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Notice of meeting

Bryn y Cwm Area Committee

Wednesday, 14th March, 2018 at 1.00 pm
Gilwern Community Centre, Common Road, Gilwern, NP7 0DS

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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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County Councillors:	M. Groucutt
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	G. Howard
	S. Howarth
	D. Jones
	S.B. Jones
	S. Jones
	P. Jordan
	M. Lane
	M. Powell
	J. Pratt
	T. Thomas
	K. Williams
	S. Woodhouse

Town / Community Council representatives:

Abergavenny Town Council	-	Councillor P. Simcock
Crucorney Community Council	-	Vacancy
Goetre Fawr Community Council	-	Councillor O. Dodd
Grosmont Community Council	-	Vacancy
Llanarth Community Council	-	Vacancy
Llanelly Community Council	-	Councillor G. Nelmes
Llanfoist Fawr Community Council	-	Councillor J. Webster
Llanover Community Council	-	Councillor G. Thomas
Llantilio Pertholey Community Council	-	Councillor M. Skinner

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Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Bryn y Cwm Area Committee held
at The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Abergavenny on Wednesday, 17th January, 2018 at
1.00 pm**

PRESENT: County Councillor S. Woodhouse (Vice-Chair)

County Councillors: R. Harris, S. Howarth, P. Jordan, M. Powell, J. Pratt, T. Thomas and K. Williams

Abergavenny Town Council: Councillor P. Simcock
Goetre Fawr Community Council: Councillor O. Dodd
Llanover Community Council: Councillor G. Thomas
Llantilio Pertholey Community Council: Councillor M. Skinner

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Roger Hoggins	Head of Operations
Sharran Lloyd	LSB Development Manager
Owen Wilce	Communities and Partnership Development Lead
Martin Davies	Planning Policy Manager
Jill Edge	Senior Planning Policy Officer
Sarah Jones	Senior Planning Policy Officer
Ian Brain	Project Engineer
Rob Davies	Assistant Engineer
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

ALSO ON ATTENDANCE:

Mr. P. Johns	-	Team Abergavenny
Mr. H. Candler	-	Team Abergavenny
Ms. J. Lee	-	Town Clerk, Abergavenny Town Council
Mr. A. Edwards	-	Clerk, Llanelly Community Council
Councillor N. Tatam	-	Abergavenny Town Council
Mrs. J. Barnes	-	CAIR
Mr. D. Haswell		

APOLOGIES:

County Councillors: M. Groucutt, G. Howard, D. Jones, S. Jones and M.Lane.
Councillors: G. Nelmes and J. Webster.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

2. Public Open Forum

An issue was raised in respect of the Abergavenny Public Realm. However, as there was already an item on the agenda in respect of this matter, the issue was addressed later in the meeting under this item.

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3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee meeting dated 15th November 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chair.

In doing so, it was noted that Full Council, at its meeting on 14th December 2017, had agreed to a temporary amendment to the constitution of the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee to allow town and community council members who sit on the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee voting rights for the duration of the area working pilot, ending in September 2018. The quorum of the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee will be one quarter of the whole number of voting members. There will be 23 voting members with a quorum of six voting members being required to be in attendance.

Goetre Fawr Community Council confirmed that its representative on the Area Committee was Councillor Owen Dodd.

4. Monmouthshire Local Development Plan Draft Review Report Consultation

We received a draft report regarding the Monmouthshire Local Development Plan (LDP) Review.

The Area Committee was informed that the County Council is seeking stakeholder views on the matters set out in the Draft Review Report. Views are sought on the issues that should be considered in any review of the LDP, together with the subsequent potential changes required to the LDP.

Stakeholders are invited to comment on and suggest any additional issues and / or changes that should be considered in the full review of the LDP. Any comments should be supported by evidence. Opinions are also sought on whether the changes identified warrant a short form or full revision to the LDP.

It was noted that it is important to engage / consult with stakeholders on the Draft Review Report in order to gain views on how the adopted Plan is functioning and what changes are likely to be needed to the revised LDP. Notifications have been sent to those LDP consultees identified in the Welsh Government Local Development Manual including specific consultation bodies, UK Government departments and general / other consultation bodies.

All town and community councils have been consulted, along with those individuals and organisations that are currently on the LDP Review consultation database. The consultation runs from Monday 11th December 2017 to 5th February 2018. All consultation replies will be analysed and responses / amendments reported for Monmouthshire County Council's consideration when seeking a resolution to finalise the Review Report with a view to formally commencing the LDP revision process.

Having received the report it was noted that the Welsh Government planning legislation provides the opportunity for Strategic Development Plans (SDP) to come forward at the regional level. However, it was noted that local issues within Monmouthshire also

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needed to be addressed, hence the requirement for Monmouthshire's LDP to be revised.

We resolved to note the contents of the Draft Review Report.

5. Abergavenny Public Realm - Verbal Update on Progress

We received a verbal update by the Head of Operations regarding progress in respect of the Abergavenny Public Realm. In doing so, the following points were noted:

- A meeting with Team Abergavenny had been held on 17th December 2018 with a view to work commencing in January 2018. Officers are meeting with Team Abergavenny regarding the design of the scheme.
- Plans are in place to repave and resurface Lion Street and Frogmore Street. The works will include the entrance to the new Morrison's store.
- As part of the plans it is proposed that the area fronting the new Morrison's store will be a shared space.
- Broader consultation is required for the next phase of the scheme.
- It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed as scheduled.

Having received the verbal update, the following points were noted:

- In response to a question raised regarding whether the development is DDA compliant, and whether the materials being used for Lion Street will match the materials proposed, the Head of Operations stated that he would liaise with the Planning Department regarding these issues.
- It was hoped that the scheme would be finished before the annual cycling event which will be held in July 2018.

