

Report

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Subject **Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act – Assessment of Local Wellbeing**

Purpose To provide an update on the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the development of the Assessment of Local Well-being

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Summary The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It will make the 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 also sets a well-being duty on specified public bodies to act jointly via public services boards (PSBs) to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of their area by contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals.

As part of this joint well-being duty the PSB must prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being. The assessment must provide an accurate analysis of the state of well-being in each community and in the area as a whole. This will include assessments of communities in the area, which in Newport will be a development of the existing ward profiles.

Proposal To note the requirement to develop the Assessment of Local Well-being and to agree the approach of developing the ward profiles in line with this requirement.

Action by Head of People and Business Change
Policy, Partnership and Involvement team working with partners.

Timetable Draft for consultation December 2016.

This report was prepared after consultation with:

- Chief Executive
- Heads of Service
- Cabinet Members – Community Work and Skills, and Deputy Leader

Signed

Introduction

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (WFG Act) became law in Wales on 29th April 2015. The Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It will make the 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. In addition to the well-being duty placed on public bodies, the Act also sets a well-being duty on specified public bodies to act jointly via public services boards (PSBs) to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of their area by contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals.

Cabinet has received reports on progress towards the requirements of the Act which include changes to the way we make decisions, and the requirement for the Council to develop wellbeing objectives for the organisation. This report considers the approach for the partnership development of the Assessment of Local Well-being. The proposal has also been discussed by the Public Services Board (PSB) for Newport.

Assessment of Local Well-being

As part of this joint well-being duty the public service board must prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being. The assessment must provide an accurate analysis of the state of well-being in each community and in the area as a whole.

From this assessment each PSB must prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan setting out its objectives and the steps it will take to meet them. The assessment must be published by April 2017.

In Newport ward profiles were initially developed in 2013/14 to support the aims of the One Newport Local Service Board and the development of area based working. The profiles encompass the 20 designated ward areas across the city. These have since been updated on an annual basis and are public documents (www.newport.gov.uk/atlas).

The profiles were compiled specifically for ease of reference and access by partner organisations and the wider community as a whole. The profiles provided an overview of the ward and key information which can be used to support and baseline future initiatives and identify areas of greatest need.

Proposed Approach in Newport

The Assessment of Local Well-being will contain an assessment of the state of well-being of Newport as a whole and a number of community assessments which comprise the whole area.

Each assessment will be split in to five sections:

- Community Overview;
- Economic Well-being;
- Social Well-being;
- Environmental Well-being;
- Cultural Well-being;

The structure of the document is set out on pages 7-9.

Once completed the Assessment of Local Well-being will be used:

- **to identify the priorities for the Local Well-being Plan;**
- **for service planning and delivery in line with our statutory responsibilities.**

To tie in with all the good work that has already been undertaken in Newport, the ward profiles will be further developed and refined to become community well-being profiles. This will incorporate the previous valuable work undertaken within the ward profiles but meet the needs of the WFG Act.

The statutory guidance '*Shared Purpose: Shared Future*' is available to help public bodies respond to the duties and powers they now have under the Act. Further information about the Act is available on the Welsh Government [website](#).

The guidance refers to communities as large enough to show differences, and with a sense of identity but larger than electoral wards. This guidance has been considered, and although other local authority areas are using Middle Super Output Areas which are similar in size (to electoral wards) but without identity, in Newport many wards reflect community boundaries and are understood by the general population, and fit into larger boundaries reflecting partnerships.

A proof of concept is attached to demonstrate what the assessment will look like. This is a draft and will be updated to contain the latest data, analysis and findings from the public engagement process.

Gwent Strategic Well-being Assessment Group (G-SWAG)

A Gwent group has also been meeting on a regular basis. Members of the group include the five local authorities, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Public Health Wales, Natural Resources Wales, South Wales Fire and Rescue, Gwent Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. One of the key principles of the group is to maximise skills and existing capacity across partners, share intelligence and agree common principles and reduce duplication. This approach builds on the arrangements already in place and has brought together key partners to work together.

The group has commissioned the Data Unit Wales to provide up to date and relevant data in graphical format.

Timetable and other work

- One Newport PSB established in April 2016, meets on a quarterly basis and is chaired by the Deputy Leader
- New scrutiny arrangements established, with a policy review group set up and relevant being arranged for all members
- Local Assessment of Wellbeing is underway as outlined in this report, working with partners across the region. Other assessments, including the Social Services and Wellbeing Population Needs Assessment, are fully integrated.
- Engagement programme is underway with various activity including surveys ([haveyoursay](#)), events and focus groups, working with partners through the engagement group (Cabinet Member Community Work and Skills [report](#) Aug 2016 refers). This engagement work will be reported in the assessment.
- Report to Cabinet (September 2016) on the development of wellbeing objectives for NCC by March 2017

