

Report

Cabinet

Part 1

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Subject **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - Newport City Council's Well-being Objectives**

Purpose To agree the Council's Well-being Objectives and supporting statement as part of its Well-being Duty under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

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Summary The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act became law in Wales on 29 April 2015. The Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. It will make the public bodies listed in the Act, including the Council, 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. Part 2 of the Act requires the Council to set and publish Well-being Objectives that are designed to maximise our contribution to the achievement of the seven Well-being Goals for Wales specified in the Act. At the same time we must publish a statement explaining why meeting the objectives will contribute to the achievement of the well-being goals and what actions we will take to meet the objectives. The Council is required to publish its Well-being Objectives and Well-being Statement by 31 March 2017.

Proposal **To agree the Council's Well-being Objectives and Well-being Statement for publication by 31 March 2017.**

Action by Chief Executive
Head of People and Business Change

Timetable Immediate

This report was prepared after consultation with:

- Chief Executive
- Strategic Directors (People and Place)
- Heads of Service
- Deputy Leader
- Cabinet Member for Skills and Work

Signed

Background

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act (WFG Act) became law in Wales on 29 April 2015. The Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing 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. To do this they must set and publish wellbeing objectives.

The Act puts in place seven wellbeing goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

The Act also puts in place a 'sustainable development principle' which tells organisations how to go about meeting their duty under the Act. Public bodies need to make sure that when making their decisions they take into account the impact they could have on people living their lives in Wales in the future. There are 5 things that public bodies need to think about to show that they have applied the sustainable development principle:

- Long term
- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

Well-being Objectives

Part 2 of the Act requires the Council to set and publish Well-being Objectives that are designed to maximise its contribution to achieving each of the seven Well-being Goals. At the same time it must publish a statement explaining why meeting the objectives will contribute to the achievement of the well-being goals and what actions it will take to meet the objectives. The Council is required to publish its well-being objectives by 31 March 2017.

To be compliant with the Act, a public body must be able to demonstrate that it has taken into account the sustainable development principle in the setting, taking steps and meeting of its well-being objectives.

Having published its Well-being Objectives by 31 March 2017, public bodies may decide that they want to change one or more of them. There is no deadline or fixed point in time where this should happen. This is particularly pertinent to local authorities bearing in mind the Council elections on 4 May. Any new Council administration in place post-election may review and revise its Well-being Objectives at any time. Where a public body revises its Well-being Objectives it must publish them as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Well-being Statement

Public bodies must publish a statement about their well-being objectives at the same time that they publish their well-being objectives. The Act requires that the statement must explain:

- Why the public body considers that its well-being objectives will contribute to the achievement of the well-being goals

- Why it considers that its well-being objectives have been set in accordance with the sustainable development principle. It must include an explanation of how it will involve people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals. Those people must reflect the diversity of the area.
- The steps to be taken to meet the well-being objectives in accordance with the sustainable development principle.
- How it will govern itself to meet the well-being objectives.
- How it will ensure that resources are allocated annually to take steps to meet its objectives.
- When it expects to meet its well-being objectives.

Corporate Plan / Improvement Plan / Well-being Objectives - Inter-relationship

The Welsh Government and the Future Generations Commissioner have made it clear that duties to set and report on wellbeing objectives should not be treated as separate from any objectives that guide and steer the actions and decisions of organisations e.g. Improvement Plan objectives. They have also set out that planning and reporting processes should be aligned and integrated. As the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 states, Improvement Objectives need to reflect the key strategic priorities of authorities and to all intents and purposes, well-being objectives and improvement objectives can be treated as one and the same. Therefore, by integrating processes for setting and reporting on these key objectives, authorities can discharge their duties under both areas of legislation.

Timetable:

The timetable as outlined by Wales Government guidance is as follows:

- **By 31 March 2017 – Councils must publish Wellbeing Objectives and Statements**

(Local authorities may re-consider well-being objectives with newly elected councils following local government elections in May. Where they do so, they must publish them as soon as is reasonably practicable.)

- **Post-Elections 2017 – Council publishes its Corporate Plan 2017-18 (including Improvement Objectives/revised Well-being Objectives)**

Councils can publish a Corporate Plan including well-being objectives following the elections when they have been properly considered, revised (if necessary) and adopted by new councils (e.g. by the end of August 2017). This would discharge the duty under the Measure (S15 (6) & (7) to publish an 'improvement' plan 'as soon as is reasonably practicable after the start of the financial year to which the plan must relate'. It is anticipated that one set of objectives would be produced to jointly discharge the separate duties to produce well-being objectives and improvement objectives.

