

# Scrutiny Report



## Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

### Part 1

Date: 7th October 2020

### Subject **Public Services Board Well-being Plan Annual Report 2019-20**

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

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Tracy McKim	Policy Partnership and Involvement Manager
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Ceri Doyle	Newport City Homes - representing Registered Social Landlords
William Beer	Public Health Wales

## Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

### 1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked

- to consider the Wellbeing Plan Annual Report 2018-19 attached as Appendix 1 and determine if it wishes to make any comments to the Public Services Board.
- To note the minutes of the Public Services Board held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### 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. Following the consultation, proposed amendments were presented to the PSB and agreed on 13 March 2018. The PSB agreed the final version of the Well-being Plan 2018-23 at the meeting on 1 May 2018 and in accordance with the statutory requirement that 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 (*A link to the Well-being Plan 2018-23 is provided in Section 7 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 first Annual Report for 2018-19 in June 2019. (*A link to 2018-19 Annual Report is provided in Section 7 of this report in the Background Papers*). Publication of the 2019-20 has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.5 The Future Generations Commissioner has set out nine expectations to be reflected in 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 2019-20 was agreed and endorsed by the Public Services Board on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The final draft includes the following chapters:
- **Chapter 1: Background**
    - *Introduction*
    - *Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015*
    - *What is the One Newport Public Services Board?*
    - *What is the Local Well-being Plan?*
  - **Chapter 2: The Plan**
    - *One Newport PSB Well-being Plan*
    - *Our Well-being Objectives*
    - *One Newport PSB Local Well-being Plan Structure*

- **Chapter 3: Objective Progress**
  - People feel good about living, working, visiting and investing in Newport.
  - People have skills and opportunities to find suitable work and contribute to sustainable economic growth
  - People and communities are friendly, confident and empowered to improve their well-being
  - Newport has healthy, safe and resilient environments
- **Chapter 4: Self Reflection**
  - Partnership Evaluation
  - Board Development Action Plan
  - Review of Well-being Plan
  - Further Self-Evaluation
- **Chapter 5: Performance, Governance & Accountability**
  - Delivery & Performance Framework
  - Measuring Progress
  - Long Term Risk Management
  - Accountability
  - More Information

The report will also be available in Welsh and via [Sway](https://sway.office.com/iBJVgIcQ1BFmbWk0?ref=Link) to improve accessibility.  
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***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 2019-20 (Appendix 1)

### **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:*

**Wellbeing Objectives and Goals**

1. *How much progress has been made towards meeting each of the PSB's four objectives? Does the information contained within the report give you a clear indication as to the progress?*
2. *Does the report demonstrate how citizen experiences have been used to assess progress?*
3. *How will the PSB know when it has met its objectives? And how is it going to get there?*
4. *How is the PSB demonstrating how it is using collaborative working to achieve the objectives.*

**Tracking Progress**

5. *Have there been any barriers that have affected delivery of the plan that need further exploration and explanation?*
6. *Does the report give examples of how the Well-being Objectives have been delivered in accordance with the 5 ways of working?*

**Self-Reflecting**

7. *Does the report demonstrate how the PSB has evaluated its own progress?*
8. *What lessons has the PSB learnt as a result of progress to date?*

9. *How will these lessons be incorporated into the PSBs planning cycle and how the PSB operates as a partnership?*

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

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;*
- *Focused on outcomes;*
- *Not solely driven by data.*

*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 have 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.

## 8. Background Papers

- [Newport's Well-being Plan 2018-23](#)
- [Cynllun Llesiant Casnewydd 2018-23](#)
- [Newport's Well-being Plan Annual Report 2018-19](#)
- [Cynllun Llesiant Casnewydd Adroddiad Blynyddol 2018-19](#)
- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 guidance
  - [The 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](#)

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