Date	Item
November 2016	Wellbeing Assessment overview report
13 th Dec 2016	Consultation Draft to PSB
19 th Dec 2016 – 19 th Feb 2017	Consultation Period for all stakeholders
12 th January 2017	Well-being Assessment to Scrutiny
14 th Mar 2017	Final Version to PSB
Apr 2017	Publish Assessment Copy of Assessment to Welsh Ministers, Commissioner, Auditor General for Wales, Scrutiny Committee

Apr 2017 onwards	<p>PSB to develop response analysis to inform the Local Wellbeing Plan</p> <p>PSB to develop Local Well-being Plan</p> <p>Assessment of Well-being to be used for service planning and delivery in line with our statutory responsibilities</p>
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We are also working with service managers across the Council to embed the key principles of the Act into decision making processes, including service planning, business improvement, performance management, audit, procurement and finance. Existing systems will need to be adapted to accommodate any changes and refocus of principles and timescales. Guidance is available to support managers in this process and an external assessment of progress is underway.

Financial Summary

There are no direct costs or financial implications to the authority arising from this report. Any implications as a result of implementation of the WFG Act will be subject to a separate report(s).

Risks

Risk	Impact of Risk if it occurs* (H/M/L)	Probability of risk occurring (H/M/L)	What is the Council doing or what has it done to avoid the risk or reduce its effect	Who is responsible for dealing with the risk?
Not properly preparing for the implications of the Act	Medium	Low	Work programme developed and being implemented, with regular briefings across the organisation. Cabinet will receive update reports as implementation of the Act progresses and will respond to any further consultation accordingly. The Council is a statutory member of the PSB and will be involved in the implementation of the Act.	Chief Executive
Development and publication of the local assessment of wellbeing.	Medium	Low	Approach proposed and if agreed will be implemented immediately.	Head of People and Business Change, with PSB members

* Taking account of proposed mitigation measures

Links to Council Policies and Priorities

The Well-being of Future Generations Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. The Act will have a significant impact on all Council policies and priorities. The main purpose of the statutory guidance is to help public bodies to respond to the duties and powers they now have under the Act. This will enable the Council to use this information to inform and align all Council policies and priorities including the corporate and improvement plans, and 'Newport 2020' vision.

Options Available

The options available are:

1. To note progress of the implementation of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the proposed approach for development of the Assessment of Local Wellbeing and community profiles.
2. To note the progress and make amendments to the proposed development of Assessment of Local Wellbeing and community profiles.

Preferred Option and Why

Option 1 is the preferred option. The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act places a duty on public bodies to improve wellbeing in accordance with the sustainable development principle. The progress to date, next steps and the future work programme will assist with this requirement.

Comments of Chief Financial Officer

There are no financial implications arising from this report itself, though as noted in the report, there will be significant changes in how and what Local Councils do in the future as they meet the identified needs of residents coming out of the assessment, much of that work is at early stages of developments.

The requirements of the Act around engagement and consultation will increasingly be crucial as the Council continues to make difficult budget decisions which affect services to the public. The Council's future budget strategy will need to take into account the Act and in that respect, also makes the development of a robust medium term financial plan, supported by a strategic approach to service development crucial, ensuring key aspects and outcomes coming out of this work is embedded in that.

Comments of Monitoring Officer

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act imposes a statutory duty on the Council to work with key partners to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of future generations by establishing plans and strategies for delivering the national well-being goals set out in the legislation, in accordance with the sustainable development principle. Good progress has been made in implementing the legislation, through the early adopters programme. The Council has taken a central role in the establishment of the new statutory Public Services Boards, which replaced the existing LSB as from April 2016, and has put in place the necessary governance and Scrutiny arrangements. The PSB is now required to prepare and publish an Assessment of Local Well-Being which must provide an accurate analysis of the state of well-being in each community and in the area as a whole. The Report recommends that the existing ward profiles should be further developed and refined as the community well-being profiles for the purposes of undertaking this assessment. This meets the requirements of the legislation and statutory guidance and builds on the good work already undertaken by the Council to develop the ward profiles.

Staffing Implications: Comments of Head of People and Business Change

There are no staffing implications although workforce planning will continue to develop in line with the requirements of the Act.

The Council must respond to the duties and powers it now has under the Act. Significant progress has already been made across the organisation and with key partners. The work programme sets out how the Council with other PSB members will work towards implementing the joint requirement of the Act to "assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area". This will enable the Council to use the assessment for service planning and delivery in line with our statutory responsibilities and enable the PSB to develop the Local Wellbeing Plan.

Comments of Deputy Leader (as Chair of Public Services Board)

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act established the role of the Public Services Board as outlined in the report. As Chair of the Public Services Board I endorse the progress outlined and the proposed approach to the Local Assessment which will also be reported to our statutory partners.

Local issues

No impact on individual wards, however the development of community profiles will ensure local ward information is available.