We resolved that the Head of Operations liaises with the Planning Department to ascertain whether the development is DDA compliant and whether the materials being used for Lion Street will match the materials proposed.

6. Community Partnership Development Team

We received a report regarding the newly formed Community and Partnership Development Team within Monmouthshire County Council.

The Area Committee was informed that public service delivery is changing. With an ageing population, reducing budgets and ever increasing demand, dependency upon public services is increasing when budgets are decreasing.

As a local authority we need to rethink our relationship with our local communities to enable us to successfully redesign our services. We need to think longer term about

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how we work together to identify and co-produce the right services that will help us tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

As the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act requires co-delivery with partners, the historic disconnect between the Public Services Board (PSB), the Authority and the local community needs to be addressed. To enable this, community engagement has been repositioned within a more centralised role.

The new team also provides:

- Specialist support in strategic PSB areas such as health and wellbeing issues, isolation, ageing well and community cohesion.
- Support for the Authority in its Cluster Area activities.
- More direct Town / Community Council engagement / liaison to increase knowledge of needs and priorities and ensure these can feed into strategic decision-making at local authority and PSB level.

Having received the report, the following points were noted:

- When the Monmouthshire Wellbeing Plan has been established, key performance indicators will be put in place, as well as a structure, which will determine how the Team will work.
- The Area Committee was pleased that the Team had been established which could provide a steer in respect of the various plans within the Bryn y Cwm Area. The Team will act as enablers, unlocking potential and supporting sustainability through collective impact, providing a resource and tangible link between local communities and a wide range of partners, enabling the delivery of measureable and sustainable programme of activities that will constantly look to the future.
- Consultation in respect of the Wellbeing Plan needs to include the views of disabled people.
- The Team will be able to help with engagement with partners and champions of wards within the community.
- The Area Committee considered that a regular agenda item be placed on future Area Committee agendas regarding the development of the Wellbeing Plan, as it relates to the Bryn y Cwm area.
- It was noted that Abergavenny Town Council's Plan was currently being prepared, which will be completed in 12 months. The Area Committee suggested that Abergavenny Town Council could present the Town Plan to future Area Committee meetings.

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- Consultation in respect of the Wellbeing Plan will be commence on 7th February 2018 with a view to the final draft being presented to the Public Service Board (PSB) on 4th April 2018.

We resolved that:

- (i) a regular agenda item be placed on future Area Committee agendas regarding the development of the Wellbeing Plan as it relates to the Bryn y Cwm area.**
- (ii) the Democratic Services Officer contacts the Clerk to Abergavenny Town Council to ask if the Town Council would be willing to present its Town Plan to future Area Committee meetings.**

7. Progress Report by Team Abergavenny

We received and noted Team Abergavenny's update report on progress to date.

8. Questions / issues that members may wish Councillor S. Woodhouse to raise at the Strategic Transport Group meeting on the 7th of February 2018

County Councillor S. Woodhouse provided the Area Committee with correspondence between County Councillor S.B. Jones, Cabinet Member for Operations, and the Right Honourable Chris Grayling MP regarding the accessibility improvements at Abergavenny Railway Station.

It was noted in the letter from the Right Honourable Chris Grayling MP that further funding for the station accessibility will be made available for the next Rail Control Period (2019-24). As Abergavenny Railway Station has previously been selected for the programme, it was anticipated that it would be a very strong candidate for funding, particularly if it retains the support of the Welsh Government and train operator.

We resolved that County Councillor Woodhouse raise this matter at the next Strategic Transport Group Meeting.

9. Bryn y Cwm Area Committee representative on the Grass Routes Partnership Board

We resolved that Councillor G. Nelmes would be the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee's representative to serve on the Grass Routes Partnership Board.

10. Monmouthshire Scrutiny Work Programme

We received and noted the Monmouthshire Scrutiny Work Programme.

11. Forward Planner for Cabinet and Council Business

We received and noted the forward planner for Cabinet and Council business.

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12. Bryn y Cwm Area Committee Future Work Programme

We received the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee future work programme.

We resolved that the following items be added to the work programme:

Subject to senior officer availability, a special meeting of the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee be held to receive a presentation regarding the Alternative Delivery Model (ADM), before it is presented to a special meeting of Full Council on 15th February 2018.

14th March 2018

- **To receive the draft Town Plan for Abergavenny Town Council.**
- **To receive a report regarding the development of the Wellbeing Plan with a focus on the Bryn y Cwm area.**
- **Invite a representative from Morrisons to attend the Area Committee meeting to provide an update on progress in respect of the development in Abergavenny.**
- **To consider changing the name of the Area Committee.**

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 1.00pm at a location within Gilwern, subject to availability.

The meeting ended at 2.45 pm.

Llanfoist Footbridge – Expected Timetable.

January 2018	Welsh Government Capital Transport Grant FY 2018/2019 Submitted
February 2018	Town Planning Application Submitted 23/2/18
March 2018	FY 2018/2019 funding to be confirmed by Welsh Government?
March 2018	Tender Issue
May/June 2018	Town Planning Application Approved
May/June 2018	Contractor Appointment
June 2018	Discharge of Planning Conditions
June 2018	Completion of Construction Environmental Management Plan
August - October 2018	Works in Watercourse
February 2019	Completion of works on site
February - March 2019	Final account, Health and Safety File and Maintenance Manual.

