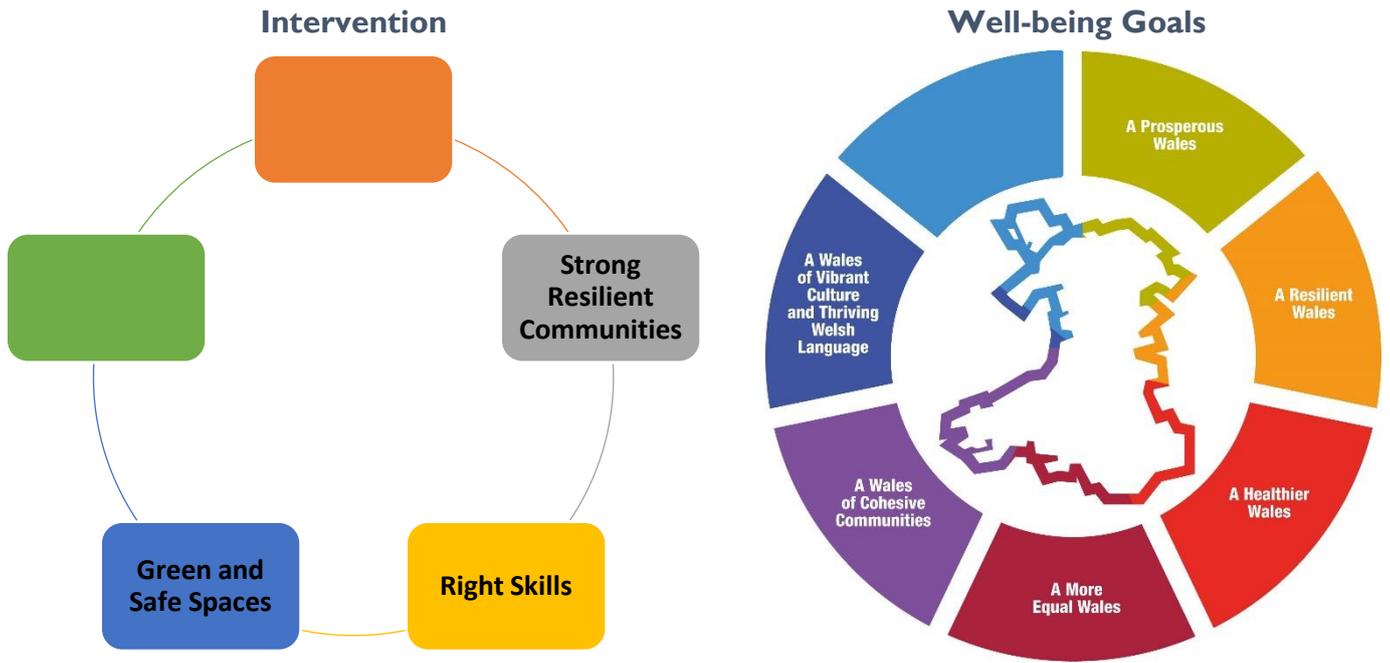
At the entrance to the walkway which runs parallel with Rodney Parade and Maindee Primary School, there is the gable end of a house which is targeted with unsightly tagging and graffiti. Greening Maindee has approached established Newport artist Andy O'Rourke to create a large nature themed mural on the wall which will be a beautiful addition to the streetscape and an iconic feature within the community. The wildlife depicted in the mural will reflect the urban species that can be observed across Maindee. It is intended that Maindee Primary School will engage with the mural as an ecological learning opportunity that will lead to local nature discovery walks to identify the many species found within the painting. The mural has been funded through generous donations from local businesses within the community. An interpretation board will be installed to highlight the importance of urban biodiversity and our exposure to nature and green space for our well-being.



Maindee Streetscape and Green Route Explorer Bid

Greening Maindee intends to continue its work to turn around neglected and forgotten pockets of green space, verges and urban corridors throughout Maindee in the coming years. Greening Maindee were successful in securing £3k of funding from Your Voice, Your Choice, Your Port earlier this year, which will be used to continue to green Maindee, purchasing plants, soil, landscape materials used to breathe life into neglected spaces. The Greening Maindee team is currently awaiting the outcome of a funding bid to Monmouth and Newport Local Nature Partnership. The proposal is to create a Maindee Green Explorer Map that will provide a walking route linking up all the greening project sites throughout the Neighbourhood. At each of the sites a large nature motif sign will provide information / explanation of the work and community benefit. The bespoke signs will be created by Resiclo - Newport's Wood Recycling Project.





PSB partners recognised the impact that Covid-19 had on many of our minority, marginalised or isolated communities and developed a comprehensive Community Impact Assessment (CIA) to inform our response and recovery work. The CIA focusses on the effects experienced by people that share Protected Characteristics, but also on socio-economic factors, like employment and risk of poverty, community cohesion and migration. The CIA was informed by available evidence and research, as well as a series of themed engagement sessions with communities.



The CIA informed the Council’s strategic recovery aims and the development of a Participatory Budgeting programme, delivered in partnership between Aneurin Bevan Health Board and Newport City Council with support from the external consultants, Mutual Gain.

The programme was overseen by a community steering group which co-ordinated the distribution of over £100,000 of Health Board funding to 24 grassroots community projects across the city. A 2-day online event was attended by around 400 Newport residents, who voted for those initiatives most likely to benefit diverse communities. All projects were required to evidence how they would aid recovery from Covid-19 impacts and reduce inequalities relating to key areas including digital exclusion, health and well-being and access to information. Examples of videos produced by successful applicants include [Early Angels](#) and [St Giles](#).

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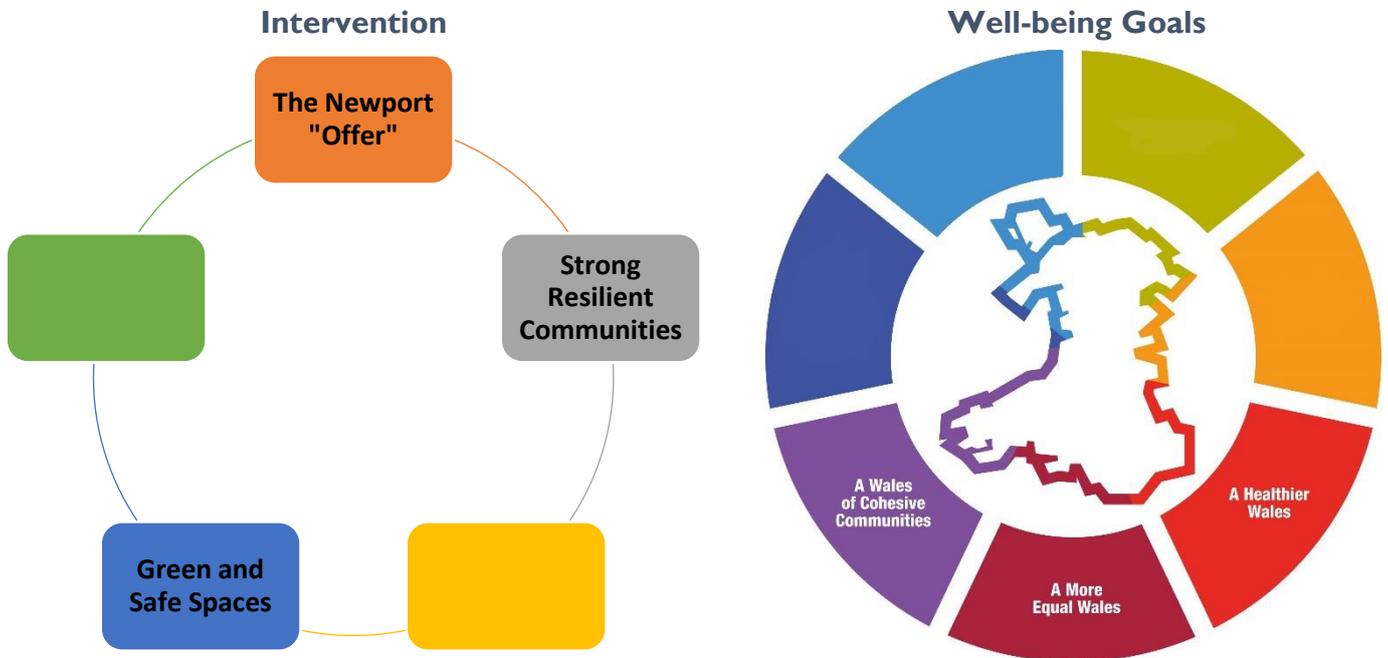


The programme demonstrates principles of **preventative** intervention aiding the recovery from Covid-19 impacts and reducing inequalities. Positive community **involvement**, with around 400 Newport residents coming together to vote on the projects submitted. Strategic partnership working and collaboration by partners with an **integrated** approach to recovery from the pandemic. It also recognises the unequal immediate outcomes of the pandemic and the need to act now to prevent even greater inequality over the **longer term**.

Performance Measures

24 grassroots community projects across the city were awarded grants from a £100,000 fund provided by the Health Board. These projects were voted by around 400 Newport residents who attended a 2-day online event.

Supporting our Armed Forces Community



Newport Armed Forces Forum brings together several of PSB members, third sector organisations and the local Armed Forces community. Our work helps deliver against the Armed Forces Covenant, which seeks to ensure that serving or former members of the Armed Forces are not disadvantaged in accessing services as a result of military life.

We have supported Newport Veterans Hub to set up as a Community Interest Company and access grant funding for projects in the city to reduce isolation and create a support network, including mental health initiatives. We have been able to help further by accommodating Hub drop-in sessions, providing allotment space for Veterans to use, and linking the Hub to housing and other advice.



Newport Armed Forces Forum has been at the forefront of work to ensure that the education of Service children is not affected by potential aspects of military life, such as multiple school moves, or a family member being deployed. An earlier Newport pilot led to the creation of four regional posts supporting Service children across Wales this year and one of these roles continues to be hosted by the city council, offering a grant aided programme of support in our schools. Although Covid-19 has impacted delivery of the full programme, it has still been possible to deliver partnership activity in schools with military veteran organisation Forces Fitness.

This activity, including fitness activities, team challenges, and health and well-being tips to build resilience and confidence, has been available to all schools and has provided a platform to raise awareness of Service life and the challenges Service children may face. Training information has also been developed to educate school staff on the experiences of Service children and facilitate discussions on actions the school can take to embed good practice.



Many PSB members have also received bronze, silver and gold awards through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, recognising a commitment to adopting practices and policies that support employment of members of the Armed Forces Community within our organisations. Staff training relating to the Armed Forces Covenant has continued this year.



