

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 5th October 2022

Subject **One Newport Well-being Plan Annual Report 2021-22**

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

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Bev Owen	Chief Executive, Newport City Council
Steve Ward	Chief Executive, Newport Live
Steve Cooper	Chief Fire Officer, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Christopher Dawson-Morris	Interim Director of Planning
Craig Lane	Newport Third Sector Partnership
Guy Lacey	Principal, Coleg Gwent
Janice Dance	Policy Partnership and Involvement Manager

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked

- To consider the Wellbeing Plan Annual Report 2021-22 attached as Appendix 1 and determine if it wishes to make any comments to the One Newport Partnership.

2 Context

Background

One Newport Partnership

One Newport was originally established as a Public Services Board (PSB) in May 2016 under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFG Act). In October 2021, a regional Gwent Public Services Board was established through the merger of the five former PSBs that operated on a local authority footprint in the Gwent region. At that point Newport ceased to be a Public Services Board and became a Sub-Group of the Gwent PSB. One Newport has published an annual report for the year 2020-21, the first six months of which it was a PSB under the WFG Act. The former PSB is now known as the One Newport Partnership.

Well-being Plan

- 2.2 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 a Local Well-being Plan no later than 12 months following each local government ordinary election. The Committee received 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. One Newport has since been focused on delivering the Plan,

In December 2020, One Newport 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 This is the fourth Annual Report of Newport's Local Well-being Plan 2018-23, covering the work of the partnership during the period of April 2021 to March 2022, along with any additional updates from April-June 2022.
- 2.4 The Committee received the third Annual Report for 2020-21 on 6th October 2021, and was published on the 29th October 2021 (A link to 2020-21 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 One Newport Partnership, however, they can be applied as a tool to consider the contents of the Well-Being Plan Annual Report.
- 2.6 The Well-Being Plan Annual Report 2021-22 was agreed and endorsed by the One Newport Partnership on 21st September 2022. 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 One Newport?
 - 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**
 - Everyone feels good about living, working, visiting and investing in our unique city
 - Everyone has the skills and opportunities they need to develop, prosper, and contribute to a thriving, sustainable city
 - Everyone belongs to resilient, friendly, connected communities and feels confident and empowered to improve their well-being
 - Newport has healthy, safe, and resilient environments with an integrated sustainable travel network
- **Chapter 4:**
 - **Self Reflection**
 - Moving to a Regional Public Services Board (PSB)
 - Board Development Session
 - Development of a new Gwent Well-being Plan and Newport Local Action Plan
- **Chapter 5:**
 - **Performance, Governance and Accountability**
 - Delivery & Performance Framework
 - Measuring Progress
 - Accountability
 - More Information

A foreword by the One Newport 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 One Newport Partnership 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) One Newport Well-being Plan Annual Report 2021-22 (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 One Newport Partnership?*

4.2 Suggested Lines of Enquiry

Scrutiny's role in receiving the Annual Report is to hold the One Newport Partnership 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 One Newport Partnership, the Committee should consider the following:

1. *How much progress has been made towards delivery of the Well-being Plan? How far have the One Newport Partnership'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 the Annual Reports of bodies named in the Act. The expectations do not directly relate to the One Newport Partnership, however, they can be applied as a tool to consider the contents of the One Newport 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
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

The One Newport Partnership 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 One Newport Partnership 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 One Newport Partnership 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 One Newport Partnership 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*
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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 Partnership's 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 One Newport Partnership has met this pledge. Each of the case studies and examples detailed under the well-being objectives evidences how the One Newport Partnership 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.

7.2 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

While not all One Newport members are subject to the Duty, a session on the Duty has been included in the Board's Development Programme so that it can be addressed within the work of the interventions.

7.3 Summary of impact – Welsh language

Welsh language is an important part of cultural identity and heritage and is used by many people each day in their homes, their communities and where they work. One Newport's Right Skills Board will support delivery of the Economy and Skills section of Newport City Council's Welsh Language Strategy

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 6th October 2021](#)
- 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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