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Agenda Item 8

<p>SUBJECT: Draft Well-being Plan</p> <p>MEETING: Bryn y Cwm Area Committee</p> <p>DATE: 14th March 2018</p> <p>DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED: All</p>
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide an update on the draft Well-being Plan prior to its publication and consider how the challenges and opportunities for the Bryn y Cwm area raised in the Well-being Assessment could be addressed

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, by taking action in accordance with the sustainable development principle aimed at achieving well-being goals.
- 2.2 One of the responsibilities the Act places on the Public Service Board is to prepare and publish a well-being plan and well-being objectives for the county. This draws on the evidence in the well-being assessment that was approved by the PSB and endorsed by council in March 2017.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are invited consider the objectives and steps set out in the draft Well-being Plan.
- 3.2 Members are invited look at the evidence from the Well-being Assessment for Bryn y Cwm and consider how the Well-being Plan steps need to develop to respond to Bryn y Cwm issues (summary attached in Appendix 1).

4 KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Monmouthshire is facing some pretty big challenges, demographic changes, climate change and adapting to the potential of new technology. Our current way of delivering public services will need to change if we are to address these issues head-on and maximise well-being for current and future generations.
- 4.2 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. Each PSB must prepare and publish a local well-being plan setting out its local objectives and the steps it proposes to take to meet them. This needs to be published no later than one year after the last council election.
- 4.3 The plan must describe how the Board will improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the county by setting local objectives which maximise its contribution to the seven national the well-being goals. There are two elements to the plan, objectives and the steps to meet those objectives.

4.4 The PSB adopted four draft well-being objectives based on the [well-being assessment](#). The draft objectives were then subject to a fourteen week statutory consultation period with the Future Generations Commissioner, then a well-being plan was developed to put in place the steps necessary to deliver the objectives. The [draft Well-being Plan](#) was subject to a statutory 12 week consultation period which ended on 8th February (Plan on a Page summary is attached as Appendix 2).

4.5 The complex nature of the challenges raised in the well-being assessment means that there are not off-the-shelf or ready-made solutions that can be applied. If these challenges could be addressed easily then they would probably not have arisen in the assessment. The PSB is here to address these complex issues and to convene the experts around the issues that cannot be solved by a single public body acting in isolation. Many of the steps will be about exploration and identifying what works. Consequently the document does not contain a detailed action plan.

4.6 A detailed action plan will be developed over coming months. The PSB have agreed to publish the Well-being Plan in April 2018, and in developing the subsequent action plan to give consideration to the timing of actions and identifying a lead agency for each area of work. This will also be the opportunity to identify whether some actions will be focussed on particular geographical areas.

5. REASONS

5.1 To update the Committee on the Well-being Plan progress and begin to consider how issues faced by Bryn y Cwm can be addressed by the proposed objectives and steps.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The production of well-being plan has been carried out within existing resources. As individual steps are delivered, PSB partners will have to give consideration to how they will be resourced.

7 WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

7.1 At this point the steps are not sufficiently developed to conduct a comprehensive evaluation. The Public Service Board is a collaborative endeavour and leads for projects will be drawn across a range of organisations who will have their own arrangements in place for reporting and decision-making. Evaluations will need to be completed by the appropriate bodies in line with their own governance arrangements.

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particular issue for some parts of the area, for example Crucorney is amongst the top 50 most deprived areas in terms of access to services in Wales.

The area has the lowest proportion of working age people in Monmouthshire who are economically active. It has the highest proportion of people in receipt of employment related benefits at 10.3%, however this is still below the Welsh average. Even within small areas there can be significant variations, for example the proportion of people in income deprivation is above the county average but ranges from 6% in Crucorney to 28% in Cantref.

The Flying Start scheme is available to parents with children aged 0-4 in parts of Lansdown, Croesonen and Cantref in North Abergavenny.

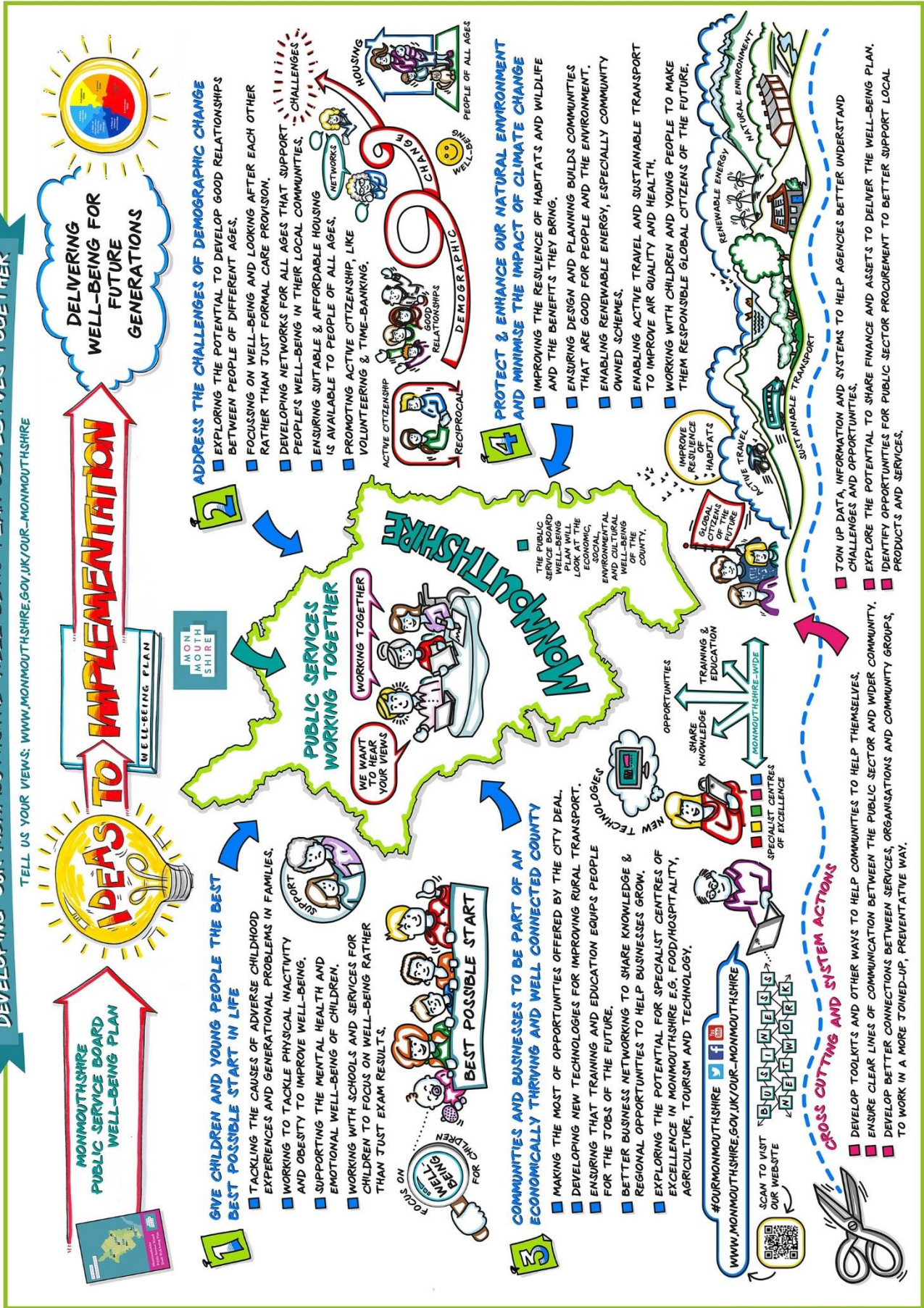
At the headline level educational attainment is good. However, as with other parts of the county there are differences linked to socio-economic background with those eligible for free school meals not performing as well as the all pupils group. There are also differences in attainment depending on where people live with key stage 4 level 2 inclusive ranging from 33.96% to 84.66%.