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Involvement



Work to support Service children in our schools is to ensure their educational attainment will help them achieve their potential both in the short and **long-term**. The work seeks to **prevent** disadvantage in accessing local services, as a result of military Service. The involvement of partners in the Forum helps ensure that consideration of the needs of the Armed Forces Community can inform the practices and policies of the individual organisations through improved **integration**. The work of Newport Armed Forces Forum is based on **collaboration** between

public and third sector partners to best support the armed forces community in Newport. Local groups representing Reservists and Veterans are part of Newport Armed Forces Forum to ensure their **involvement**, so their voices are heard.

Looking Ahead to the Future

New Armed Forces Covenant legislation comes into effect in the UK in 2022, placing a duty on public bodies to take account of the needs of the Armed Forces community in its decision making in the areas of education, health, and housing to prevent disadvantage. We will be preparing for this legislation and taking account of best practice.

Wales National Armed Forces Day will be in Newport in 2023. We will work together to ensure the Armed Forces Community feels thanked and valued and use this as an opportunity to develop new collaborative projects.

Additional Plans for the Future

Green Prescribing

Some of the Green and Safe Spaces Network have been working together to explore a Green Social Prescribing pilot in Newport. A few sessions were held with the providers of green or outdoor activity, and the idea was presented to GP's at two Neighbourhood Care Network (NCN's). The plan is to now explore this concept on a Gwent wide level over the next year, learning from a pilot taking place in Caerphilly.

Connect Nature with the Arts

Over the coming year, the Green and Safe spaces intervention is aiming to link more with Newport LIVE arts to connect nature with the arts, culture, and heritage of Newport.

Coed Lleol – Ringland Woods

Following a successful and popular woodland well-being taster session in Ringland woods earlier in the Summer, there are plans for Coed Lleol to run 6 more Actif Woods sessions over the coming months. Activities can include Campfire cooking and foraging, Woodland walks, Conservation activities, Woodland crafts, Mindfulness etc. The project helps people to discover new skills and passions, find confidence, exercise, make friends and help to protect our environment.

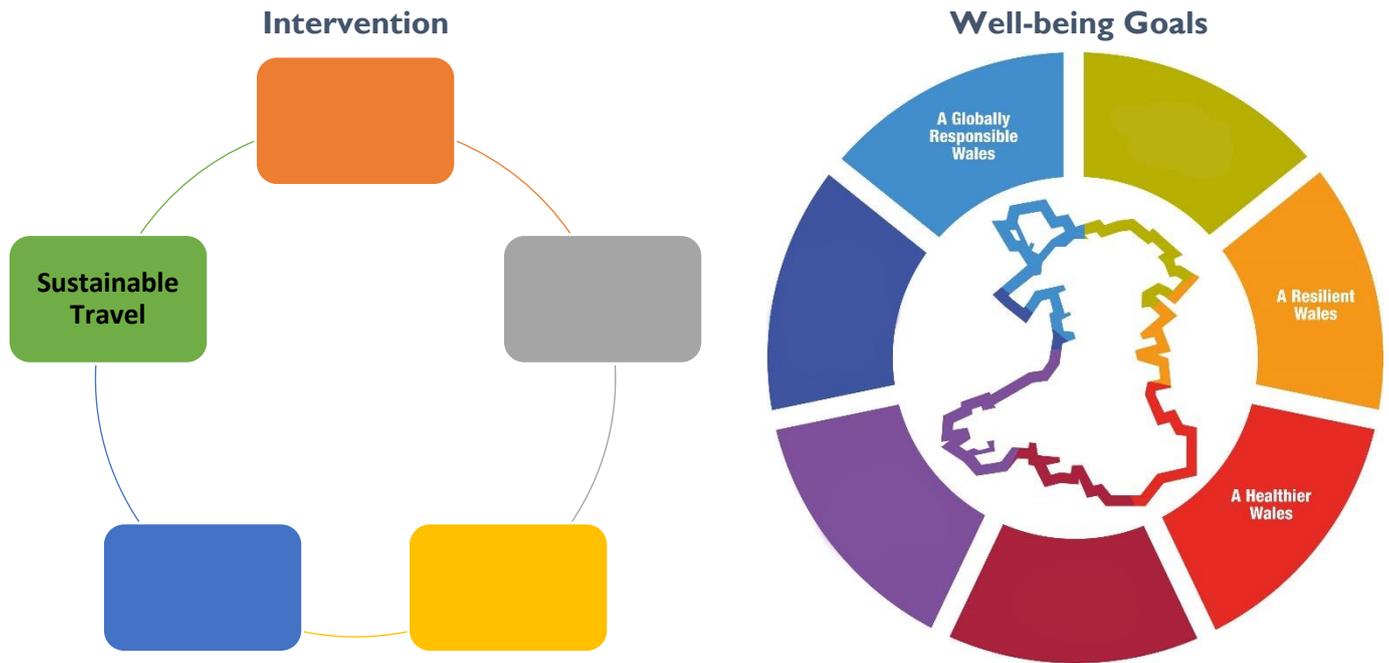
Gwent Wildlife Trust - Stand For Nature

Funded until 2024, Newport is one of the focus areas for the [Stand For Nature](#) project, a youth climate change project for ages 9 to 24 to amplify young voices, empower and upskill young people, and take action for our climate using nature based solutions such as creating wildflower meadows, planting trees, establishing green roofs and rainwater gardens and making space for nature.

Newport has healthy, safe, and resilient environments with an integrated sustainable travel network

To demonstrate progress made against this well-being objective during 2020-21 a number of case studies have been identified. Each case study / example includes the following details: a brief description; which Intervention(s) & Well-being Goals it relates to; how the 5 Ways of Working were used; any performance measures; and plans for the future.

Clean Air Day – 17 June 2021



As part of the UK’s Clean Air Day annual initiative, Newport City Council promoted a 5km walk and 30km wheeled ride for PSB members. Clean Air Day is the UK’s largest air pollution campaign, engaging thousands of people at hundreds of events, and reaching millions more through the media. Every year, air pollution causes up to 36,000 deaths in the UK. The World Health Organisation and the UK Government recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today.

The aim of Clean Air Day is to improve public understanding of air pollution and how it affects our health while explaining the easy actions everyone can do to tackle the problem. Covid-19 constraints meant that an open event was not possible in Newport this year. However, an event was created that allowed invited participants to undertake unsupported walks / cycle rides using new and existing active travel routes in Newport. Newport Bus’ fleet of electric buses was also showcased as an example of an initiative that is helping to improve the air quality of the city.

The event organiser, Steve Manning (Senior Scientific Officer, Newport City Council) said:

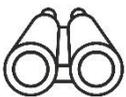
“The areas of air quality, sustainability and climate change are inextricably linked so my idea for 2021 was to take our Clean Air Day opportunity to actively celebrate new and existing active travel routes that provide access to cleaner air for all, especially children. Plus having a venue like the Geraint Thomas Velodrome with its design leading solar arrays and a showcase of EVs made for an integrated environmental event that worked on a number of levels for all who attended. The level of interest this created with the participating council Leader, councillors and the deputy minister for Wales was testimony to this”.

Read the full story of the event [on our website](#).



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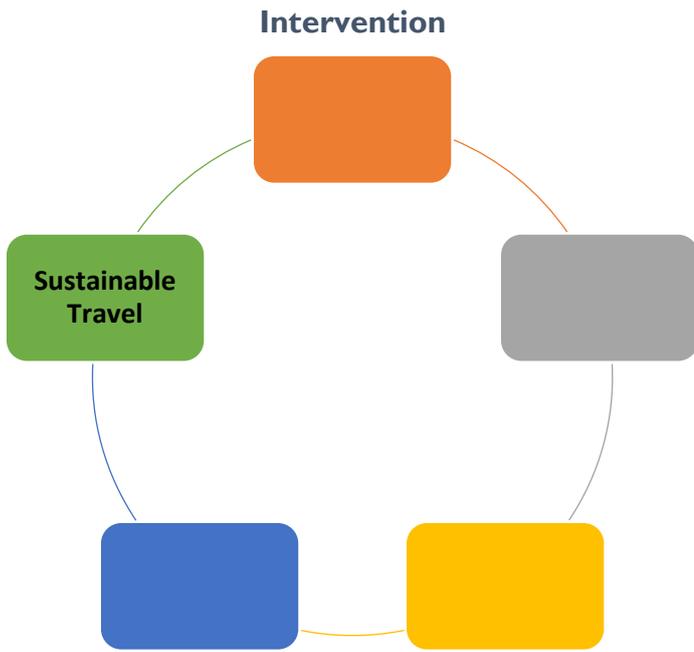
The promotion of the annual Clean Air Day initiative helps to raise public awareness of the impact that poor air quality has on many aspects of people’s lives, creating more resilience in the community. By explaining how sustainable forms of transport and the use of active travel routes within Newport can help tackle the problem of air pollution, air quality will be improved in the **long term** through reducing the number of private motor vehicles on the road. This will also have a positive wider impact on climate change. Every year, air pollution causes up to

36,000 deaths in the UK. The Clean Air Day initiative raises awareness of the negative impact of air pollution on the health of the community and sets out possible solutions to the problem. The promotion of Active Travel also contributes to increased levels of physical activity, **preventing** health problems that can arise as a result of lower levels of regular physical activity. The promotion of the event and the attendees on the day involved the **collaboration** of several partners from within the PSB, demonstrating the importance of a cross-sector approach to the development of sustainable transport options across the city and the wider region.

Performance Measures

Active Travel related measures within the Sustainable Travel Intervention.

On Street Cycle Hire



An on street cycle hire feasibility study was undertaken in 2019. The study provides a framework of options for a cycle hire scheme for the city-wide area. The study sets out the strategic case for the implementation of the scheme, identifies suitable locations and determines the catchment population for differing scales of scheme.

A scheme within the city of Newport would also complement the delivery of the South Wales Metro, supporting the integration and sustainable access across the region.

The success of the cycle hire scheme in Cardiff operated by Next Bike, further supports the opportunity to deliver a similar scheme in Newport, that is of a profile and scale fitting of the city and that meets the needs of its residents, workers, and visitors.



Since the completion of the feasibility study further detailed investigations have been undertaken for the cycle hire station locations, including groundworks, consultation with landowners and locations of charging points for e-bikes. Delivery mechanisms have also been investigated, and could include working with Newport Live to facilitate the practical requirements of the scheme including bike repair and location management with the opportunities for social enterprise with links to the National Velodrome.