- **By 31 October 2017 – Councils must publish their 'backward-looking' Performance Assessment 2016-17** (S15 (3)(a) Local Government Measure 2009)

- **By 30 June 2018 - Council publishes Corporate Plan 2018-19**

The emphasis in the WFG Act is that there should be an integrated approach to corporate planning in which the setting, taking steps to meet and reviewing of well-being objectives also discharges the requirements of the Local Government Measure. Councils must set improvement objectives each financial year (S3 of the Measure). In producing a single set of objectives, this process would incorporate the review and revision of any well-being objectives (as per S9 (5) and (6) of the WFG Act 2015).

- **By 31 October 2018 – Councils should publish their first Wellbeing Annual Report and Performance Assessment 2017-18** (this could/should be an integrated report)

Councils have separate duties to produce an annual performance assessment (S15(3) of the Measure) and annual wellbeing report (Schedule 1, 1(2)). These duties could/should be discharged through the publication of a single report.

Newport City Council's Well-being Objectives - Citizen Engagement

While no specific consultation has been undertaken in regard to the Council's Well-being Objectives, extensive consultation has recently been undertaken to gauge what residents like about Newport and what they would like to see more of /less of in Newport in the next 20 years. The findings from this consultation have been taken account of in the formulation of the Council's proposed Well-being Objectives.

The consultation findings can be found as an appendix to this report and are included in the Local Assessment of Well-being.

Proposal

The proposed Well-being Objectives for publication by 31 March are shown below. Links are made to the Well-being goals to which they contribute and to the objectives contained in the 2016/18 Improvement Plan which is still current.

Well-being Objective	Contribution to Well-being Goals	Link to Improvement Plan Objective
To improve skills, educational outcomes and employment opportunities	A prosperous Wales A more equal Wales	4 – City Regeneration and Development 5 – Supporting young people into education, employment or training 6 – Ensuring the best educational outcomes for children
To promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	A prosperous Wales A resilient Wales A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language A globally responsible Wales	4 – City Regeneration and Development 7 – Increasing recycling
To enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient	A healthier Wales A resilient Wales A more equal Wales A prosperous Wales A Wales of cohesive communities A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language A globally responsible Wales	1 – Improving independent living for older people 2 – Ensuring people have the right social services to meet their needs
To build cohesive and sustainable communities	A more equal Wales A Wales of cohesive communities A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language A globally responsible Wales	3 - Ensuring people have access to suitable accommodation 8 – Preventing Offending and Re-offending of young people 4 – City Regeneration and Development

The proposed Well-being Statement for publication by 31 March is attached at Appendix A.

Staffing issues

There are no staffing issues arising from this report.

Financial Summary

There are no direct costs or financial implications to the authority arising from this report.

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 to be developed and implemented, with regular briefings across the organisation. Cabinet and Council 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
Introducing wellbeing objectives and not monitoring outcomes.	Medium	Low	Well-being objectives will be reviewed as the Corporate Plan 2017 is developed, and will be monitored along with the improvement objectives as outlined in the timetable in this report.	Head of People and Business Change

* Taking account of proposed mitigation measures

Links to Council Policies and Priorities

The Wellbeing 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.

Options Available and considered

Option 1 – Approve the Well-being Objectives and Well-being Statement for submission publication by 31 March 2017

Option 2 – Suggest amendments to the Well-being objectives for publication by 31 March 2017

Preferred Option and Why

Option 1 - The Council must publish Well-being Objectives and a Well-being Statement by 31 March 2017 in order to be compliant with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The objectives can be reviewed and revised at any time. Following the local government elections in May, the new administration will have the opportunity to properly consider, revise (if necessary) and adopt as part the development of the Council's new Corporate Plan.

Comments of Chief Financial Officer

This report is asking Cabinet to agree the Council's Well-being objectives as part of its Well-being Duty under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Whilst the objectives are shown to be closely linked to our current improvement objectives and these are currently funded for achievement, it will be necessary that the on-going development of the well-being objectives and resulting action plans to deliver are closely linked to resources, in the wider sense, to ensure sufficiency. It is recommended that we clearly show the linkages between our plans/objectives and resources required to deliver in all subsequent reports on this matter and future medium term / budget papers going forward.

Comments of Monitoring Officer

The Council has a statutory duty under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to publish Well-being Objectives and a Well-being Statement by 31 March 2017. Also, the Council must demonstrate that it has taken into account the sustainable development principle in the setting, taking steps and meeting of its well-being objectives. The proposed objectives and actions reflect these well-being principles and current corporate strategies. However, they can be reviewed and revised at any time, following their publication. Therefore, there will be an opportunity, following the local government elections in May, for the new administration to reconsider these Well-being Objectives and make any necessary revisions to reflect the Council's new Corporate Strategy and Improvement Plan.

Comments of Head of People and Business Change

The Council continues to work towards implementing the requirements of the WFG Act. The approach for developing the Wellbeing Objectives was previously agreed by Cabinet and the draft Well-being Objectives and Statement presented in the report will ensure that the Council is compliant with the requirements of the Act, with a further opportunity to review the objectives through the development of the Corporate Plan in 2017 following the May local government elections.