Scrutiny Committees

Prior to the publishing of the Assessment of Local Well-being, a public services board must consult with a number of statutory consultees. These are:

- Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner;
- The Board's invited participants;
- its other partners;
- such of the persons who received but did not accept an invitation from the board under Section 30 as the board considers appropriate;
- the local authority's overview and scrutiny committee;
- relevant voluntary organisations as the board considers appropriate;
- representatives of persons resident in the area;
- representatives of persons carrying on business in the area;
- trade unions representing workers in the area;
- such persons with an interest in the maintenance and enhancement of natural resources in the board's area, as the board considers appropriate;
- any other persons who in the opinion of the board, are interested in the improvement of the area's economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being.

A consultation draft of the Assessment of Local Well-being will be presented to the Streetscene, Regeneration and Safety Scrutiny Committee at the Committee's January 2017 meeting as one of the statutory consultees.

Equalities Impact Assessment

The proposal does not require a Fairness and Equalities Impact Assessment.

Children and Families (Wales) Measure

Not applicable.

Consultation

As outlined in the report.

Background Papers

Cabinet Report March 2016: Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Cabinet Member Report August 2016: Consultation and Engagement

Cabinet Report September 2016: Wellbeing of Future Generations progress and Wellbeing objectives.

[Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 – The Essentials](#)

[Shared Purpose: Shared Future – Statutory Guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations](#)

[Ward Profiles 2015](#)

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2016

Community Well-being Profile



Newport

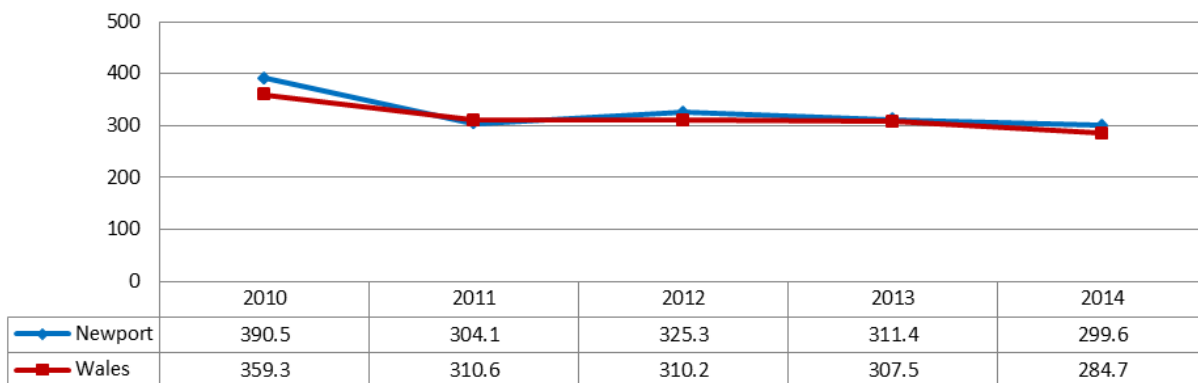
Contents
General Introduction
Section 1: Community Overview
- Introduction
- How many people live in Newport?
- What is the make-up of the population?
- What will the population be in the future?
Section 2: Economic Well-being
- Introduction
- Overview of the Economic Well-being of the community (to consider nursery education and Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and Engagement process).
- How strong is our local economy?
- How does income vary?
- How many people are claiming benefits?
- How skilled is our working age population?
- What do we know about the economic well-being of our children and young people?
- How skilled are our children and young people?
- How deprived are our communities?
Section 3: Social Well-being
- Introduction
- Overview of the Social Well-being of the community (to consider SSW population assessment, Substance Misuse Strategic Assessment, Reduction of Reoffending Strategic Assessment, Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment and the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Engagement process).
- What is the life expectancy & mortality across Newport?
- What lifestyle choices are people making?
- How healthy are adults?
- How healthy are children and young people?
- How safe are our communities?
- What are living arrangements like for people?
Section 4: Cultural Well-being
- Introduction
- Overview of the Cultural Well-being of the community (to consider the Crime & Disorder Strategic Assessment and the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Engagement process)
- How is the Welsh language used?
- How cohesive are our communities?
- What else do we know about our cultural well-being?
Section 5: Environmental Well-being
- Introduction
- Overview of the Environmental Well-being of the community (to consider the Climate Change Risk Assessment and Engagement Process)
- How likely are areas across Newport to flood?
- What are air quality & emissions levels in Newport?
- What is the carbon and ecological footprint across Newport?
- What is the perception of the local area?
- What else do we know about environmental well-being in Newport?

Assessment of Well-being Dataset Template (Example)

Life Expectancy and Mortality in Newport

Well-being Goals	<i>A healthier Wales</i>
Data Set (Population Indicator)	<i>Cardiovascular disease mortality per 100,000 population</i>
Data Source	<i>NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS)</i>

Rate of deaths due to cardiovascular disease per 100,000 population
(European age-standardised)
Source: NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS)



To include:

Situation Analysis –

- Description of the dataset
- Description of the data trend over the five years
- Explanation of what is driving these trends over the time series relevant to Newport.
- Predication of future trends over the next 25 years