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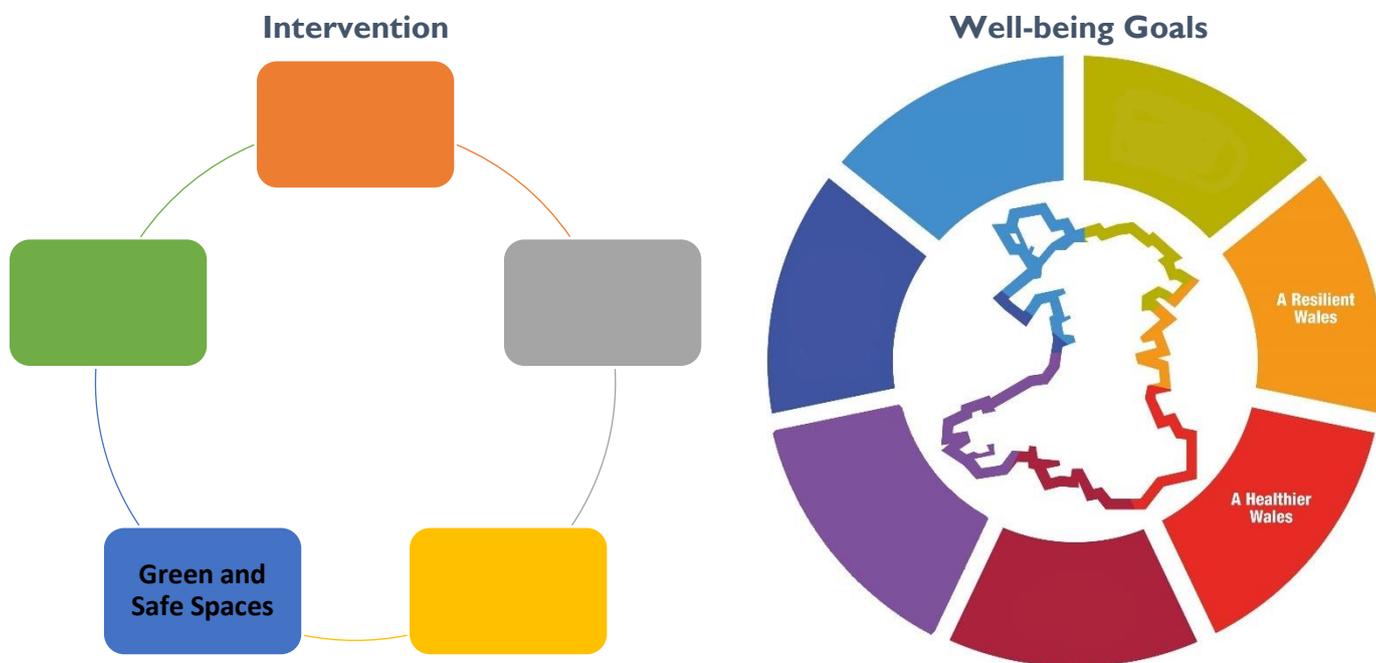
Improving active travel and reducing traffic congestion has **long-term** benefits for the health and well-being of both current and future generations by contributing to the improvement of air quality and the reduction of carbon emissions in the Newport area. In addition, this will contribute towards the mitigation of climate change, which is predicted to have a significant negative impact on future generations. Poor air quality is linked to cancer, bronchitis, asthma, dementia, and many other diseases. Public Health

Wales has predicted 40,000 premature deaths in the UK are attributed to air pollution. Reducing traffic and increasing active travel will contribute to the improvement of air quality and **prevent** ill health and deaths. A cycle hire scheme takes an **integrated** approach aligning strongly with the well-being goals to deliver a more resilient, healthier, prosperous, cohesive, and globally responsible Wales. Arcadis Consulting and Newport City Council worked in **collaboration** to undertake the feasibility study. In addition, to inform the study, members of the public and employers across Newport were invited to be **involved** in an online cycle hire demand survey, which 273 people took part. This allowed the development of an understanding of the public’s support for the introduction of a cycle hire scheme in Newport, the potential demand for its use and identification of preferred locations for cycle hire stations throughout the city.

[Looking Ahead to the Future](#)

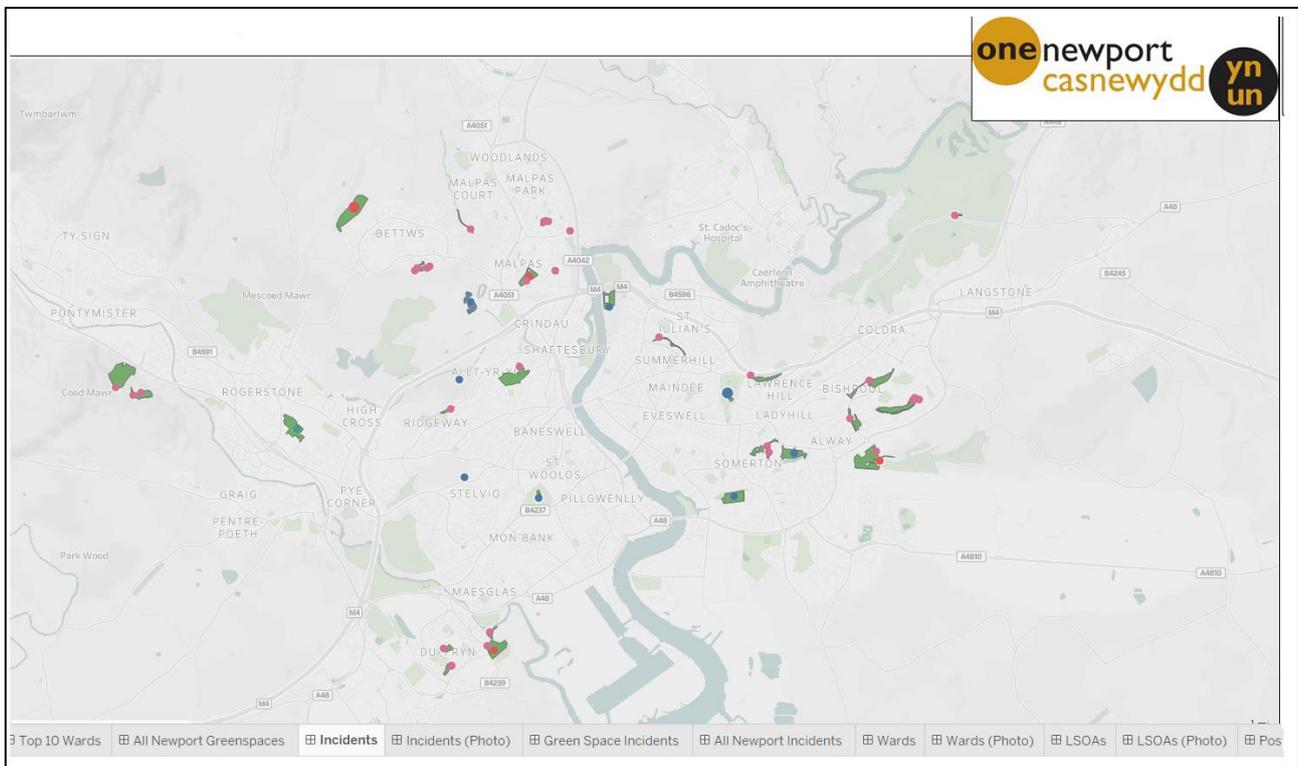
Plans are now in place to implement the scheme once funding for the purchase of bikes, e-bikes, hire stations and charging points has been sourced.

[Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour \(ASB\) Data Dashboard](#)



A Safety and Anti-social behaviour data dashboard has been created through strong partnership work between Newport City Council, Gwent Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue, Natural Resources Wales and Fly Tipping Action Wales. One of its uses it to overlay fly tipping, arson, and crime data with greenspace to provide a better understanding, and collaboratively focus efforts and find solutions to make greenspaces safe and accessible for all.

The information is provided to Newport City Council by all partners quarterly, and the data is secure and anonymous. Discussion on operational uses are ongoing, including overlaying it with new and improved Active Travel routes to see if increased Active Travel could help reduce some issues.



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The project is currently coordinated by Newport City Council using a platform and method that is sustainable for the **long term**, accessible and can be easily updated. It is hoped that we can see a reduction of ASB over the long term. The dashboard aims to understand the levels of ASB in an area to implement more **preventative** measures to reduce occurrences of ASB creating more attractive and safe areas. The well-being goals of all the partner organisations and community groups have complemented each other showing positive **integration**. This is a

collaboration between several organisations including Newport City Council, Gwent Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue, Natural Resources Wales, and Fly Tipping Action Wales. Stakeholder input has been really valuable from partner organisations. We realise the data has its limitations and so **involving** local people for their invaluable community insight and finding out which issues are important to them to resolve are key going forward. The aim is to work with and involve local people and community groups as it is key to generate pride in the area, encourage responsible use of green space, and lessen the likelihood of ASB. Each area will be unique and with equally unique solutions. Engaging with those who misuse green space and inspiring a connection with nature is a key aspiration.

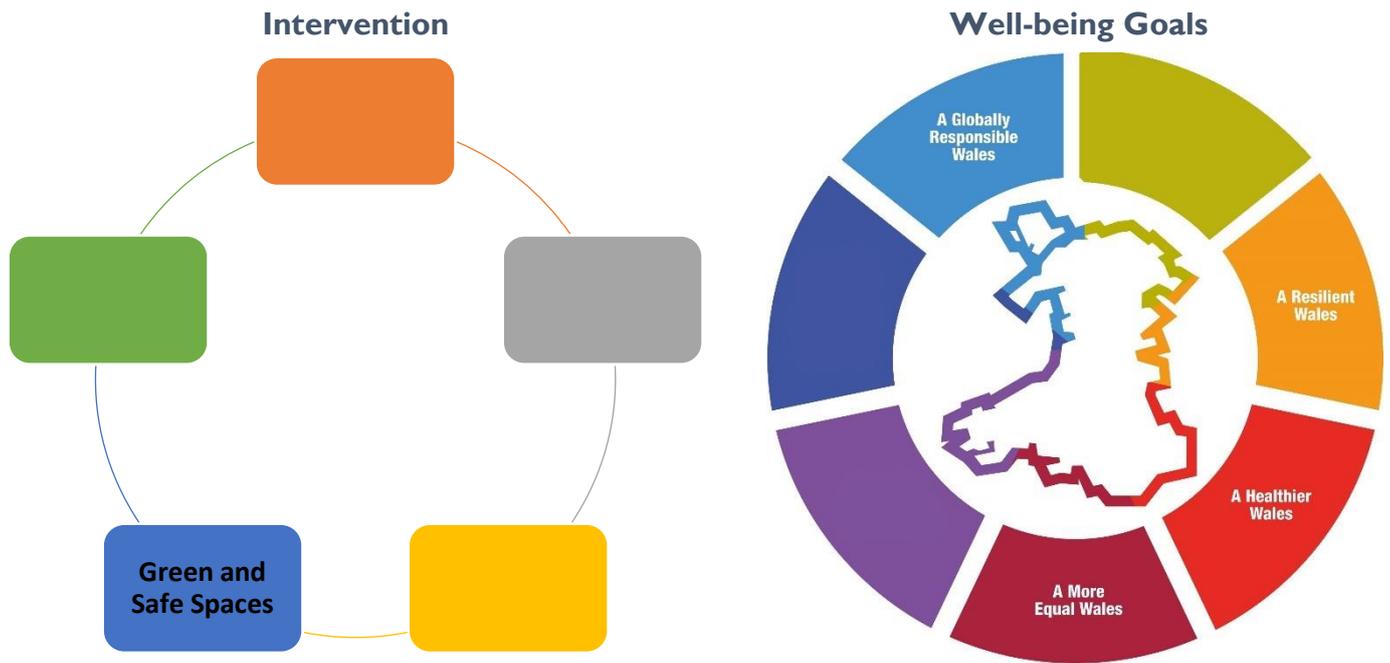
Performance Measures

We will look to monitor the following trends over time: Reduction in deliberate fires at Green Spaces / Reduction in ASB at Green Spaces / Reduction in fly tipping at Green Spaces.