Comments of Deputy Leader

As Chair of the One Newport Public Services Board I endorse the progress outlined in the report which will also be reported to our statutory partners. I am content that the report and consultation response pick up the key issues from the draft guidance on the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. Proper alignment of resources in order to achieve the wellbeing goals is critical and something that the Council will need to consider carefully in the development of the next Corporate and Improvement Plans.

Comments of the Cabinet Member for Community Work and Skills

I am content that sufficient engagement was undertaken during the production of One Newport's draft Well-being assessment and pleased that the engagement has been reflected in the formulation of these Well-being Objectives.

Local issues

Not applicable.

Scrutiny Committees

The Scrutiny Committees were involved in the public consultation of the Wellbeing Assessment draft document which has been used to develop the objectives outlined in the report.

Equalities Impact Assessment and the Equalities Act 2010

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

Children and Families (Wales) Measure

Not applicable

Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The proposal ensures our continued compliance with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 by putting forward Well-being Objectives and a supporting Well-being statement for agreement by Cabinet prior to publication by 31 March 2017.

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Not applicable

Consultation

Comments received from wider consultation have been incorporated in the content of the report and proposed objectives.

Background Papers

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

<https://democracy.newport.gov.uk/documents/s4690/04%20WFG%20Act%20PSB%20February2016%20DRAFT%20v2.pdf>

Cabinet Member Report August 2016: Consultation and Engagement

<https://democracy.newport.gov.uk/documents/s6287/01%20CM%20Report%20budget%20and%20WFG%20final.pdf>

Cabinet Member Report September 2016 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

<https://democracy.newport.gov.uk/documents/s6380/09%20WFG%20Act%20September2016%20FINAL.pdf>

Guide to the Act

<http://www.thewaleswewant.co.uk/about/well-being-future-generations-wales-act-2015/well-being-future-generations-wales-act-2015>

Dated: 21st February 2017

As noted in the covering report above public bodies must publish a statement about their Well-being Objectives at the same time that they publish the objectives i.e. by 31 March 2017. Newport City Council's proposed statement for approval by Cabinet is below:

Newport City Council Well-being Statement

This statement supports Newport City Council's Well-being Objectives. It explains:

- why we consider that our well-being objectives will contribute to the well-being goals;
- how our objectives have been set in accordance with the sustainable development principle;
- what steps we will take to meet the well-being objectives in accordance with the sustainable development principle;
- how we will govern ourselves to meet the well-being objectives;
- how we will ensure that resources are allocated annually to take steps to meet the our objectives;
- when we expect to meet our well-being objectives.

Contribution to the Well-being Goals and our consideration of the sustainable development principle

Our well-being objectives reflect our commitment to maximising our contribution to the well-being goals.

Each of our well-being objectives contributes to one or more of the well-being goals and have been set in accordance with the sustainable development principle as follows:

Well-being Objective	Well-being Goal	Why it will be good for Newport	Contribution to Well-being Goals
<p>To improve skills, educational outcomes and employment opportunities</p>	<p>A prosperous Wales A more equal Wales A Wales of cohesive communities</p>	<p>Long Term - Economic forecasts have identified future trends such as the increasing skills demands of employers and the contraction of unskilled and semi-skilled occupations. This could present a potential local and regional skills shortage for employers in the medium and longer term. In order to remain competitive the Newport workforce will need to respond to the skills demands of modern industry and services.</p> <p>Prevention – The Community Well-being profile points to pockets of deprivation and significant variances of opportunity and quality of life between different areas of the city. Newport will need to make sustained progress in tackling NEET (not in education or employment) rates, youth unemployment, and skills attainment and relevance if future generational cycles of poverty are to be avoided. Addressing skills requirements will prevent potential skills shortages in the future that could inhibit economic growth.</p> <p>Integration – This objective complements and supports our other Well-being Objectives: education and employment are key determinants of health; a skilled workforce will support business growth and help attract inward investment; good education and employment opportunities will help maintain cohesive communities.</p> <p>Collaboration – Successful achievement of this objective will require collaboration with partners including schools, further and higher education, training providers, employers, JobCentre Plus and Careers Wales.</p> <p>Involvement – Engagement with businesses and the education sector will be key to ensuring the most appropriate education and training offer is available.</p>	<p>The Wales We Want Future Generations Report states that children need to be given the best start in life from very early years, and that the well-being of all depends on reducing inequality and a greater value on diversity</p> <p>Through the highest standards of education and skills development, we can help children in Newport reach their potential, increase their employment opportunities and prosperity later in life.</p> <p>Through an emphasis on improving skills and educational outcomes we will also be promoting equality of opportunity and contributing to a more equal Wales.</p> <p>In addition, we will be up-skilling and strengthening the workforce to the benefit of industry and society in Newport and Wales as a whole.</p>

