

**SUBJECT: Public Services Board Well-being Plan Annual Report**

**MEETING: Public Services Select Committee**

**DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED: All**

## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To provide the Select Committee with the Public Services Board's Annual Report for scrutiny of their performance in 2021/22 in delivering the objectives of the well-being plan.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The committee is invited to use the annual report to help shape its work programme for the year ahead and consider where PSB partners will need to be held to account in future meetings for the delivery of collaborative approaches to improve well-being in Monmouthshire.
- 2.2 The committee is invited to examine the annual report to ensure it presents a clear overview of progress towards objectives set in the PSB's well-being plan.

## **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The Well-being of Future Generations Act aims to ensure that public bodies 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. As part of this duty each Public Service Board must prepare and publish a local well-being plan setting out its local objectives and the steps it proposes to take to meet them.
- 4.2 Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan was approved by Monmouthshire PSB in April 2018 and published at the beginning of May that year. The statutory guidance underpinning the Act requires the Board to prepare and publish an annual report that describes the steps taken to meet the objectives and can also include any other information which the Board feels appropriate.
- 3.3 Previous work undertaken by the Monmouthshire PSB has included the establishment of the multi-agency Early Help Panel within the county. This panel receives referrals for children and young people who need help and support, acting quickly to address this need on an individual basis. The Early Help panel has been embedded into practice, and appropriately resourced and optimised to meet the varied demands for early intervention, with consistent involvement from relevant organisations. The PSB also supported the development and implementation of the pan-Gwent integrated system of emotional and mental well-being for children and young people, utilising the Gwent-wide model developed and funded through the Welsh Government Transformation Fund. The Early Help Panel in Monmouthshire was the blueprint and catalyst for the Gwent wide Space Wellbeing panel model, with the learning taken from our work locally.
- 3.4 The Monmouthshire PSB has also been actively working at a regional level to drive action through collaboration on a larger footprint. The Climate Ready Gwent network, initiated through the Gwent Strategic Well-being Action Group (GSWAG) and led by NRW, aims to facilitate change on the regional scale. By working together, this diverse network aims to accelerate public sector activities around collaborative decarbonisation and climate adaptation, equipping people and places with the means to overcome the challenges ahead. Monmouthshire as a key PSB partner of Climate Ready Gwent as seen the delivery of 62 new dual electric vehicle 22kw fast charging units installed at 34 sites across Gwent, Gwent specific Carbon Literacy training was co-developed and rolled out across public sector bodies. In addition, CRG has also been supporting

the Centre for Local Economic Studies (CLES) project on progressive procurement, that has been funded by WG to work with a cluster of public sector “anchor institutions” to effect systemic change in local economies across Wales with a specific focus on progressive procurement approaches. CRG officers have supported this work and two of the areas of focus also incorporate decarbonisation outcomes e.g., decarbonisation of housing stock and localising food supply chains. This work is on-going and will now sit under the newly formed Gwent PSB.

- 4.3 This is the fourth annual report, reporting on progress of the PSB towards delivering the objectives set out in the Wellbeing Plan between April 2021 and March 2022. During 2021/22 the Monmouthshire Public Services Board merged with the other four Public Services Board in Gwent to form a Gwent-Wide Public Service Board. The Monmouthshire well-being plan sets the direction until 2023 when a new Gwent-wide well-being plan will be agreed. The plan will continue to be delivered by local partnership arrangements in Monmouthshire. Following scrutiny by the Committee the report will be presented to the Monmouthshire Local Delivery Group (Programme Board), as the official locality subgroup of the Gwent Public Services Board, for approval and then be published on the PSB’s webpages.
- 4.4 This report provides an update on the activity delivered by the PSB during 2021/22 on the objectives in its well-being plan. With a substantial focus of PSB partners on the pandemic there has been a lessened focus in progressing some areas of the PSB’s well-being objectives. The report sets out how partners have evolved and adjusted delivery under the objectives, including responding to the pandemic. The report also contains an overview of the activity Community & Town Councils have delivered over the last year contributing the PSB well-being objectives and data for the national well-being indicators prescribed by Welsh Government.
- 4.5 A Gwent-wide well-being assessment, that includes an assessment of well-being in Monmouthshire and the local communities within it has been developed during 2021/22. Informed by this a new Gwent Well-being Plan is being developed by the Gwent PSB to commence in 2023 in line with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. This will set overarching well-being objectives which will be met by regional and local activity. It is worth also noting that in this interim period, the Monmouthshire PSB and Programme Board, have agreed a set of priorities important to our county, which will drive local action. These are:
- Environment
  - Health Inequality (Mental Health & Obesity)
  - Economy & Skills
  - Inequality
- 4.6 The Programme Board in Monmouthshire (Local Delivery Partnership) will lead Monmouthshire’s role in local delivery of regional actions as well as delivering partnership activity specific to Monmouthshire, ensuring the well-being needs of Monmouthshire are prioritised locally and integrated with regional delivery as appropriate. The committee will be provided with updates on the development of the wellbeing being plan in line with the scrutiny arrangements being developed for the Gwent PSB.

## **5. REASONS:**

- 5.1 To improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of our county and work towards the aspirations outlined in the Well-being of Future Generations Act and meet the associated legislative requirements set out in the underpinning statutory guidance.
- 5.2 To ensure democratic accountability of the Public Service Board through the appropriate overview and scrutiny provided by the Select Committee.

## **6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no resource implications attached to this report

**7. EQUALITY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 This report presents an evaluation of progress, and no implications are identified as a result.

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