Abergavenny has the fewest residents of the five areas in Monmouthshire who report their health is very good or good (77%), the other areas have over 80% of people who are positive about their health. Some areas in Abergavenny have comparatively higher rates of people living with a long term limiting illness and cancer incidences. These areas tend to be amongst the more deprived areas, for example Croesonen is the fourth most deprived area in Monmouthshire, particularly for education and is also amongst the areas with the lowest proportion of people who felt their health was very good or good (75%) and has a higher rate of people living with a long term limiting illness.

Abergavenny has the highest volume of recorded crime in 2015/16 in Monmouthshire, despite a 13% decrease in crimes between 2014/15 – 2015/16. A total of 1,376 crimes were recorded which was 33.4% of the total crimes in Monmouthshire in 2015/16. The area also had the highest number of ASB incidents (661 incidents), despite a large reduction by 24.7%, and accounted for 3 in 10 of all Monmouthshire's ASB incidents. Some wards in the area, Llanover and Llanelly Hill, had amongst the highest number of fires attended in Monmouthshire. Over the same period, the second highest number of road traffic collisions in Monmouthshire attended by South Wales Fire and Rescue were in Llanover.

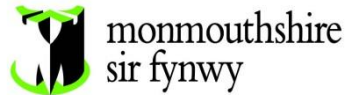
The town centre is vibrant with a strong and thriving market. The issue of the development of a supermarket on the former livestock market site continues to divide opinion.

Overall retail vacancy rates in Abergavenny town centre have risen since the low level recorded in 2005, 4.1%. However, in the most recent surveys 2014 (5.1%) and 2015 (5.8%) the vacancy rate has been lower than at any point in the last 15 years, apart from 2005. The average pedestrian flow has shown a steady decline over the past 15 years.



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SUBJECT: SOCIAL JUSTICE STRATEGY

MEETING: Bryn y Cwm Area Committee

DATE: 14TH March 2018

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ensure the Committee are aware of the Social Justice Strategy and have the opportunity to consider it ahead of discussion at Cabinet.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the extent to which the priorities identified in the strategy are focused on the issues that are most prevalent in the Bryn y Cwm area.
- 2.2 That the committee provide comments to inform the development of the strategy.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 During 2016, two significant pieces of legislation came into force, the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act. Both Acts are underpinned by duties to collaborate with other public bodies, to involve people in the issues that affect them and to concentrate on developing preventative approaches rather than waiting for problems to arise.
- 3.2 In March 2017, the council endorsed two major pieces of work looking at well-being across the county, the Well-being Assessment and the Population Needs Assessment. Both highlighted the strengths and opportunities within our communities and used an extensive evidence base to draw out some of the challenges individuals and communities will face in the future. These were used as the evidence base to develop a Corporate Plan that was approved by Council in February and described five well-being objectives and 22 priority areas of activity including delivering social justice and reducing inequality.

- 3.3 The draft Social Justice Strategy provides more of the detail about how we will do this and demonstrates our commitment as a Council to address inequality in our county in order to make our society function better. Using the Community and Partnership team as an enabling body, it provides an approach that will help turn lives around by removing barriers and facilitating practical support and solutions to enable all our citizens to realise their full potential.
- 3.4 This is the first phase of an evolving policy and demonstrates our intention to work as a Council, and in partnership at national, regional and community level, to implement the policy interventions, approaches, support and methods to improve outcomes for people and communities.
- 3.5 This draft Social Justice Strategy sets out our purpose, our intentions and activities for the next four years and the targets by which we will measure our success to ensure that we achieve our goal – to put social justice at the heart of what we do in Monmouthshire.
- 3.6 The Committee has a remit to influence at the interface between strategic and local decision-making ensuring that resources are directed to local priorities. Early consideration on this strategy offers an opportunity to do that.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 To ensure that the Area Committee are able to influence the development of the Social Justice Strategy.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

[Corporate Business Plan](#)

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A Policy for Social Justice

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Putting Social Justice.....at the of all we do in Monmouthshire

Monmouthshire County Council is committed to building sustainable and resilient communities. Central to this are the principles of social justice. This social justice policy demonstrates our commitment as a Council to address inequalities in our county in order to make our society function better. It provides an approach that will help turn lives around by removing barriers and facilitating practical support and solutions to enable ALL our citizens to realise their full potential.