Well-being Objective	Well-being Goal	Why it will be good for Newport	Contribution to Well-being Goals
<p>To promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment</p>	<p>A prosperous Wales A resilient Wales A globally responsible Wales A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language</p>	<p>Long Term –The objective seeks to create prosperity and quality of life for the people of Newport now and in the future. Identified growth sectors, including renewables and technology, are key to rebalancing the city’s economic activity for the longer term and moving away from current over-reliance on the public sector.</p> <p>The objective encourages investment in future proofing the city’s infrastructure in areas such as road, rail maintenance and flood defences, while potential transformational investment projects as part of the City Deal and Great Western Cities look forward over 20 years. Growing the city’s tourism economy has the added benefit of protecting the city’s natural and heritage assets for the long term.</p> <p>Prevention – Regeneration and economic growth will reduce risks of city decline, particularly in the city centre, and help prevent increased unemployment / reduced quality of life.</p> <p>Collaboration – Working in collaboration with Welsh Government, business, education and training providers and Natural Resources Wales will be essential to achieving this objective. Working with City Deal and Great Western Cities partners will optimise economic benefits for Newport and the region.</p> <p>Integration – Integration with Newport’s Economic Growth Strategy, the Local Development Plan and all our Well-being Objectives.</p> <p>Involvement – Engagement activity pointed to a desire for more city centre investment and for more job opportunities. Looking after the city’s green infrastructure was also one of the most frequently cited “wants” for the future.</p>	<p>The Wales We Want Future Generations Report states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing in growing our local economy is essential for the well-being of future generations • Living within global environmental limits, managing our resources efficiently and valuing our environment is critical. <p>This Well-being Objective addresses both these issues.</p> <p>Our intended focus on the innovative renewable energy and digital sectors which build on existing strength, offer opportunities for growth and seek to protect the environment will contribute to creating a prosperous Wales, a resilient Wales and a globally responsible Wales.</p> <p>The objective recognises that protecting our green infrastructure and our heritage / cultural assets is fundamental to our tourism economy, as well as contributing to health and well-being and supporting our inward investment offer.</p>

Well-being Objective	Well-being Goal	Why it will be good for Newport	Contribution to Well-being Goals
<p>To enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient</p>	<p>A healthier Wales A resilient Wales A more equal Wales A prosperous Wales A Wales of cohesive communities A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language A globally responsible Wales</p>	<p>Long Term – Life Expectancy and Healthy Life Expectancy are increasing in Newport, however there continues to be significant health inequalities between those living in areas of the highest levels of deprivation compared with those living in areas of lower deprivation. The latest life expectancy data shows an inequality gap of 9.9 years for men and 7.2 years for women. As for healthy life expectancy the inequality gap is 18.2 years for men and 20.1 for women. With an ageing population it is important to enable people to be as well as possible now and in to the future and provide support along the way when appropriate. This will reduce the dependency and pressure on more acute services going forward.</p> <p>Prevention – Applying a preventative approach to health is paramount to enabling people to manage their own health and wellbeing and preventing illness. Evidence suggests that people adhering to healthy lifestyle behaviour are less likely to develop life threatening diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and dementia.</p> <p>Integration – This objective supports The Healthier Wales Wellbeing Goal but support most of the others. Good physical and mental wellbeing enable people to participate fully in all aspects of life across the wellbeing goals (economic, social, cultural and environmental).</p> <p>Collaboration – Working together with partners such as Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Public Health Wales and the 3rd Sector is essential to achieving this objective.</p> <p>Involvement – Feedback from engagement activity suggests more support to vulnerable or disadvantaged groups including people with disabilities for the future.</p>	<p>How healthy, independent and resilient people are has a wider impact on all other aspects of their life. Whether they can work, attend education, take part in social activities and contribute to their communities is all influenced by this objective. This is why this objective is fundamental to all the Well-being Goals.</p> <p>The Wales We want Future Generations Report states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need to be given the best start in life from very early years • Well-being of all depends on reducing inequality and a greater value on diversity <p>We recognise the importance of prevention at an early age to improve and maintain well-being and to help tackle inequalities</p>