Looking Ahead to the Future

Discussion on operational uses are ongoing, including selecting a handful of areas of most need to focus interventions to improve those green spaces and their safety, in partnership with relevant organisations. Multiple uses by other streams of work (not just green spaces) are being explored.

Green Infrastructure Map



A **Green Infrastructure Map / Database** of Newport has been created using Strategic Allocated Funding from Natural Resources Wales. Through a tendering process Environment Systems were contracted to deliver the database by March 2021. The information is now held with Newport City Council and work is progressing to make this information public.



A report has also been produced which provides more detail and longer-term suggestions. It will have multiple uses including but not limited to:

- The Green Infrastructure Assessment;
- The Replacement Local Development Plan and other planning decisions;
- Grass cutting schedules;

- Demonstrating the value of nature, biodiversity and green and blue spaces for health and wellbeing, flood risk mitigation, its contribution to air quality, and value to climate change mitigation;
- Promote accessible green and blue space to encourage people to connect with nature and the outdoors;
- Focus opportunities to increase provision where there is a deficit and need is greatest;
- Focus opportunities to link green and blue spaces to create green/wildlife corridors; and
- Highlight where we can encourage more biodiversity in private gardens to create green corridors.

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Newport City Council are the host organisation, and the map will be kept up to date. A report has been produced alongside the map which provides more detail and **longer-term** suggestions. The map can help in long term decision making around the Replacement Local Development Plan and other planning decisions, and support ecosystem resilience and mitigate against climate change. The map helps demonstrate the value of green and blue space and its ecological services as well as health and well-being benefits, including flood risk mitigation, to help inform planning

decisions amongst other uses. The aim is to protect and enhance green and blue space, and introduce more where it is needed most, **preventing** further inequalities of access to quality green space. The well-being goals and aims of the map **integrate** with, and complement, many of our partner organisations. Newport City Council teams and Natural Resources Wales have worked in **collaboration** with Environment Systems, to create a resource which forms a basis for several other uses. Once it is more widely available it could be of benefit to several partner organisations. The aim is to make the map public in a friendly easy to use format, and to promote the accessible greenspace and the health and well-being benefits and opportunities they bring to all people living, working, or visiting Newport. Next stages include **involvement** of local people to decide the type of information displayed and how it will look.

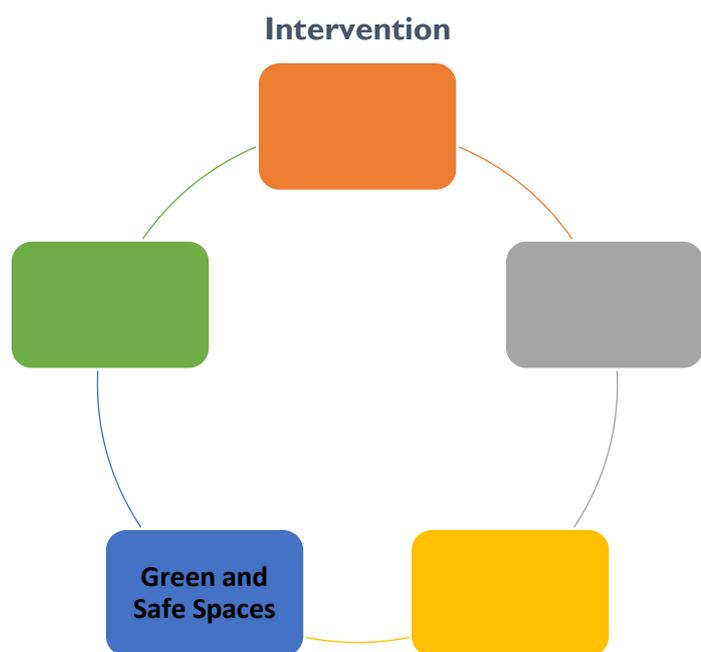
Performance Measures

The PSB will look to measure the following measures over time: Percentage of total accessible “urban green space” / Percentage of total green space and green infrastructure / Percentage of high quality nature / National Indicator 44: Status of Biological diversity in Wales (Newport).

*The Green and Safe spaces performance measures will be refreshed by end of 2021, following the refreshed and focused new Vision, Steps and Actions.

Looking Ahead to the Future

The information is now held with Newport City Council and work is progressing to make this information public. It will have multiple uses contributing to several Green and Safe spaces intervention aims.



Newport Bee Friendly City update

As an officially accredited Bee Friendly City, Newport City Council continue to strive to increase and enhance habitat for pollinators all throughout the authority area. The aim is to have at least one pollinator site in each ward. This year the Council have **increased the number of pollinator sites by 21** locations taking Newport to a **total of 55** sites throughout Newport, with 19 out of 20 wards having designated pollinator sites. The sites vary from large green open space meadows to pollinator friendly flower displays on roundabouts.



No Mow May

The “No Mow May” campaign is a national campaign by the organisation [Plant Life](#). Its aim is to tackle the decline in pollinating insects by increasing habitat, encouraging Local Authorities, Landowners and Residents to implement changes to mowing regimes.

Newport City Council welcomed the initiative / request from Welsh Government at a time where local authority Grounds Maintenance departments were struggling with bringing in additional staff due to Covid-19 regulations and social distancing. The Newport City Council Grounds Maintenance workforce had to be split into smaller units to comply with vehicle restrictions and the guidelines which limited the amount of contacts that any one member of staff interacted with. Newport City Council transport section brought in additional vehicles to cope with these challenges.

Working closely across departments and with the [Monmouthshire and Newport Local Nature Partnership](#), taking a whole authority area approach to “No Mow May” was certainly a bold move. The restrictions around social distancing measures and staffing provided a one-off opportunity to take a step back and let nature do its thing. It has helped Newport City Council identify more species rich areas and places to prioritise a change in long term grass management.

This year more rare and nationally scarce species of bee (Shrill Carder Bee, Brown Banded Carder and Small Scabious Mining Bee) have been recorded in more locations across Newport. More species of Orchid have also been showing in places that would ordinarily have been mown.

Bettws Parklands

Bettws Westfield Avenue

St Julian's Road

Verge at Civic Centre



There was varied support for the authority wide approach to No Mow May, but the large majority of responses from residents has been overwhelmingly positive. The Council have learned a lot from this year to take forward. The contact centre recorded the highest number of compliments in May ever. All in support of No Mow May.

Quotes on Social Media:

“Absolutely brilliant! Been so glad to see the council supporting this initiative!”

“Looks lovely and should be left for longer!! 🌸😊 Pollinators still need it throughout the summer 🐝🐝 Grasses are just as important to certain butterflies and moths”.

“I fully support this initiative 100%. We owe our grandchildren and future generations the responsibility of doing all we can to put right the damage that's been done to the environment”.

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Newport City Council aims to continue to increase the number of pollinator sites across Newport, including the new way of managing green space over the **long term**. Through partnership support across the Green and Safe Spaces Network, the concept will be expanded across other landowners e.g. housing associations, private gardens and beyond. Pollinator sites and changing the way green space is mowed and managed, helps support ecosystem resilience and mitigate against climate change. This **preventative** action increases biodiversity which supports

and biodiversity loss. The projects help communicate the health and well-being benefits to people and a connection to nature. All partners recognise the **integrated** cross-cutting range of benefits that restoring and enhancing nature brings across all well-being goals: supporting social, economic, environmental & cultural well-being. The Green and Safe Spaces Network partners will continue to work **collaboratively** to engage with and support wider landowners to create pollinator sites and green corridors, including encouraging residents to create a wildlife friendly space and ‘no mow areas’ in their own gardens. These initiatives have sparked conversations across Newport and encouraged interest and **involvement**. This can be built upon to create momentum and inspire others to create their own pollinator sites and a change of management of green space. Going forward, we can involve more communities and stakeholders on local specific sites that are important to them.

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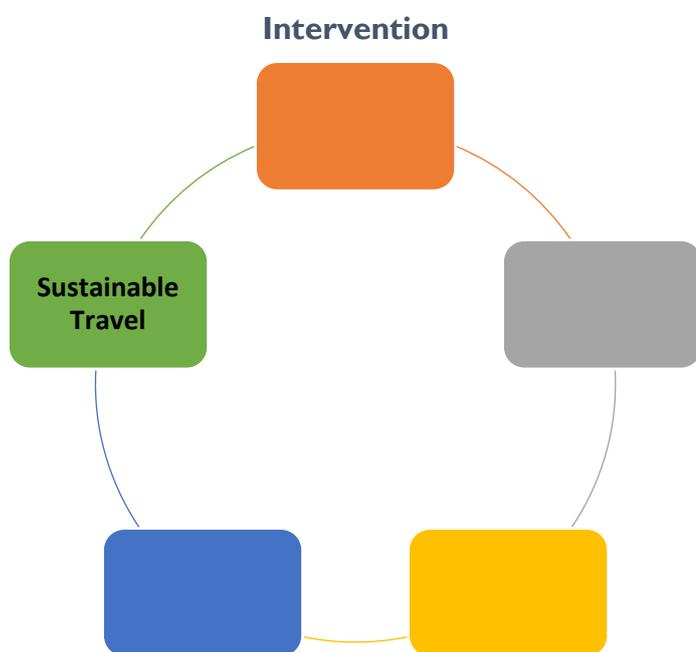
The PSB will look to measure the following measures over time: Number of Pollinator Friendly Sites / Type and number of species recorded / Feedback on changes to mowing regimes.

*The Green and Safe spaces performance measures will be refreshed by end of 2021, following the refreshed and focused new Vision, Steps and Actions.

Looking Ahead to the Future

Looking ahead, Newport City Council aims to continue to increase the number of pollinator sites across Newport, and through the Green and Safe Spaces Network to continue to engage with and support partners and other landowners to create pollinator sites and green corridors, including encouraging residents to create a wildlife friendly space and 'no mow areas' in their own gardens.

Gwent Healthy Travel Charter



As a PSB, we have “become champions of sustainable travel, leading by example and reducing the public sector’s contribution to air pollution” by developing a [Gwent Healthy Travel Charter](#) with the other four PSBs across Gwent.

The Charter was launched in November 2020 and twenty-three organisations are now signed up to the initiative which commits to supporting and encouraging staff to travel in a sustainable way, both to and from work and during the day.