This is an evolving policy and in this first phase we wish to demonstrate our commitment to work as a Council, and in partnership at national, regional and community level, to implement the policy interventions, approaches, support and methods to improve outcomes for people and communities - further phases will include the development of an Anti-poverty Strategy in association with the Public Service Board.

This Social Justice policy sets out our purpose, our intentions and activities for the next four years and the targets by which we will measure our success to ensure that we achieve our goal – to put social justice at the heart of all we do in Monmouthshire.

The Case for Change

Monmouthshire is often perceived to be leafy and affluent and in many aspects it is. However some of the differences within and between communities are stark, especially when they exist side-by-side. There are wide variations in exam results between people from different social backgrounds who attend the same schools. There are many high earners living in our County but wages available locally are lower than other parts of Wales. Many people experience in-work poverty and the wage differential between men and women is currently the highest in Wales. Many of our citizens are getting older, suffering ill health and at risk of becoming lonely and isolated. The costs of living in our rural county and accessing very basic services, such as transport and health provision, are greater than the costs for people living in urban conurbations.

Evidence of Inequality

The Well-being Assessment and the Population Needs Assessment undertaken by the Council in March 2017 both highlighted the strengths and opportunities within our communities and used an extensive evidence base to draw out some of the challenges individuals and communities will face in the future. Some of the issues identified are detailed below:

- **One in five** reception age children in Monmouthshire are **overweight or obese**;
- There is a gap in the educational attainment between children who are in receipt of free school meals and children who are not. Despite rising standards across the board this gap is not narrowing;
- **14.2%** children in Monmouthshire live in **low income households**;
- There are not enough opportunities for children with disabilities, e.g. sufficiency of play provision, needing to travel to access education and multi-agency support;
- Whilst the average salary for people living in Monmouthshire is above the UK average, wages for **jobs in-county are 10% below the UK average – 34% of the working population commute out of county**;
- For those people who live and work in the County it is even more difficult, as local earnings are much lower than the average for Wales. In 2014, the median earnings for Monmouthshire residents were £623 per week, compared to the Wales median of £498 per week. However, the median earnings by workplace presents a different picture with people working in the County earning only £466 per week, much lower than the £498 per week figure for Wales as a whole (NOMIS 23/01/15);
- There are limited employment opportunities for young people to remain in the county;
- **Significant inequality between female and male wage levels – women earn on average £149 less than men**;
- Despite low wages in the county there is a high cost of living – **Average house price for Wales are £183,000 and the house price to earnings ratio is 6.2:1**. For comparison, in **Monmouthshire** the average house price in October 2017 is £281,800 and the house price to **earnings ratio is 8.2:1**. (Source: Hometrack 20/10/2017). This illustrates how difficult it is for local people to purchase

their first homes or move into larger homes in the County when their family circumstances change;

- Evidence is well developed that the cost of living a good life in rural areas is higher than in areas where there is easy access to low cost food and transport;
- **Low levels of access to the labour market for people with disabilities** – for example, recent engagement exercise by a user led organisation for people with learning disabilities evidenced that **85% people want to work, but only 4% do work**;
- Loneliness and social isolation is a barrier across the age range but can particularly impact on older people who may be experiencing a deterioration in their physical and/or mental well-being alongside a loss of family, friends, connection and occupation;
- **By 2039, the population aged 65 is projected to increase by 61% and the number of people aged over 85 will more than double**;
- Rural isolation and a paucity of transport and services into rural communities is a critical barrier for some in getting the help they need;
- Significant numbers of older people are digitally excluded; and
- Just one-in-three carers feel they are able to do what matters to them.

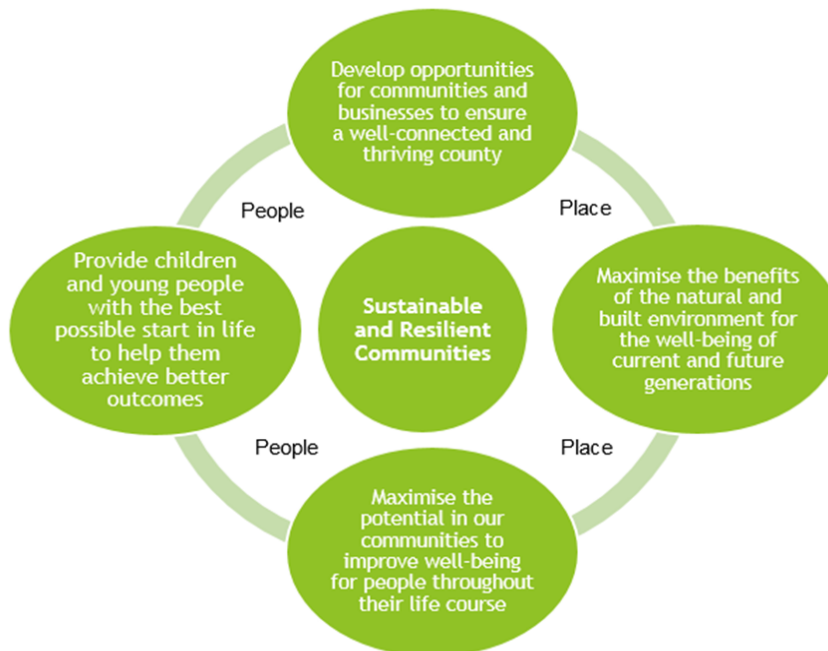
We know these issues are symptoms of complex problems and we also know they cannot be solved by one organisation alone. Public services must work collaboratively. Public, third and private sector must work together. And, most importantly, we must support people and communities in developing their own solutions that are sustainable and which can deliver both immediate and long-term benefits.