Well-being Objective	Well-being Goal	Why it will be good for Newport	Contribution to Well-being Goals
<p>To build cohesive and sustainable communities</p>	<p>A more equal Wales A Wales of cohesive communities A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language A globally responsible Wales.</p>	<p>Long Term – Recent engagement identified that an increased focus on strengthening community resilience and building on their assets was required in the next 20 years. Relevant activities include, promotion of parks and open spaces, promotion of the Welsh language, land use planning for sustainable communities, prevention of youth offending.</p> <p>Prevention, relevant activities include – deliberate fire starting, youth offending, anti-social behaviour (ASB), PREVENT programme, homelessness prevention</p> <p>The recent work to tackle community safety/cohesion issues in Pill recognises the need for a long term vision and strategy, which integrates with the economy and skills and health and wellbeing work areas, based on prevention and intervention e.g. youth offending. Furthermore this work will need to involve the community in identifying and addressing the issues that concern them. Success will depend on strong collaboration between public services, the third sector and the community.</p> <p>Integration/collaboration, relevant activities include – land use planning strategy, holistic strategies to tackle ASB, integrated youth offending services, multi-agency community cohesion programmes.</p> <p>Involvement – multi-agency engagement processes and arrangements are being developed. The engagement on the Wellbeing Assessment marked a new collaborative approach and increased the involvement of hard to reach groups. Engagement activity has suggested that maintaining community networks, families and activities was important. A reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour came out also came out strongly.</p>	<p>The Wales We want Future Generations Report states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future generations need thriving communities built on a strong sense of place • Well-being of all depends on reducing inequality and a greater value on diversity • Celebrating success, valuing our heritage, culture and language will strengthen our identity for future generations • Greater engagement in the democratic process, a stronger citizen voice and active participation in decision making is fundamental for the well-being of future generations <p>The Community Wellbeing Profile (CWP) noted a small decrease in the proportion of Welsh speakers in the Newport population, and a Welsh Language Strategy is in place to promote the use of Welsh and supporting Welsh medium education. The CWP also noted public concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour and some evidence of racial/ethnic tensions. CWP engagement work also noted the importance the public placed on cultural assets e.g. libraries, theatre, open spaces in terms of community cohesion and wellbeing.</p>

The steps we will take to achieve our Well-being Objectives

Wellbeing Objective 1 – To improve skills, education and employment opportunities

The steps:

1	Improve school attainment levels and ensure best educational outcomes for children
2	Support young people into education, employment and training
3	Reduce inequalities in education by improving educational outcomes for pupils disadvantaged by poverty
4	Improve basic skill levels and increase personal capacity to assist more people to enter sustained employment, training or education
5	Produce and implement a strategy for the delivery of Adult Community Learning and lifelong learning opportunities
6	Development of digital skills through support for schools and community IT programmes including a Digital Inclusion Charter
7	Improve school attendance, reduce exclusions and improve safeguarding and wellbeing

Wellbeing Objective 2 – To promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment

The steps:

1	Specialise in high value business growth
2	Grow the economy as part of the wider region – collaboration for competition
3	Promote and innovate for entrepreneurship, support indigenous development
4	Create an economic environment to support population growth
5	Deliver a digital strategy with improved connectivity in the city with access for citizens, partners and businesses
6	Recognise and promote the importance of fast, reliable and frequent public transport links for the connectivity of the city
7	Maintain our focus on regenerating the city centre to become one of the UK's top cities
8	Maximise environmental opportunities
9	Work with communities and schools on a range of countryside, biodiversity and recycling related matters
10	Increase household recycling and divert waste from landfill
11	Protect and promote local built and natural assets and cultural heritage
12	Support compliance within reputable businesses and investigate rogue traders to maintain a fair and safe trading environment

Wellbeing Objective 3 – To enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient**The steps:**

1	Support people to remain living independently in their homes and communities
2	Work with partners to promote healthy lifestyles and support the prevention, early intervention and self-management of illness
3	Support children to remain safely with their families
4	Support all schools to work towards the National Quality Award for Healthy Schools
5	Work towards Newport becoming a recognised Dementia Friendly City
6	Improve opportunities for Active Travel
7	Regulate residential dwellings to ensure provision of safe homes
8	Work towards improved air quality
9	Regulate businesses and support consumers/residents to protect and improve health

Wellbeing Objective 4 – To build cohesive and sustainable communities**The steps:**

1	Deliver a community cohesion programme that creates opportunities for communities to interact with one another
2	Prevent offending and re-offending of young people
3	Develop sustainable communities through the provision of good quality, accessible and affordable housing
4	Prevent and tackle instances of antisocial behaviour impacting upon the residents and the business community including general poor behaviour, noise nuisance, fly tipping, illegal alcohol sales to children and doorstep crime
5	Work with key partners to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime, and improve community cohesion and wellbeing in Pillgwenlly, and use this area focussed model to inform potential future programmes in other areas of Newport.
6	Work towards increasing the number of Welsh speakers and promote the Welsh language in all parts of life
7	Deliver a sustainable library service and varied cultural offer
8	Work with key partners to promote the city's parks, open spaces and coastal path
9	Develop opportunities for community involvement, participation and engagement

How we will involve people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and how those people will reflect the diversity of the area.