Through 15 ambitious commitments, the Charter promotes walking, cycling, agile working and the use of public transport and ultra-low emission vehicles.

The public sector in Gwent employs almost one in three working adults. By working together, public sector organisations across Gwent aim to increase sustainable journeys made to and from workplaces, reducing the impact on the environment and improving health in Gwent for current and future generations.

Organisations which have signed the Charter are: Aneurin Bevan Gwent Public Health, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Aneurin Leisure Trust, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Bron Afon Community Housing, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Gwent Association for Voluntary Organisations (GAVO), Heddlu Gwent Police, Intellectual Property Office (IPO), Melin Homes, Monmouthshire County Council, Natural Resources Wales, Newport City Council, Newport City Homes, Newport Live, Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, Tai Calon Community Housing, Torfaen County Borough Council, Torfaen Leisure Trust, Torfaen Voluntary Alliance, University of South Wales and Welsh Government.

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Reducing commuting journeys and increasing active travel will have **long-term** benefits for the health and well-being of both current and future generations by contributing to the improvement of air quality and the reduction of carbon emissions in the Newport area. In addition, this will contribute towards the mitigation of climate change, which is predicted to have a significant negative impact on future generations. Poor air quality is linked to cancer, bronchitis, asthma, dementia and many other diseases. Reducing staff commuting journeys will contribute to the improvement of

air quality and **prevent** ill health and deaths. The travel Charter is **integrated** across the well-being goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and supports five of the well-being goals, **A prosperous Wales, A resilient Wales, A healthier Wales, A more equal Wales and a globally responsible Wales** and does not adversely affect the other two. In addition it supports three of the Well-being Plan objectives. 23 public and third sector organisations across Gwent have worked together in a **collaborative** way to develop the charter. 4,373 members of staff across Gwent were **involved** in taking part in the baseline survey. Staff were asked how they travel, to and from work and travel during the working day.

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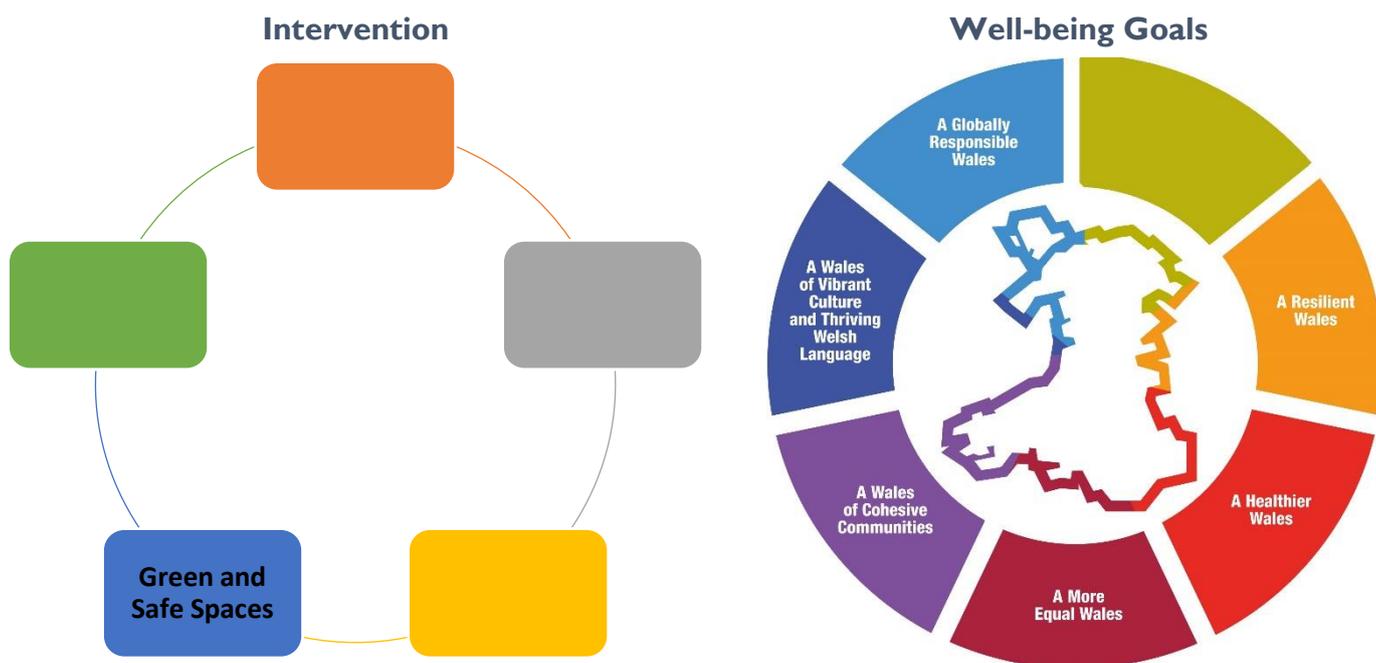
A staff survey took place in February 2020 to ascertain a baseline of how staff were travelling daily.

Travel Charter Targets	Target - Mar 2023	Baseline - Feb 2000
Commuting		
% of commuting car journeys	<77%	87%*
% of public transport journeys	>8%	3%*
Remote Working		
% staff working from home at least 1 day a week	>25%	14%*
Business miles		
% ULEV used during the day	>5%	<1%

Further surveys were planned on an annual basis; however, this is currently on hold due to the pandemic.

Looking Ahead to the Future

Partners are working together to implement the commitments as set out in the charter.



The Local Nature Partnership (LNP) Cymru Project is in its third year. The aim of the project is to build a nature recovery network to help reverse the decline in biodiversity. Engaging with people, communities, businesses and decision makers in both practical action and strategic planning for a healthy, resilient and nature-rich Wales.



This year the Monmouthshire and Newport Local Nature Partnership has supported the delivery of the Local Places for Nature Environmental Growth Grant. Providing capital spend to support with resources (machinery) to enable us to alter our mowing regimes. The project has also enabled us to identify a number of key areas to undertake conservation management tasks such as bracken clearance at Barracks Wood / Hill, Pilton Vale and Gaer Fort and treatment for Invasive Non-Native Species such as Japanese Knotweed and the biological control for Azolla on the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal.

The Monmouthshire and Newport Partnership has also supported local community groups with local action, such as seeking permissions and assisting with Health and Safety Information when organising litter picks, and also with the delivery of Keep Wales Tidy Local Places for Nature packs.



LNP Small Grants Fund



The Monmouthshire and Newport Local Nature Partnership funded the Celtic Horizons Litter Pick Group to undertake their own localised biodiversity project called 'Home Help for Hedgehogs'. 20 Hedgehog Packs were created consisting of a suitable Hedgehog nest box, feed, hay, dishes and information leaflets.

The group work with local hedgehog rescue to rehabilitate locally injured or sick hedgehogs, using the packs in the gardens of local residents to provide safe assisted release sites for hedgehogs returning to the wild.

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By supporting local community groups, the project meets the short term needs of addressing the nature emergency and builds a sustainable **longer-term** approach of continuing this work into the future. The Monmouthshire and Newport Local Nature Partnership helps support ecosystem resilience, nature recovery, and reverse the decline in biodiversity. The project helps encourage a connection to nature which can **prevent** further environmental damage by encouraging people to champion wildlife and nature. Supporting a healthy, resilient and

nature-rich Wales helps mitigate against climate change the nature emergency. All partners recognise the **integrated** cross cutting wide range of benefits that restoring and enhancing nature brings across all well-being goals, supporting social, economic, environmental & cultural well-being. This work also contributes to Objective 3 of the Well-being Plan. Monmouthshire and Newport work **collaboratively** to form this Local Nature Partnership, and work with several other partners and organisations to help reverse the decline in biodiversity, including local community groups. The project looks to engage and involve people, communities, businesses and decision makers in both practical action and strategic planning. Monmouthshire and Newport Partnership supports local community groups with local action, for example, small grants fund for 20 'Home Help for Hedgehogs' packs, providing advice to litter pick groups, and supporting delivery of Keep Wales Tidy Local Places for Nature packs.

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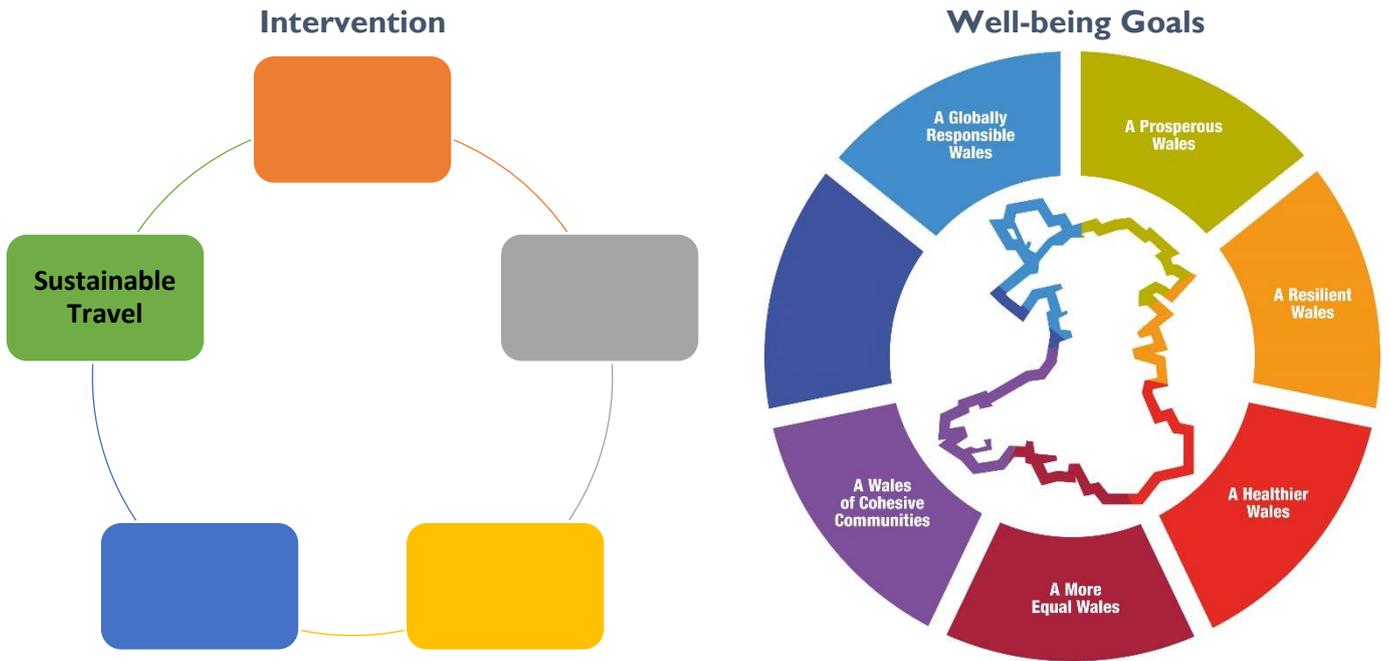
The PSB will measure the following over time: The outcomes and number of community groups the Local Nature Partnership supports with grants / Number of pollinator sites / Percentage of total green space and green infrastructure / Percentage of high quality nature / National Indicator 44: Status of Biological diversity in Wales (Newport).

