

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 4th October 2023

Subject **One Newport Well-being Plan Final Report**

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

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Steve Morgan	Head of South East Wales Operations, Natural Resources Wales
Dr Bethan Bowden	Consultant in Public Health Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Janice Dent	Policy and Partnership Manager
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Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked

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

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 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. The former PSB is now known as the One Newport Partnership.

- 2.3 This is the final report of Newport's Local Well-being Plan. The report being presented to the Committee is a comprehensive 5-year summary of the city's efforts to improve the well-being of its communities. The Well-being Plan was originally published on May 1, 2018, and revised during 2021. The plan sets out One Newport's Well-being Objectives and the steps and actions taken to deliver them. The plan was in place until the end of April 2023.
- 2.4 The Act doesn't require an annual report to be published for the final year of its well-being plan. However, at the One Newport meeting on 27 April 2023 the Board agreed that a visual 5-Year summary should be produced to commemorate the end of Newport's Well-being Plan.
- 2.5 The summary showcases the work that has been done to achieve the well-being objectives, as well as highlighting the value of strong partnership working in improving the well-being of communities. The report also demonstrates how the work programme and approach reflect the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The plan's objectives are aligned with the Act's seven well-being goals, which include a prosperous Wales, a resilient Wales, and a healthier Wales.
- 2.6 The summary provides valuable insights into the various initiatives and partnerships that have been established to deliver the well-being objectives. The range of topics covered include community development, education, health, and the environment. The report also highlights the crosscutting themes that were used to deliver the well-being objectives, such as equality, diversity, and sustainability.
- 2.7 The Committee received the fourth Annual Report for 2021-22 on 5th October 2022 (A link to 2021-22 Annual Report is provided in Section 7 of this report in the Background Papers).

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 5-Year Summary (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 5-year summary*
- *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?*
 - *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 final 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. *How will the lessons learned from the delivery of the well-being plan be used to inform future plans and initiatives?*
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 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015

5.1 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.

5.2 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

5.3 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.*

This 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.

6. Impact Assessment:

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

6.3 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 support delivery of the Economy and Skills section of Newport City Council's Welsh Language Strategy

7. 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 Blynyddol 2019-20](#)
- [Minutes of Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships held on 5th October 2022](#)
- 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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