Involvement

In response to the increased prominence Wellbeing of Future Generations Act places on involvement and engagement the Policy, Partnership and Involvement team has set up a multi-agency engagement group to share resources, coordinate activities and improve access to hard to reach groups. This group coordinated public engagement on the Community Wellbeing Profile and will continue to plan future engagement work. By working with partners particularly in the third sector, the Council and PSB have been able to make use of the community reach, expertise and links with different groups.

The Community Wellbeing Profile engagement programme was planned to include opportunities to involve a diversity of the population, which included age ranges, young people and families, BME groups, disabled people, older people, LGBT communities and people with English language difficulties. This contributed to a response rate approaching 1,800. This approach will be further developed in the future. In addition to this emerging areas of work are presenting opportunities for enhanced engagement e.g. through youth forums and with local resident groups (Pill Area Focus work) and community asset transfer models (Maindee Unlimited).

Governance

The Council is publishing its Well-being Objectives by 31 March 2017. However, post the local government elections in May 2017, the new administration will have the opportunity to review them, revise them if necessary and adopt them as part of the development of the Corporate Plan.

The Well-being Objectives will be delivered alongside all other council work included in the Service Plans for 17/18. The service plan template has been amended to put the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 at the centre of service area planning. Service plans are developed for a one year period at the beginning of each financial year. They are subject to the usual governance arrangements, consideration by Scrutiny and approved by Cabinet Member.

Progress against Well-being Objectives will be monitored in the following ways: reports to Cabinet, in depth monitoring for each Well-being Objective, mid-year and year end monitoring of Service Plans through Scrutiny and Cabinet Member update reports on the Improvement Plan and performance monitoring reports to the Corporate Management Team.

The Council will publish a Well-being Annual Report and Performance Assessment.

Work is ongoing to examine our existing approaches and make changes to ensure that in our ways of working we are compliant with the requirements and embracing the spirit of the Act, Support for this includes changes to key processes and documentation and engagement with partner organisations.

Resource allocation

The Medium Term Financial Plan drives the council's financial planning and annual budget preparation. A key objective of the plan is to ensure that council priorities and plans are funded. It is updated annually and enables the council to review the financial challenges over the medium term.

Resource allocation will be managed through the annual service planning process which considers resources and from 2017-18 will link clearly with Wellbeing Objectives. This is also supported by the Improvement Plan, which through 2017-18 will be further aligned with the Well-being Objectives in line with national guidance.

Timescales

The Council will achieve its objectives within the medium term with demonstrable progress made over the life of the Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022. The objectives will be reviewed following local government elections 2017 through the new corporate plan development.

The Well-being Objectives as set out in this statement also link to existing work with timescales as set out in the Improvement and service delivery plans. Business cases for change will also need to consider the requirements of the Act.

Newport City Council Draft Well-being Assessment – Citizen Engagement 2016

The consultation findings have been used to inform the setting of the Council's Well-being Objectives.

Consultation findings

This analysis looks at responses to two particular questions in the Your Newport survey 2016 as follows:

- What are the things you like most about living in Newport? (Up to 3 things).
- What do you think your community would like to see more / less of in the next 20 years?

There were no multiple choice questions. All the responses were unprompted and respondents were able to comment openly and freely. This means that responses were very wide ranging and individualised which has resulted in relatively low figures for many of the issues raised. This suggests that wellbeing is a personalised concept and means different things to different people. Despite this several common themes did emerge as being important to a significant proportion of respondents' wellbeing and these are highlighted below.

Economic Well-being

The overwhelming message coming from survey comments about Newport's economy is the popularity of the regeneration of the city centre and Friars Walk. Of the whole survey, this was the aspect of city life most often referred to by respondents, with over one third of all respondents saying they liked the city's shops / restaurants (97 references), Friars Walk (94 references) or new development (43 references). This is likely to contrast strongly with views held on the city centre just two years ago.

"Friars Walk has given a much better social element to Newport" "Newport currently feels like a lively up and coming city, with some nice new shops and restaurants." "Love the town centre (Friars Walk) as it's made a huge difference"

Respondents were also keen to see further regeneration. 75 respondents said they would like to see more regeneration /improvements to High Street and Commercial Street and more shops in the future. 12 people said they would like fewer empty shops.

"The improvement to the city and the opening of new businesses. The city centre has been improved dramatically but there are still parts to be improved."

Regarding employment, 37 people wanted more job opportunities in Newport and a further 26 said they would like to see a thriving economy with more support for businesses and more business investment attracted to the city.

"More support for town centre businesses to build on success of Friars Walk" "More offices in the city centre" "More jobs"

Newport residents clearly see the city's location and accessibility as positive benefits with 116 out of 662 respondents referring to access to the M4/ transport connections as good things about living in Newport.

Traffic congestion was an issue for some with 26 people saying they would like to see lower congestion levels. 25 respondents referred to the need for an M4 bypass or other road improvements including better maintenance.