The Vision for our County

The *vision* for our county is described in the Well-being Plan (to be published in 2018). This Plan is based on the findings of, and will address the issues raised in the Well-being Assessment and the Population Needs Assessment.

Monmouthshire County Council's *purpose* is "**Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities**". This is about improving our place and maximising the contribution and well-being of the people in our communities.

The *well-being objectives* that will help us deliver this are:



Our Purpose – to put Social Justice

at the of all we do

Quite simply the purpose of this policy is to put social justice at the heart of all we do:

- At the heart of our renewed ambitions and policy making decisions;
- At the heart of the resource allocation decisions;
- At the heart of how we support our communities and our people; and
- At the heart of our place based activities;

Monmouthshire County Council is committed to aligning evidence based policy, programmes of work and resources with the aim of supporting people and communities to fulfil their potential and live the lives they want to live.

We have extensive learning from a two year pilot of community co-ordination and small local enterprise which was successful in reducing the demand for more formal services and also helping us to understand the importance that place and community plays in helping people stay strong and well. At a community level, we are developing integrated place based wellbeing teams to develop creative ways of working, which overcome departmental or agency boundaries in order to make best use of the resources available within the area in question.

We have also created a re-purposed Community and Partnership Development Team who will be the 'engine room' and enablers, effectively linking the work of strategic and community partnerships with communities to help them understand the strengths and capabilities of the people who live there and the groups that exist. Using place and evidence based activity, the team will facilitate the creation of effective and powerful community partnerships to build healthier, safer and more resilient neighbourhoods and communities which in turn will enable our citizens to feel connected, resilient with a sense of 'belonging'.

Our Priorities



We will keep the community at the heart of what we do by taking a 'place based approach', working with communities to identify their own strengths and areas for development and well-being. We will bring together public services, community leaders, business, schools and all residents to address the issues that matter to that community. By working together around a place, we can achieve so much more than individual partners and community groups working in isolation. Bringing together support networks, aligning resources and assets, funding, development opportunities and people with a common sense of purpose, will really help to build sustainable and resilient communities. By working collaboratively with the people who live and work locally, we will seek to highlight the strengths, capacity and knowledge of those involved for the greater good.

This policy sets out a broad programme of work we will carry out in partnership to turn our vision into a reality that will make a real difference to the lives of local people. It will be underpinned by clear, specific and measurable actions and outcomes that will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to ensure that it can evolve and respond to new opportunities and ideas. It is important that measurement of impact is undertaken with people and communities alongside consideration of national and local indicators.

Our well-being assessment tells us there are priority areas we need to progress in delivering social justice in Monmouthshire. The exact priorities will differ in different communities, but across the County there is a commitment to:

- Giving children the best possible start in life;
- Economic inclusion: overcoming inequalities in access to economic prosperity economic inclusion; and,
- Social inclusion: tackling the scourge of loneliness and isolation

Putting social justice for children at

the  of all we do...

In Order To Give Children The Best Start In Life, Overcoming Barriers To Attainment And Opportunity We Will:

- Map the current service offer; identify any gaps and work with partners to develop clear pathways which are based on evidence of impact and ensure resources are targeted in the right place;
- Develop an integrated early intervention and prevention pathway to support children and families at the earliest opportunity and reduce the need for statutory intervention to keep people safe;
- Work with all partners to implement an approach to policy and practice which is based on children's rights; explicitly committing as a Council to a rights based approach in all policy commitments;
- Develop an effective 0 - 25 Partnership for Children and Young People;
- Focus in on four key areas which are clearly measurable to ensure there is demonstrable prioritisation:
 - Emotional wellbeing and mental health for children and young people;
 - Child friendly communities;
 - Vulnerable children and families; and
 - Building resilience and promoting wellbeing - with links to education

Putting social justice and equitable economic prosperity at the of all we do

In Order To Overcome Inequalities In Access To Economic Prosperity We Will:

- Work to increase the availability and take-up of broadband across the county to address digital exclusion;
- Work as part of the Cardiff Capital Region to attract high skill, high wage jobs to ensure that people have the opportunity to raise their household income;
- Work with partners to develop an anti-poverty strategy for the county which will take account of both worklessness and in-work poverty;
- Provide learning, training and employability opportunities for 11 to 24 year olds to reduce the number of young people who are not in employment, education or training;
- Provide access to the labour market for people with disabilities and care leavers;
- Align resources of the specific funding streams available to the Council to make a difference to the anti-poverty agenda to maximise the impact of investments;
- Act upon the findings of a Rural Development Programme Study to take an integrated approach to addressing and improving rural transport options in the county to increase access to job opportunities in other areas;
- Develop, and act upon, options to improve access to job opportunities in the county and other areas to include providing work placements, traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities whilst taking positive action as a Council to encourage other public partners and businesses to do so;
- Address the issue of high house prices through the provision of additional affordable housing in the County in both urban and rural areas. The Council will ensure that developers and local people have clear guidance on how its development plan policies and decisions on planning applications will operate and thereby contribute to one of the desired outcomes of the Council's Single Integrated Plan, namely 'We want people to live in homes that are affordable, appropriate and where people want to live'.