*The Green and Safe spaces performance measures will be refreshed by end of 2021, following the refreshed and focused new Vision, Steps and Actions.

Looking Ahead to the Future

The Monmouthshire and Newport Local Nature Partnership will continue to help reverse the decline in biodiversity with practical action and strategic planning for a healthy, resilient and nature-rich Wales.

Ultra Low Emission Buses & Bus Stop Improvements



In August 2019, Newport Transport introduced the first fully electric bus in regular service in Wales. This provided a showcase for the city of using zero emission technology. The vehicle’s performance was demonstrated as highly satisfactory, being used on each of the operator’s bus duties routes except for those involving longer-distances. The vehicle proved to easily achieve a maximum range requirement of 210 miles. Fourteen further vehicles were then ordered, funded by the Department for Transport (DfT) Ultra Low Emission Bus scheme and Newport Bus now have 15 ULEV buses in operation (Ultra low emission vehicle is the term used to describe any vehicle that emits less than 75g of CO₂ per km from the tailpipe).

Newport’s buses are supplied on a ‘plug and play’ basis. Zenobe Energy are providing the charging infrastructure, including on-site battery storage. Zenobe owns the vehicle batteries and is responsible for the performance and replacement when needed. Through its ownership of the associated infrastructure, Zenobe also guarantees that the buses will be charged as required. The infrastructure has been constructed with future needs in mind with contingency designed in so the package can be scaled up as the fleet of battery-electric buses in Newport grows. Additionally, the modular system can be moved elsewhere should it become necessary to relocate the depot.



Newport Bus was the first operator in the UK to take up the ‘plug and play’ option for the full lifecycle of electric buses. Doing so removes the high initial cost of both the infrastructure and the vehicles and it guarantees that each bus will be sufficiently charged at the start of each day.

Storage batteries within the depot support peak electricity demand and batteries can be removed from buses for that second life purpose, so they can be assigned a higher residual value.

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Reducing carbon emissions from public transport has **long-term** benefits for the health and well-being of both current and future generations. In addition, this will contribute towards the mitigation of climate change, which is predicted to have a significant negative impact on future generations. This will also contribute to the improvement of air quality and **prevent** ill health and deaths.

Introducing ultra-low emission buses takes an **integrated** approach to well-being and supports six of the well-being goals, while not adversely affecting the other. In addition, it

supports three of the Well-being Plan objectives. Newport Bus have worked in **collaboration** with Zenobe Energy to deliver the project.

Looking Ahead to the Future

An upgrade to bus stops across Newport has been planned. This will enhance the public transport network to Metro standards and include real time electronic information for passengers at bus stops. An order for 40 high quality bus stops has recently been placed however, timescales have been subject to delay due to Covid-19.

Climate Ready Gwent Annual Report 2020-21

The Climate Ready Gwent network, initiated through the Gwent Strategic Well-being Action Group (GSWAG) and led by Natural Resources Wales, looks to facilitate change on the regional scale. By working together, this diverse network aims to accelerate public sector activities around collaborative decarbonisation and climate adaptation, equipping people and places with the means to overcome the challenges ahead. Following the devastating wildfires and floods experienced in the area in the last few years, as well as synergy across the areas well-being plans, it became clear that Climate Action would require an integrated and collaborative response. By prioritising Climate Action in this way, public bodies in the Gwent area have chosen to approach this challenge in a way that contributes to multiple well-being goals and objectives, seeking to ensure the needs of future generations are not compromised by the actions or inaction of today.

During 2020-21, a range of delivery mechanisms were rolled out within Newport to support the work of Climate Ready Gwent, including the following examples of local best practice:

62 new dual electric vehicle 22kw fast charging units have been installed at 34 sites across Gwent.

Delivered in partnership between the five Gwent local authorities. A grant of £465,000 was provided for the project from the UK Government’s Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), with match funding provided by each local authority. Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales both contributed funding towards a feasibility study to support development of the project.

Gwent specific Carbon Literacy training co developed and rolled out across public sector.

220 individuals across the Gwent Public Sector, including Chief Execs and Elected Members, received training. CRG designed a Gwent Specific Carbon Literacy training course with hope of rolling this out further though a “train the trainer” programme in 21/22. Several cross-border initiatives and pledges have emerged, through participant conversation which CRG will continue to support.

Energy Supply

- Constructed over summer 2020, it is the largest solar roof in Wales
- Project will generate almost 2 million KWh every year...
- ...saving 412 tonnes CO₂ every year



Geraint Thomas National Velodrome of Wales, Newport International Sports Village (NISV)

<https://youtu.be/ZC80dcRmla0>

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Reflections

2020-21 has been a year of expansion for Climate Ready Gwent. The effort, time and trust built with partners has really started to pay off. The network has taken advantage of the new ways of working which have emerged as a response to lockdown restrictions by accelerating opportunities to train and collaborate on a virtual platform, adapting delivery to 100% online and producing digital content which can be re-used and accessed in a flexible way. This way of working fits the stakeholders and partners we are targeting and the ethos of the Climate Ready Gwent identity.

Climate Ready Gwent has grown in confidence as a network, has expanded its reach across organisations significantly and is beginning to understand the space in which it can successfully operate and add value to local and regional decision making.

Additional Plans for the Future

Green Flag Awards

The plans are to encourage more applications and increase the number of community and full Green Flag Awards for 2022.

Green Infrastructure Assessment

Welsh Government has asked all planning authorities in Wales to undertake a Green Infrastructure Assessment (GIA). A Green Infrastructure Assessment is underway in Newport and its purpose is to provide an evidence base to guide and shape the planning and delivery of Green Infrastructure. Green infrastructure (the network of wetlands, woodlands, waterways, allotments, gardens, street trees, green roofs, roadside verges, etc.) has the potential to deliver a wide range of benefits for people and wildlife. The aim to complete the GIA by 2022.

[Review of Green and Safe Spaces Performance Measures](#)

A review of the Green and Safe Spaces performance measures is underway which will be completed by the end of 2021, to give more clarity on measuring progress, outcomes, and success of the intervention.

[Living Levels](#)

The Living Levels project continues to deliver its many project and work streams championing, recapturing, enhancing, and celebrating The Gwent Levels.

[Stephenson Street Flood Defence scheme](#)

The plans for Stephenson Street Flood Defence scheme includes enhancements to Coronation Park greenspace, including more planting, and enhancements to the coast path. Construction will potentially commence later in 2021, following planning approval.

CHAPTER 4: SELF REFLECTION

Partnership Evaluation

Since 2013, as a former Local Service Board, and now Public Services Board, we have undertaken exercises every two years to self-evaluate our own effectiveness and those of the wider partnership in delivering both the former Single Integrated Plan and the existing Well-being Plan.

During 2019, we proposed a new self-evaluation following completion of the first year of delivery of the Well-being Plan. To support this, a Healthy Boards Workshop was held in March 2019 facilitated by Academi Wales, which looked at the unique challenges for PSBs; what a healthy partnership board does; the reality for most PSBs; and areas to focus on for possible improvement.

In June 2019, the PSB agreed to undertake a new evaluation exercise, continuing the programme of structured self-evaluation every two years. Ten of our members completed and submitted responses, with consensus found that we were performing well against most of the indicators.

Board Development Action Plan

The Wales Audit Office (recently renamed Audit Wales) undertook a review of PSBs on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales, with the report making recommendations on areas for improvement.

Overall, it concluded that PSBs are unlikely to realise their potential unless they are given freedom to work more flexibly, and think and act differently.

Taken together, our own self-evaluation exercise and the WAO review suggested areas for our development going forward, with an action plan for development agreed in December 2019. Within the action plan, the Board agreed to:

- Review the Well-being Plan on an annual basis and make proposals of any changes to the PSB to ensure we can adapt to changing circumstances.

Review of Well-being Plan

In June 2020, Welsh Government wrote to PSBs regarding their role in the recovery from Covid-19 and suggested that, in the light of the pandemic, they reflect on whether the objectives and priorities in local well-being plans still have the right focus.

In addition, the Future Generations Commissioner published The Future Generations Report 2020 with recommendations on actions public bodies could take to contribute towards the Well-being Goals.

In the light of these requirements and the Board Development Action Plan, we agreed to review the PSB's Well-being Objectives; the Well-being Plan Values; and the visions, steps and actions for the interventions in our Well-being Plan.

PSB Well-being Objectives

In December 2020 the PSB received a set of proposed changes to the wording of its well-being objectives, taking into account the impacts of Covid-19 and the recommendations of the Future Generations Commissioner's annual report. Members supported the revised objectives but proposed additional changes, which were subsequently ratified by the PSB at their meeting in March 2021.

The final revised well-being objectives are as follows:

- 1) Everyone feels good about living, working, visiting, and investing in our unique city.
- 2) Everyone has the skills and opportunities they need to develop, prosper, and contribute to a thriving, sustainable city.
- 3) Everyone belongs to resilient, friendly, connected communities and feels confident and empowered to improve their well-being.
- 4) Newport has healthy, safe, and resilient environments with an integrated sustainable travel network.

PSB Values

A set of 5 values were originally included in the well-being plan, which the PSB would commit to when working together with local communities on their common goals and objectives set out in the plan.

In March 2021 the PSB received a set of proposed revised values / pledges, which were agreed by the Board. These final revised values are as follows:

- Ambitious
- Serious about working in partnership
- Firmly focused on people and their stories
- Focused on integrated well-being objectives

Intervention Reviews

During 2020-21 a number of reviews took place by each of the Well-being Plan Intervention Boards, looking at whether their visions and steps were still relevant in response to changing circumstances.

Reviews have been completed by four of the five interventions, with the PSB approving the revised changes to their visions and steps. The Strong Resilient Communities Intervention is still outstanding due to a number of partner organisations being diverted to crisis-response work in relation to Covid-19 and other community emergencies, with the planned review to take place during 2021-22.

In the development of these reviews the Intervention Boards produced reports outlining the process taken and the outcomes reached, which can be viewed below:

- [Sustainable Travel](#) (approved by PSB in September 2020)
- [Right Skills](#) (approved by PSB in December 2020)
- [Green and Safe Spaces](#) (approved by PSB in March 2021)
- [Newport Offer](#) (approved by PSB in June 2021)

From these reviews the interventions proposed changes to each of their visions, with the PSB agreeing that the revised vision for the Newport Offer would become the vision for the whole Well-being Plan. The new visions are as follows:

Vision for Newport Offer / Well-being Plan

A proud and friendly city where people and places thrive now and in the future.