While 26 respondents listed public transport as a positive aspect of the city, a greater number (46 people) said they would like to see more or improved public transport in the future.

18 people referred to house prices and the cost of living as positives for Newport.

Respondents also referred to the city's schools with 9 respondents commenting that good schools were one of the things they liked about living here. 23 people said they would like to see more investment in Newport schools.

"Better school infrastructures" "Continue improving schools" "Improved schools"

14 people commented that they wanted to see less new housing development, particularly without supporting infrastructure.

In addition to the open response questions, local people were also asked their views on whether Newport is a good place to live, and whether it is becoming a better place to live. The results are as shown in the following table and indicate 55% of people thought that Newport was currently a good place to live, with less than 18% in disagreement, but almost 70% of people thought that Newport was becoming a better place to live (Strongly agree + agree).

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No reply
Newport is a good place to live	No. of people	61	298	174	82	33	14
	% of people	9.41%	45.99%	26.85%	12.65%	5.09%	
Newport is becoming a better place to live	No. of people	143	299	108	62	27	23
	% of people	22.38%	46.79%	16.90%	9.70%	4.23%	

A second survey format was undertaken through the Newport Citizens Panel and Communities First clients with 397 responses received. The results are set out in the following table. Key findings include:

- 84% of respondents thought that Newport has gone through regeneration in recent years
- 19% thought that Newport has a strong economy
- 14% thought that there are enough jobs to be found in Newport
- 18% thought that people in Newport have enough money to run their households

Statement	Yes		No		Unsure		No reply
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
There are enough jobs to be found in Newport	56	14.32%	179	45.78%	156	39.90%	6
Education and skill levels are good in Newport	134	34.27%	94	24.04%	163	41.69%	6
There are enough opportunities for everyone to learn	178	45.29%	103	26.21%	112	28.50%	4
Newport is a good place for businesses	183	47.16%	68	17.53%	137	35.31%	9
People in Newport have enough money to run their households	71	18.35%	161	41.60%	155	40.05%	10
Newport has a strong economy	75	19.33%	143	36.86%	170	43.81%	9
Newport has gone through regeneration in recent years	322	84.29%	16	4.19%	44	11.52%	15

Environmental Well-being

The responses that relate to Environmental Well-being are as follows:

“I love its open and wooded green areas”

Newport’s green space is clearly valued by the city’s residents with almost a quarter of respondents mentioning open space on their survey forms. 86 respondents referenced parks and green open spaces as something they liked about living in the city, a further 60 people listed access to the surrounding countryside as a positive for Newport and 9 people mentioned cycle paths.

In terms of the future, 81 people also said that they wanted to see green spaces better maintained or more green spaces created, including cycle paths and children’s play areas.

“The rural areas surrounding the city” “Easy access to beautiful countryside to walk etc”

“Beautiful walks along the coast, country and wetlands”

“How green the city is. There are lovely trees, woodlands and parks scattered among the city and these should be kept. They increase the value of properties and are beneficial for people’s wellbeing.”

“More green areas with parks for children on new housing estates”

30 people referred to the city’s compact size as beneficial, giving easy access to services and facilities:

“[Newport] has all the facilities I enjoy close to hand (theatres, outdoors, gym classes) easy to get around – Newport is a nice size, so travelling from one place to another does not take much time.”

“Compact and accessible with good bus and train services. Not far to go to be in the countryside but with benefits of city life.”

The issues most often raised as having negative impacts were litter and fly-tipping (mentioned 56 times). In addition 28 respondents said they would like cleaner streets with a further 5 people calling for more litter bins or regular refuse collections in the city:

“Less litter and fly-tipping” “More spent on street cleaning” “More litter bins around town”

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- 83% of people who were able to enjoy outdoor spaces
- 24% of people thought that the development and protection of land was well balanced
- 26% of people thought Newport is free from pollution
- 36% of people thought Newport has attractive, clean and safe neighbourhoods

Statement	Yes		No		Unsure		No reply
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Newport has attractive, clean and safe neighbourhoods	136	36.17%	160	42.55%	80	21.28%	21
Newport has an attractive, clean and safe city centre	154	40.53%	159	41.84%	67	17.63%	17
Wildlife and natural habitats are well protected	187	48.45%	67	17.36%	132	34.20%	11
I am able to enjoy outdoor spaces	322	83.85%	43	11.20%	19	4.95%	13
Newport is well protected from flooding	137	36.05%	62	16.32%	181	47.63%	17
The development and protection of land is well balanced	93	24.16%	78	20.26%	214	55.58%	12
Transport and travel works well in Newport	205	53.95%	111	29.21%	64	16.84%	17
Newport is free from pollution e.g. clean air, rivers, etc.	103	26.96%	138	36.13%	141	36.91%	15

Social and Community Well-being

Many respondents pointed to their relationships with others (family, friends, neighbours) as reasons for enjoying living in Newport while 33 respondents referred to the friendliness of Newport people:

“Newport people” “Friendly people” “The people in Newport are very welcoming” “Nice people”

A sense of community and good community spirit in Newport came through strongly in the survey with 29 people making reference to this. A further 50 respondents cited community groups as positive:

“Community spirit in many local areas”; “Community groups involving members of the public” “Good community group supporting people in Alway” “There is a sense of community – people tend to support each other.”

