

SUBJECT: Gwent Public Services Board Draft Wellbeing Plan 2023 - 2028

MEETING: Public Services Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 1st March 2023

DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide to the Scrutiny Committee, the final draft of the Gwent Public Services Board Wellbeing Plan 2023-2028, for consideration and comment.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The committee scrutinises the draft Wellbeing Plan and provide feedback to the chair of the Gwent PSB, and Monmouthshire County Council representative members of the PSB, ahead of its consideration and approval.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The intention of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act is to improve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of Wales, by acting in accordance with the sustainable development principle aimed at achieving seven national wellbeing goals.
- 3.2 The Act puts a wellbeing duty on specified public bodies to act jointly via Public Services Boards (PSB) to improve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of their area by contributing to the achievement of the wellbeing goals. Public services boards' contribution to the achievement of the goals must include:
- assessing the state of economic, social, environmental, and cultural wellbeing in their areas setting local objectives that are designed to maximise their contribution within their areas to achieving those goals
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 - the taking of all reasonable steps by statutory members of boards (in exercising their functions) to meet those objectives
- 3.3 The Gwent Public Services Board (PSB), a statutory board under the Act, was established in September 2021, following the disbandment of local PSBs across Gwent.
- 3.4 The Gwent PSB undertook a regional Wellbeing assessment which reviewed the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing in Gwent. The assessment used a wide range of qualitative and quantitative information including data, academic research, evidence, and people's views (engagement) to help understand Wellbeing in Gwent, Monmouthshire, and communities within the county. The assessment took an asset-based approach, rather than focussing purely on need, to build upon and identify the strengths of both individuals and communities and it also identified problems and challenges that need to be addressed. The evidence and key issues identified in the assessment have been used to develop the draft Wellbeing Plan for Gwent.
- 3.5 The draft Wellbeing Plan is the first wellbeing plan of the regional Public Services Board, and it aims to set out the wellbeing objectives of the Gwent PSB and the steps it intends to take to meet those objectives.

- 3.6 The final Wellbeing Plan must be published within 12 months of an election i.e., by the 5th of May 2023 and is subject to a range of formal consultation and approval processes. The Public Services Scrutiny Committee were a formal statutory consultee under Section 43 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, and previously received the first draft of the Gwent Wellbeing plan for consideration and feedback on 28th November 2022.
- 3.7 Following the statutory consultation period, the draft wellbeing plan has now set out two key objectives for the region, informed by the data, evidence, and feedback from a broad range of contributors and audiences. The feedback has been considered and has helped to shape the two main objectives and steps in the final draft of the plan; the two main objectives are now;
- **OBJECTIVE 1: *We want to create a fairer, more equitable and inclusive Gwent for all***
 - **OBJECTIVE 2: *We want to create a more climate-aware Gwent, where our environment is valued and protected, ensuring our wellbeing now and for future generations***
- 3.8 The Gwent PSB is continuing to work with Professor Michael Marmot and the Institute of Health Equity, based at the University College London, as part of the Gwent Marmot pilot region. This work will be embedded through activity and delivery of the plan, which will be aimed at reducing inequality and inequity between populations guided by the eight Marmot principles which encompass the determinants of wellbeing, the eight principles are;
- Give every child the best start in life
 - Enable all children, young people, and adults to maximise their capabilities
 - and have control over their lives
 - Create fair employment and good work for all
 - Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
 - Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
 - Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention
 - Tackle racism, discrimination, and their outcomes
 - Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together
- 3.9 The Gwent PSB will receive the final draft Wellbeing Plan on 16th March 2023, which will allow them to comment or amend the plan before it is formally agreed for the region.
- 3.10 It is also worth noting that once the Gwent Wellbeing Plan has been agreed, a local delivery plan for Monmouthshire will subsequently be developed by the Monmouthshire Programme Board (official Local Delivery Group of the Gwent PSB) to establish delivery of the regional priorities at a local level, and to also deliver on priorities that are unique to Monmouthshire.

4. **RESOURCES**

- 4.1 The Wellbeing Plan sets a strategic direction for the Gwent PSB. Specific projects to help achieve the wellbeing objectives will be developed once the plan is agreed. Where additional funding will be required, costed recommendations will be made to the appropriate decision maker.

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

- 5.1 The Gwent Wellbeing Plan has been developed in line with equalities legislation and the sustainable development principle, including Wellbeing goals, under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. The draft plan applies the ways of working outlined in the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. Impact assessments will be completed to inform the delivery plans under the Gwent Wellbeing plan.

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