- Focus on three key areas which are clearly measurable to ensure there is demonstrable prioritisation:
 - The gender pay gap;
 - An integrated approach to addressing barriers to transport in rural areas; and
 - Access to the labour market for people with disabilities

Putting social justice and social inclusion at the of all we do to tackle loneliness and isolation

In Order To Tackle The Scourge Of Loneliness And Isolation We Will:

- Develop a collaborative approach to wellbeing to ensure direction setting and oversight of wellbeing in Monmouthshire is informed by those closest to delivery. The Integrated Wellbeing Network (appendix one) provides a basis for this collaboration;
- Work with partners who can provide evaluative support to ensuring that the impact of approaches and interventions can be effectively measured overtime (recognising some change will be generational) as well as understanding short term effectiveness;
- Launch the Community and Partnership Development team with a clear focus, effective methods and measurable outcomes;
- Map the current service offer, identify any gaps and work with partners to develop clear pathways which are based on evidence of impact and to ensure resources are targeted in the right place;
- Develop an Asset Based Community Development approach with communities to fully realise the benefits from the physical assets (community hubs, social care and health resource centres, primary care centres and community hospitals, RSL buildings, village halls) across the county;
- Continue to develop opportunities for contribution and involvement;
- Focus on key areas which are clearly measurable to ensure there is demonstrable prioritisation:
 - Community development priorities identified in each of the 5 areas (it is recognised priorities will differ from area to area depending on needs, gaps and opportunities);
 - Digital inclusion for people who are not currently connecting online; and
 - Dementia friendly Monmouthshire – encourage public organisations and private business across Monmouthshire to become ‘dementia friends’.

How We Will Measure Success

It is important we have a clear set of measures to evaluate the progress made to determine the success of specific work programs in achieving the overall purpose – *Putting Social Justice at the heart of all we do.*

There is growing evidence to suggest that we learn and develop most effectively through the sharing of stories. At a qualitative level of evaluation, we are committed to working with partners who can provide evaluative support to ensure that the impact of approaches and interventions can be effectively measured overtime (recognising some change will be generational) as well as understanding short term effectiveness. To aid this, a cross party advisory committee will be established which will help monitor, evaluate and provide steer to the evolving social justice brief.

To aid evaluation the following set of questions will be used as a guide:

- What changes (good and bad) have come about as a result of the group?
- What does good collaboration look like and have we achieved it?
- What are the enablers and inhibitors to effective collaborative working around well-being across Monmouthshire?

The reasons for using this particular methodology are:

- It fits with the 'spirit' of the group with a strong focus on participation and stories;
- The use of stories and facilitated conversations will support the development of relationships between participants and a common understanding and purpose regarding the concept of well-being;
- The answers to the questions are difficult to predict and will emerge with many unanticipated findings and outcomes;
- The main focus is on learning and development rather than accountability;
- This is a social change programme with a before, middle and after; and
- Members of the group can do this themselves and be fully involved.

It is also important we have specific quantitative measures which we track to understand progress and which we will consider alongside the evidence from the qualitative piece. We have therefore worked with other partners in the region to commission the development of a set of measures and surveys that will enable us to track well-being at a community level over time. This work has been developed with a range of experts including Cambridge University and the New Economics Foundations. For specific pieces of work we have therefore identified the measures in Table One that follows that we will use to evaluate progress in the first instance.

Table One: Quantitative Measures

Measure	Now	This should
The percentage of people who agree that there is a sense of community	53.4%	increase
The percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions about the area	21.3%	increase
The percentage of children living in low income households	14.2%	decrease
The average salary of people living and working in Monmouthshire	£tbc	increase
The average wage differential between men and women	£149	decrease
The gap in educational attainment at foundation phase (age 5)		decrease
The gap in educational attainment at key stage 4 (age 16)		decrease
The percentage of households with internet access	81.1%	increase
The percentage of carers who report they can do the things that matter to them		increase

How will we know if we have achieved our purpose of ‘Putting

social justice at the  of all we do’?

Monmouthshire will be a place where all children have the best possible start in life, regardless of background.

Monmouthshire will be a place where all young people have equal access to a good education and new skills to enable them to maximise their opportunities.

Monmouthshire will be a place where every family is able to support itself or call on support in times of need.

Monmouthshire will be a place where every person of working age has a good quality of life.

Monmouthshire will be a place that puts its own community needs at the very



of its decision making to ensure benefit for all.

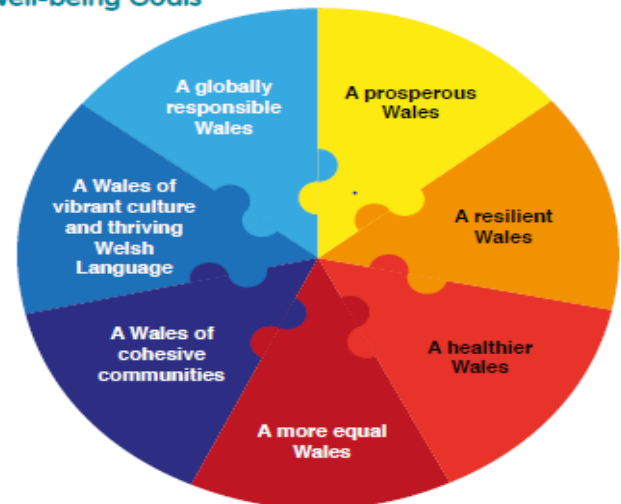
National Policy Context

During 2016, two significant pieces of legislation came into force, the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act. Both of these embed legislatively a commitment to improved well-being albeit with different focuses - one places greater emphasis on place and the other on people. Both Acts are underpinned by duties to collaborate with other public bodies, to involve people in the issues that affect them and to concentrate on developing preventative approaches rather than waiting for problems to arise.

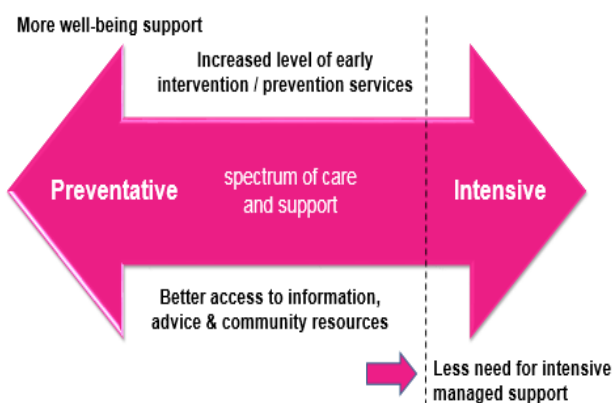
Well-being of Future Generations Act The Well-being of Future Generations Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of our nation, our county and the communities that make it what it is.

