

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships

Part 1

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Subject **Newport Local Action Plan Consultation Draft**

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

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Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

1. Approve the Consultation Draft of the Local Action Plan;
2. Approve the consultation approach and public consultation taking place during August and September 2023.

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 One Newport is a partnership of the main public agencies in Newport including Newport City Council, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Gwent Police, Natural Resources Wales and also key local organisations like Newport City Homes and Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations.
- 2.2 Local Action Plans (LAPs) developed by the five local partnerships that support the Gwent PSB, including One Newport, will provide clarity on the local actions required to support the Well-being Objectives agreed by the Gwent PSB for the regional Well-being Plan.
- 2.3 One Newport's Local Action Plan will be the work programme of One Newport following completion of the One Newport Well-being Plan 2018-23 in April 2023. Its purpose will be two-

fold: strategic joint action for Newport outside of the Gwent Well-being and delivery of local actions within it.

2.4 The draft Local Action Plan themes and actions have been informed by engagement work already undertaken on the Gwent Wellbeing Plan (wellbeing assessment) and two following workshops for local stakeholder organisations. A public consultation will now be undertaken for a period of 4 weeks during August and September to seek the views of residents as well as other stakeholders.

2.5 Below is the timetable of the Local Action Plan consultation:

- End of July – Gwent PSB sign off and publication of Regional Well-being Plan.
- August/September – 4 week public consultation on Newport LAP.
- 6th December – One Newport sign off final Local Action Plan.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

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

- a) One Newport Partnership Local Action Plan Consultation Draft report (Appendix A)
- b) Consultation Draft (Appendix B)

3.2 One Newport Partnership Local Action Plan Consultation Draft" contains the following headings and sections:

- Introduction: This section provides an overview of the One Newport Partnership, its members, and the purpose of the consultation draft. It also explains the importance of public feedback in shaping the final version of the plan.
- Gwent Well-being Plan Objectives: This section outlines the two objectives of the Gwent Well-being Plan that the Local Action Plan aims to contribute to.
- Draft Newport Local Action Plan - Themes: This section outlines the three themes or areas of work covered in the draft local action plan: Economy and Culture, Communities, and Environment. It explains how the actions under each theme align with the objectives of the Gwent Well-being Plan and other local strategic projects in Newport that would be best delivered in partnership.
 - a. Economy and Culture: This subsection emphasises the importance of developing skills and knowledge in children, young people, and adults to help them achieve their potential and find the right employment. It also highlights the significance of fair work and a living wage in creating a more equitable and inclusive Newport.
 - b. Communities: This subsection focuses on building strong and resilient communities in Newport. It highlights the importance of social connections, community engagement, and access to services and support.
 - c. Environment: This subsection emphasises the importance of accessible and high-quality urban green and blue spaces in Newport. It highlights the benefits of these spaces for mental and physical health, as well as their role in mitigating air and noise pollution. The section also mentions the significance of green and blue spaces as habitats for wildlife and their contribution to a healthy ecosystem.
- Consultation Questions: This section presents a series of questions related to the themes and actions outlined in the draft plan. It seeks feedback on the extent to which the plan will improve well-being in Newport, invites comments on specific actions, and encourages local involvement in making Newport a better place to live. The section also includes questions on the overall draft plan and its alignment with the Gwent Well-being Plan.

- Consultation Details: This section provides information on how to provide feedback on the draft action plan. It directs readers to complete an online survey and provides an email address for further inquiries about One Newport and the Local Area Action Plan.

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

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

- Provide input and recommendations on how to gather feedback from residents and stakeholders, as well as participate in the consultation process
- Ensure that a wider range of perspectives and opinions are considered in the development of the Local Action Plan.
- Conclusions:
 - What was the overall conclusion on the information contained within the reports?
 - Is the Committee satisfied that it has had all of the relevant information to base a conclusion on the Newport Local Action Plan Consultation Draft?
 - Do any areas require a more in-depth review by the Committee?
 - Do the Committee wish to make any Comments / Recommendations to the Cabinet?

Suggested Lines of Enquiry

4.1 The Committee might wish to think about the following when devising questioning strategies;

- How do the themes and actions in the draft local action plan align with the priorities and needs of Newport's residents? Were there any particular groups or communities that were consulted or engaged in the development of the plan?
- How will the success of the local action plan be measured? What indicators or metrics will be used to track progress and evaluate the impact of the plan on the well-being of Newport's residents?
- How will the One Newport Partnership ensure that the local action plan is implemented effectively and efficiently? What mechanisms or processes will be put in place to monitor progress, identify challenges, and make adjustments as needed?
- How will the One Newport Partnership ensure that the local action plan is sustainable and adaptable over time? What strategies or approaches will be used to ensure that the plan remains relevant and responsive to changing needs and circumstances?
- What has worked well in previous consultations and public engagement for the service area?
- How can communication channels be improved to enable service users to provide feedback and suggestions throughout the consultation process?
- Are there any new methods or approaches that could be used to increase engagement with people, especially those who are currently not being reached?

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

Well-being Objective	1 – Economy, Education and Skills	2 – Newport’s Environment and Infrastructure	3 – Preventative and Equitable Community and Social Care	4 – An Inclusive, Fair and Sustainable Council
Aims:	Newport is a thriving and growing city that offers excellent education and aspires to provide opportunities for all.	A city that seeks to protect and enhance our environment whilst reducing our carbon footprint and preparing for a sustainable and digital future.	Newport is a supportive city where communities and care are at the heart of what we do.	Newport City Council is an inclusive organisation that places social value, fairness and sustainability at its core.

6 Impact Assessment:

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

The draft Newport Local Action Plan is aligned with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act, which aims to improve the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales. The plan includes themes such as environment, economy, and culture, which are linked to the Gwent PSB Well-being Objectives. The plan aims to tackle the climate and nature emergency, promote sustainable and active travel, protect and enhance green spaces, promote fair work, and support the development of skills and knowledge. The plan also aims to celebrate Newport's culture, diversity, and heritage, and promote participation in sports and the arts to improve the well-being of the community.

6.2 Summary of impact – Equality Act 2010

The theme of "Economy and Culture" includes promoting fair work and helping people out of poverty, as well as ensuring opportunities are available and promoted for people at all stages of their lives to develop and enhance their education and skills. These actions could be seen as promoting equality and reducing inequalities in the community. Additionally, the plan has a well-being objective of creating a fairer, more equitable and inclusive Gwent for all, which also aligns with the principles of the Equality Act 2010.

6.3 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

The draft Newport Local Action Plan is aligned with the Socio-economic Duty outlined in "A More Equal Wales" by focusing on creating a fairer, more equitable, and inclusive Gwent for all. The plan aims to reduce the cost of living crisis, provide affordable and appropriate homes, promote fair work, and help people out of poverty. It also aims to develop community wealth building projects to retain spend within the local economy and collaborate with businesses to grow responsible business practices for greater social and environmental impact. These actions are in line with the Socio-economic Duty, which requires public bodies to consider how they can reduce inequalities and promote economic, social, and environmental well-being.

7. Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)
- [Socio-economic Duty Guidance](#)
- [Public Sector Equality Duty](#)
- [Welsh Language Measure 2015](#)
- [One Newport Local Delivery Group Terms of Reference](#)

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