



REPORT TO BRYN Y CWM COMMITTEE 25th JULY 2018:

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL TOWN STRATEGY

Background

Under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, Abergavenny Town Council as a larger local council has a duty to show how it is contributing to the Monmouthshire Wellbeing Plan. It will do this through an annual report with the first one due in 2019.

Many of the current activities undertaken by the Town Council currently contribute to the Monmouthshire PSB Well Being Plan. However, the Town Council has identified that in light of this duty and as it is good practice that a Town Council Strategy should be prepared. The objectives and actions within the Monmouthshire PSB Wellbeing Plan will inform the Town Council's future strategy as will other relevant strategies and plans.

Town Council Strategy

To assist the Town Council consider and agree its priorities for the remainder of this term, the Town Council has appointed an independent facilitator who has experience of visioning and strategy development work.

Councillors will be attending a strategy away-day. It was hoped that this would have taken place before the summer holidays but that was not possible so a date has been fixed in early September. The agenda for the day will be to focus on the strategic objectives for the council i.e. what should the Town Council be doing as well as process objectives i.e. how should the Council deliver these strategic objectives.

Discussions have already started on potential priorities, but these have been through informal discussions at Committees rather than being captured in a systematic way.

Timescale

The aim will be to have a Strategy agreed in time for discussions on the budget for 2019/20 which commence in October/November 2018

Report back to Bryn y Cwm Committee

Abergavenny Town Council will be able to provide an update report to the next meeting on 26th September.