Survey respondents also see it as important to maintain community networks, facilities and activities into the future with 48 people saying they would like to see more of this type of community focus in the next 20 years.

Ten per cent of all respondents cited access to public services and facilities as things they liked about life in the Newport.

Increased policing and reductions in crime and anti-social behaviour came out strongly as intentions for the future. Ten per cent of all respondents said they would like to see more of a police presence; 96 people said they would like to see a drop in antisocial behaviour including substance abuse, drunken behaviour, violence, vandalism and graffiti; 25 people commented that they would like to see a reduction in crime.

There were 51 references to providing more support to vulnerable or disadvantaged groups in the future including people with disabilities, the elderly and the homeless. There were also 55 references to the need for more facilities / provision for children and young people.

“More things for teens” “More support for older generation including suitable housing for people with physical or psychological disability”

Thirty-two people said they would like to see better health provision across a range of areas including primary health care, mental health support and dental practices.

“Upgrade health services” “easy to access and efficient health services” “new hospital”

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- 85% of people were able to use the internet and online services.
- 45% thought that people from different backgrounds get on well together
- 75% of people felt safe in their local area, but 51% felt safe in the city centre
- 22% thought that vulnerable people get the support that they need.
- 77% of people thought that they have a good social life
- 78% thought that the environment that they live in and the opportunities available allow them to keep physically active

Statement	Yes		No		Unsure		No reply
	No. of people	%	No. of people	%	No. of people	%	
There are opportunities for me to play a part in my community	271	70.57%	42	10.94%	71	18.49%	13
I feel safe in my local area	289	74.68%	68	17.57%	30	7.75%	10
I feel safe in the city centre	195	51.59%	119	31.48%	64	16.93%	19
There are enough opportunities for children to play	149	38.60%	137	35.49%	100	25.91%	11
I am able to use the internet and online services	330	85.94%	38	9.90%	16	4.17%	13

I have a good social life	299	77.46%	69	17.88%	18	4.66%	11
People from different backgrounds get on well in Newport	174	45.08%	55	14.25%	157	40.67%	11
Newport is a good place to raise children	192	49.48%	70	18.04%	126	32.47%	9
Vulnerable people get the support they need	87	22.83%	98	25.72%	196	51.44%	16
The environment that live in has a positive effect on my wellbeing	246	63.73%	66	17.10%	74	19.17%	11
People can access the health care they need when they are unwell	212	55.06%	97	25.19%	76	19.74%	12
People have access to affordable healthy food	247	64.32%	75	19.53%	62	16.15%	13
The environment that I live in and the opportunities available allow me to keep physically active	302	78.44%	45	11.69%	38	9.87%	12
There are opportunities available for me to improve my health and wellbeing e.g. stop smoking, weight management, alcohol & drug services, etc.	250	64.60%	32	8.27%	105	27.13%	10

Cultural Well-being

The responses that relate to Cultural Well-being point to the popularity of Newport's sport and leisure facilities. The survey ranks sport and leisure provision as the third most popular aspect of life in the city with 79 people citing this something they like. Twenty four people said they would like to see additional sport and leisure provision in the future.

"Sports facilities are fantastic" "Great sports facilities" "Leisure facilities are excellent – velodrome, rugby, football."

Roughly an equal number of people said that they liked the city's arts venues (37 respondents) the city's libraries (38 respondents) and the city's heritage and places to visit (36 respondents).

Sixteen people said they liked the city's events with 26 saying they would like to see more events taking place.

Welsh language provision was commented on by five people, four of whom wanting to see more provision

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- 87% of people who thought that there are opportunities to enjoy sports and the arts
- 89% of people who thought that there are opportunities to take part in sports and leisure
- 49% of people who thought that there are opportunities to speak the Welsh language

Statement	Yes		No		Unsure		No reply
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
There are opportunities to enjoy sports & the arts e.g. film, theatre, art, dance, etc.	337	87.99%	21	5.48%	25	6.53%	14
There are opportunities to take part in the arts	212	55.50%	33	8.64%	137	35.86%	15

Statement	Yes		No		Unsure		No reply
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
There are opportunities to take part in sports and leisure	345	89.38%	11	2.85%	30	7.77%	11
There are opportunities to learn about history and local heritage	261	67.62%	32	8.29%	93	24.09%	11
There are opportunities to speak the Welsh language	185	49.47%	46	12.30%	143	38.24%	23