Vision for Sustainable Travel

Efficient, safe, and healthy travel, accessible to all, with overall low impact on the environment, prioritising walking, cycling and integrated public transport and also considering car sharing and ultra-low emission vehicles.

Vision for Right Skills

People can access skills and education programmes that support a life well-lived and align with sustainable current and future local employment opportunities, enabling individuals and communities to achieve their potential.

Vision for Green and Safe Spaces

Newport has healthy thriving ecosystems where all communities feel connected to nature and have easy access to safe, quality green and blue space for health, well-being, play and recreation.

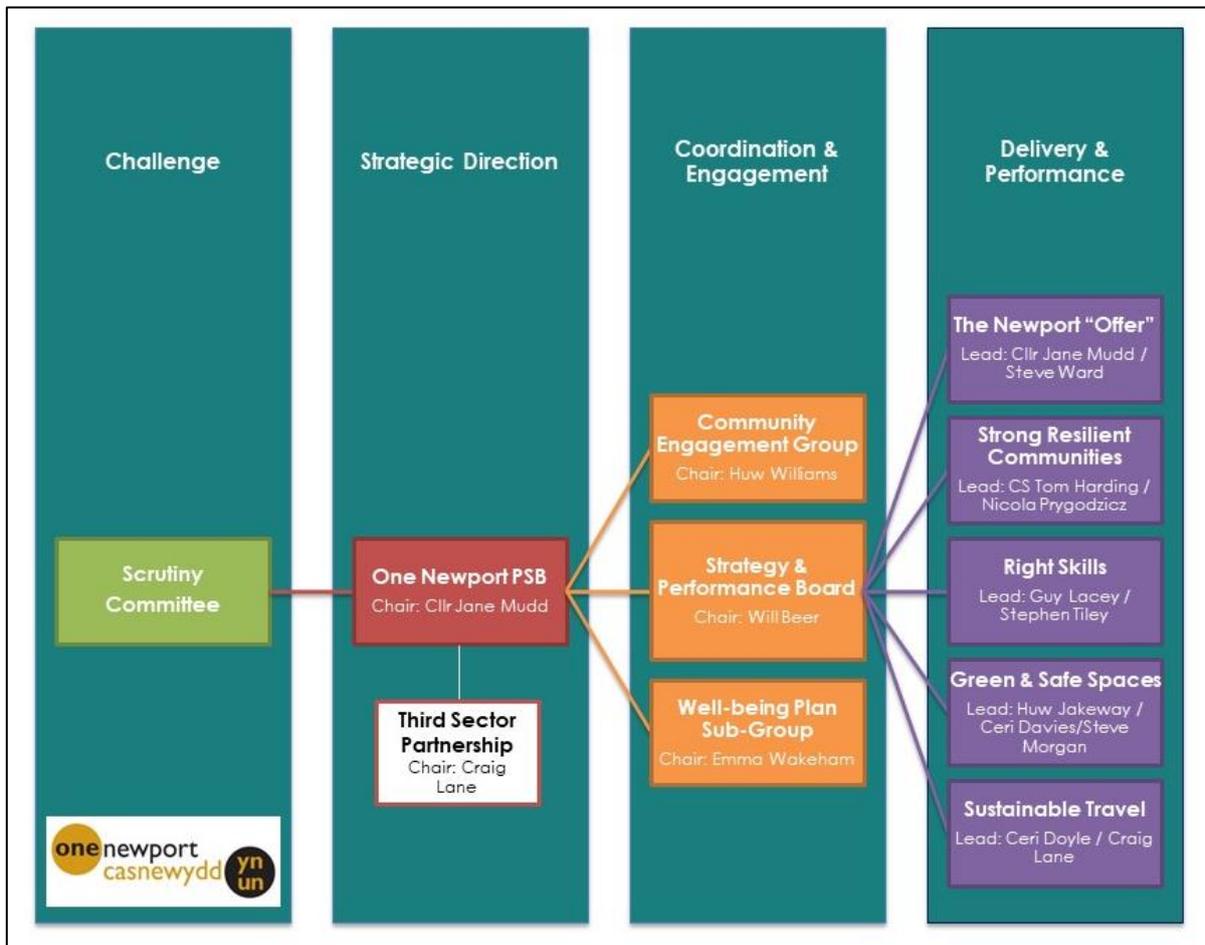
Delivery & Performance Framework

Each year a [Delivery and Performance Framework](#) is developed setting out how we manage delivery and performance. As part of the framework, and to support the function of the PSB and the delivery of the Plan, a partnership structure was established (below). The roles and responsibilities of the groups are set out in the framework.

During 2020-21 how the PSB reported on performance was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, with updates (performance dashboards) only produced at half year and end of year. How we manage delivery and performance moving forward will be based on the regional PSB, with the local process developed from these new structures.

Partnership Delivery Structure

This structure shows the governance arrangements for partnership delivery in 2020-21.



Measuring Progress

During the third year of implementation, we continue to identify appropriate performance measures so real progress and outcomes can be ascertained. A snapshot of these measures have been included in Chapter 3 but don't always show the full picture of the work being undertaken.

Moving forward, we will continue to refine the measures used to demonstrate progress to enable us to better understand how the interventions put in place are impacting on people's well-being. This work has begun to take place during the reviews carried out by each of the interventions as outlined in Chapter 4.

Thriving Places Wales Index

In last year's Annual Report we measured the well-being of Newport as a whole by reviewing the [Thriving Places Wales](#) Index on an annual basis. The latest data for 2021 has recently been published and can be found on the [Thriving Places Index website](#).

The index uses a broad range of measures that reflect the increasing understanding that well-being is a multi-dimensional concept, determined by many diverse factors. These factors tend to be causally connected to each other to create a 'web' of conditions that impact on people's well-being.

Thriving Places Wales is a practical tool for implementing local policy and action that delivers on well-being. It provides a consistent and comparable way of agreeing, measuring and tracking progress towards shared goals, a 'common currency' across and between sectors and geographies.

The index is published on an annual basis since April 2018 just before the publication of the Well-being Plan. Two years on, it is still too early to see long-term impact of the Well-being Plan, however the index can highlight where things are improving and areas for development. The index for Newport is set out around three dimensions. The first dimension local conditions is set out in the table below:

LOCAL CONDITIONS		2018	2019	2020	2021
		4.37	4.41	4.42	4.67
Place & Environment		3.84	3.55	3.47	3.94
	Transport	5.12	4.91	4.63	4.46
	Safety	2.42	2.31	2.26	3.69
	Housing	3.86	3.28	4.15	3.89
	Local Environment	3.95	3.69	2.82	3.72
Mental & Physical Health		5.10	4.78	4.74	5.14
	Healthy & risky behaviours	6.16	6.12	5.77	6.19
	Overall health status	4.85	3.67	4.39	5.13
	Mortality & life expectancy	4.38	4.34	4.18	4.61
	Mental health	5.00	5.00	4.62	4.62
Education & Learning		4.81	5.19	4.76	4.95
	Adult	3.91	4.52	4.76	4.70
	Children	5.71	5.85	4.76	5.21
Work & Local Economy		4.04	4.45	4.82	4.70
	Unemployment	4.23	4.28	4.33	5.14
	Good jobs	2.70	6.54	6.89	4.06
	Deprivation	5.52	2.72	3.44	5.49
	Local business	3.71	4.26	4.61	4.10
People & Community		4.09	4.07	4.30	4.62
	Participation	3.83	3.86	4.57	4.58
	Culture	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17
	Social isolation	4.58	4.47	4.47	5.73
	Community cohesion	3.78	3.78	4.00	4.00

The local conditions dimension demonstrates an overall slight improvement from 4.37 in 2018 to 4.67 in 2021. This dimension is split in to five domains and the strongest improvements have been seen for the work & local economy domain, which includes, sub domains of unemployment, good jobs, deprivation and local business.

The second dimension sustainability is shown in the table below:

SUSTAINABILITY	2018	2019	2020	2021
		4.50	4.89	5.48
CO2 Emissions	3.42	4.91		
Ecological footprint / Green Infrastructure	5.93	5.93	5.86	5.33
Household recycling / Waste	3.86	5.33	4.31	5.29
Renewable energy production / Energy use	4.80	3.39	6.07	5.71

The sustainability dimension indicates an overall improvement from 4.50 in 2018 to 5.43 in 2021 but this could be due to changes in the indicators used.

The third dimension equality is shown in the table below:

EQUALITY	2018	2019	2020	2021
		4.68	4.43	5.10
Health	4.59	4.59	5.47	5.47
Income	5.36	5.38	4.67	4.41
Well-being	4.09	4.26		
Employment			5.59	2.90

The equality dimension shows a slight decrease from 4.68 in 2018 to 4.30 in 2021 after a previous improvement in 2020. This decrease has been affected by a much-reduced score for the employment sub domain from 2020 to 2021, which is based on inequality and the gap in employment rate between those with a long-term health condition and the overall employment rate. When looking at this score in relation to our neighbouring local authorities the difference is less stark, with all below the Wales average of 5.00: Torfaen – 4.16 (amber); Blaenau Gwent – 2.47 (red); Caerphilly – 3.74 (amber); and Monmouthshire – 4.16 (amber). However, it's plausible that any deterioration in this score may be linked to the effect of the pandemic, with those with a long-term health condition being more likely to be on the furlough scheme. This may be something for the partnership to explore and consider moving forward if this remains an issue of concern.

Overall, when reviewing the scores for Newport, be mindful that they are affected by how we rank in Wales. Therefore, our scores are directly correlated to how other local authorities are improving or declining and not solely based on Newport's individual performance.

A full list of 2021 indicators can be found [here](#).

National Indicators

The Act required Welsh Ministers to set national indicators to assess progress towards achieving the well-being goals. From September 2015 to January 2016 Welsh Government undertook a [widespread public consultation](#) to identify what small set of indicators should be developed to best measure progress against the well-being goals. These [national indicators](#) were published in March 2016 and laid before the National Assembly for Wales.

There are 46 national indicators, which are designed to represent the outcomes for Wales, and its people that will help demonstrate progress towards the 7 well-being goals. They are not intended to be performance indicators for an individual organisation.

The latest data and summaries of each indicators can be found on the [Welsh Government website](#).

These indicators continue to support our wider performance monitoring to assess the wider well-being of Wales and the well-being of our local community.

Long Term Risk Management

We are also developing a way of identifying long-term future risks along with the other four PSBs in Gwent. This will enable us as a PSB and other partners across Gwent to assess and monitor long-term risks (up to 25 years) and opportunities to our communities. Long-term risk can be hard to define and difficult to plan for and manage but the benefits of doing so are clear.

The drivers within the process are emerging issues, trends and developments that are on the periphery of current planning and that might change markets, services attitudes and demand.

A future risk chart, register and dashboard have been designed which focus on anticipating the emergence of future risks through identifying possible future risk factors and tracking how they develop. This builds deeper systematic understanding across the partnership and allows partners to prepare a collective and coordinated response.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, this work locally was put on hold and will be revisited as part of the Gwent Well-being Assessment and development of the Gwent Well-being Plan considering any emerging risks identified through the pandemic.

Accountability

In order to assure democratic accountability, there is a requirement for a designated local government scrutiny committee of the relevant local authority to scrutinise the work of the public services board.

In Newport, the scrutiny committee responsible for scrutinising the work of the PSB is Scrutiny Performance Committee – Partnerships chaired by Councillor James Clarke. There are nine members of the committee and to ensure consistency, the terms of reference of the Scrutiny Committee mirror those agreed by the PSB.

During 2020-21, the Committee were able to scrutinise the mid-year update on the 24 February 2021, with the following recorded:

“The Committee were pleased to hear of the strength of the PSB and noted that it is very encouraging to understand that their partnership has strengthened. Additional comment was made that there are really clear signs of excellent partnership working and that the PSB is clearly a very good team.

The PSB gave the Committee confidence that what they were saying was true. There was a genuine sense that they were joined up.”

The third Annual Report of the Well-being Plan will be presented to the Scrutiny Committee on the 6 October 2021 following its publication to allow them to fully scrutinise the work of the PSB.

To support the scrutiny process the [Office of the Future Generations Commissioner](#) published the [Future Generations Framework for Scrutiny](#). This framework supports decision-making and scrutiny and is a series of prompts that could help anyone who is keen to ask questions about how a decision has been made. As we continue to work with the scrutiny committee, we will use the framework as a toolkit for appropriate challenge and continuous improvement.

More Information

A number of supporting documents have been developed as follows:

[Community Well-being Profile \(Local Well-being Assessment\)](#)

[Newport's Well-being Plan 2018-23](#)

[Well-being Plan Animation Video](#)

[Choosing Emerging Priorities](#)

[Response Analysis \(RA1\) – Understanding Outcomes](#)

[Response Analysis \(RA2\) – Linking Interventions to Outcomes](#)

[Well-being Plan \(Easy read summary\)](#) – draft

[Well-being Plan Annual Report 2018-19](#)

Well-being Plan Annual Report 2019-20 – [pdf](#) / [Microsoft Sway](#)

For further information about the One Newport PSB, the Local Well-being Plan or partnership arrangements in the city please visit our website at <http://onewportlsb.newport.gov.uk>.

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Scrutiny Report

Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 6th October 2021

Subject Scrutiny Adviser Report

Author Scrutiny Adviser

The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Role
Neil Barnett (Scrutiny Adviser)	Present the Committee with the Scrutiny Adviser Report for discussion and update the Committee on any changes.

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Committee’s Work Programme:**
Consider the Committee’s Forward Work Programme Update (**Appendix 1**):
 - *Are there any amendments to the topics scheduled to be considered at the next Committee meeting?*
 - *Are there any additional invitees that the Committee requires to fully consider the topics?*
 - *Is there any additional information that the Committee would like to request?*
2. **Action Plan**
Consider the Actions from previous meetings (**Appendix 2**):
 - *Note the responses for the actions;*
 - *Determine if any further information / action is required;*
 - *Agree to receive an update on outstanding issues at the next meeting.*
3. **Information Reports**
Note that no Information Reports have been circulated to the Committee

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 The purpose of a forward work programme is to help ensure Councillors achieve organisation and focus in the undertaking of enquiries through the Overview and Scrutiny function. Effective work programming is essential to ensure that the work of Overview and Scrutiny makes a positive impact upon the Council's delivery of services.
- 2.2 Further information about the work programming process, including the procedures for referring new business to the programme, can be found in our Scrutiny Handbook on the Council's Scrutiny webpages (www.newport.gov.uk/scrutiny).
- 2.3 The Centre for Public Scrutiny's Good Scrutiny Guide recognises the importance of the forward work programme. In order to 'lead and own the process', it states that Councillors should have ownership of their Committee's work programme, and be involved in developing, monitoring and evaluating it. The Good Scrutiny Guide also states that, in order to make an impact, the scrutiny workload should be co-ordinated and integrated into corporate processes, to ensure that it contributes to the delivery of corporate objectives, and that work can be undertaken in a timely and well-planned manner.

Forward Work Programme Update

- 2.4 The Committee's work programme was set in October 2020, including estimated timescales for when the reports will be considered by the Committee. This programme is then managed and implemented by the designated Scrutiny Adviser for this Committee under the direction of the Committee Chairperson.
- 2.5 Attached as **Appendix 1** is the Committee's Forward Work Programme Update. The Committee is asked to consider:
- *Any amendments to the topics scheduled to be considered at the next Committee meeting?*
 - *Are there any additional invitees that the Committee requires to fully consider the topics?*
 - *Is there any additional information that the Committee would like to request?*

The Committee agreed to keep a degree of flexibility within its work programme to enable the Committee to respond to urgent / emerging issues. This item is an opportunity for the Committee members to raise any suggested amendments to the Work Programme.

Action Sheet from Previous Meetings

- 2.6 Attached at **Appendix 2** is the Action Sheet from the Committee meetings. The updated completed actions are included in the table.
- 2.7 Any actions that do not have a response will be included on the Action Sheet at the next meeting to ensure that the Committee can keep track of outstanding actions.

Information Reports

- 2.8 There were no Information Reports circulated to the Committee.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

- 3.1 The following information is attached:

Appendix 1: The Committee's Forward Work Programme Update;
Appendix 2: Action Sheet from Previous Meetings.

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

- **Forward Work Programme Update - Appendix 1**
Consider:
 - Are there any amendments to the topics scheduled to be considered at the next Committee meeting?
 - Are there any additional invitees that the Committee requires to fully consider the topics?
 - Is there any additional information that the Committee would like to request?
- **Action Sheet from Previous Meetings - Appendix 2**
 - Consider the responses to the actions from the meeting;
 - Are you satisfied that you have received the necessary information?
 - Are there any further issues arising from the responses that you would like to raise?
 - For the actions that do not have responses – these actions will be rolled over to the next meeting and reported back to the Committee.
- **Information Reports**
Note that no Information Reports were circulated to the Committee.

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 The Corporate Assessment, and the subsequent [follow up assessment](#) provide background information on the importance of good work programming. Specific reference is made to the need to align the Cabinet and Scrutiny work programmes to ensure the value of the Scrutiny Function is maximised.
- 5.2 The latest Cabinet work programme was approved by the Cabinet on a monthly basis for the next 12 months and includes the list of reports scheduled for consideration. Effective forward planning by both Cabinet and Scrutiny needs to be coordinated and integrated in relation to certain reports to ensure proper consultation takes place before a decision is taken. A link to the Cabinet work programme is provided [here](#) to the Committee as part of this report, to enable the Committee to ensure that the work programmes continue to reflect key decisions being made by the Cabinet.

6. Links to Council Policies and Priorities

- 6.1 Having proper work programming procedures in place ensures that the work of Overview and Scrutiny makes a positive impact upon the Council's delivery of services, contributes to the delivery of corporate objectives, and ensures that work can be undertaken in a timely and well-planned manner.
- 6.2 This report relates to the Committee's Work Programme, Actions from Committee's and Information Reports that support the achievement of the Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with the Law and Regulation Service Plan, Objectives, Actions and Measures and the Wellbeing objectives:

Well-being Objectives	Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	Improve skills, educational outcomes & employment opportunities	Enable people to be healthy, independent & resilient	Build cohesive & sustainable communities
Corporate Plan Commitments	Thriving City	Aspirational People		Resilient Communities
Supporting Function	Modernised Council			

7 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

7.1 The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 which came into force in April 2016 sets the context for the move towards long term planning of services.

7.2 General questions

- How is this area / policy affected by the new legislation?
- How will this decision / policy / proposal impact upon future generations? What is the long term impact?
- What evidence is provided to demonstrate WFGA has been / is being considered?
- Evidence from Community Profiles / other data?
- Evidence of links to Wellbeing Assessment / Objectives / Plan?

7.3 Wellbeing Goals

- How are the Wellbeing goals reflected in the policy / proposal / action?
 - *A prosperous Wales*
 - *A resilient Wales*
 - *A healthier Wales*
 - *A more equal Wales*
 - *A Wales of cohesive communities*
 - *A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language*
 - *A globally responsible Wales*

7.4 Sustainable Development Principles

- Does the report / proposal demonstrate how as an authority we are working in accordance with the sustainable development principles from the act when planning services?
 - **Long Term**
The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs
 - **Prevention**
How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives
 - **Integration**
Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies
 - **Collaboration**
Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives
 - **Involvement**

The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

8 Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan 2017 - 2022](#)
- The Corporate Assessment and [follow up assessment](#).

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Appendix 1

**Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships
– Forward Work Programme Update**

Wednesday, 3 November 2021 at 5pm		
Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Norse Joint Venture Partnership – Strategy and Performance Review	<p>To provide an overview of the strategy and performance of the Norse Joint Venture.</p> <p>Update from the Service area and Newport Norse on priorities for the partnership over the coming 12 months.</p> <p>Summary of the background to the item and a report on performance to date.</p>	<p>Acting Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing;</p> <p>Managing Director, Newport Norse</p>
Education Achievement Service - Value for Money 2020-21	<p>Performance Scrutiny of the EAS Partnership - through Annual Monitoring of the local authorities Financial contribution to EAS and also the through consideration of the value for money model, and its potential use / implications for scrutiny of other partnerships</p>	<p>Chief Education Officer;</p> <p>Deputy Chief Education Officer;</p> <p>EAS Managing Director;</p>

Wednesday, 17 November 2021 at 5pm		
Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	<p>To consider the developments being undertaken in partnership with Cardiff City Council on behalf of Welsh Government to proactively offer support to children who are awaiting placement in the South of England</p>	<p>Head of Children and Young People Services;</p> <p>Service Manager</p>

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Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

ACTION SHEET – 28 July 2021

	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome
1	Formation of a Regional Public Services Board	The Committee noted the recommendations in the report and made a number of comments to the Partnerships Team.	Scrutiny / Partnerships Team	ACTIONED – Comments from the Committee forwarded to the Partnerships Team on 29th July 2021.
2	Scrutiny Adviser Report	<p><u>Forward Work Programme Update:</u> The Committee requested that:</p> <p>a) The Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children agenda item coming to the 6 October 2021 meeting to be rescheduled for another meeting;</p> <p>b) To see if Appropriate Partner Representatives e.g Newport Association School Governors can be invited to Norse Joint Venture Partnership – Strategy and Performance Review on 3 November 2021.</p>	Scrutiny Team and Appropriate Lead Officers	<p>ACTIONED –</p> <p>a) The Committee’s Forward Work Programme has been updated to take account of the Committee’s request. The Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children agenda item will now come Committee on Wednesday 17th November 2021;</p> <p>b) Request sent to relevant Head of Service on 5th August 2021.</p>

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