The Act sets out how public services in Wales need to think more about the long-term, work better with individuals and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach. These are referred to as the five ways of working. By acting in this way we stand a much better change of creating a place that we all want to live in, now and in the future. To make sure that public services are all working towards the same vision, the Act puts in place seven well-being goals which are shown in the diagram to the right.

Well-being Goals



Social Services and Well-being Act



This Act aims to transform the way care and support is delivered, placing responsibilities wider than social services departments. The Act requires a stronger voice and more control for people of all ages, leading to less dependence on institutional services. The Act sets out to engage with and empower citizens; promote independence and well-being and give people who receive support, and their carers, control over their lives and the care and support needed to do what matters to them. The aspiration of the Act, that through acting preventatively and intervening earlier

more people can be independent and well without intensive managed support as described in the image on the left.

Prosperity for All – Wales Government

In September 2017, Welsh Government published ‘Prosperity for all’ – the national strategy which sets the aims of the Welsh Government and provides clarity for partners about the changes they want to see progressed to achieve a more prosperous Wales.

The strategy acknowledges that how partners work together can be just as important as what is delivered. In order to make a real difference to people’s lives, partners need to do things differently and to do different things.

The strategy details the Welsh Government’s twelve objectives and the steps they propose to take to meet them. They place the Well-being of Future Generations Act at the heart of their decision making. The key themes are:

- prosperous and secure;
- healthy and active;
- ambitious and learning;
- united and connected.

Further Information

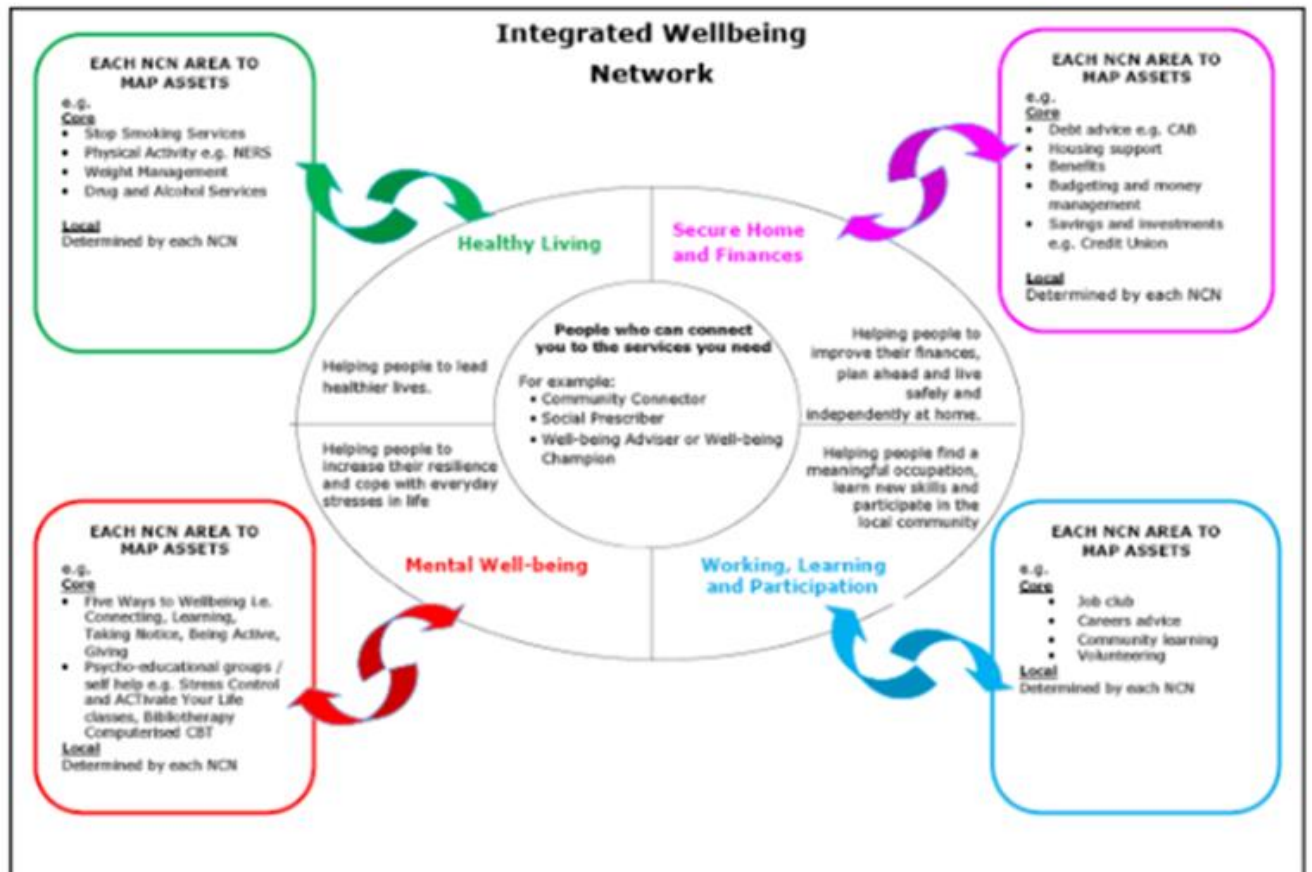
This strategy has been developed using the evidence base arising from other projects and programmes. These have informed our understanding about what works and where we should prioritise our collective energies over the short to medium term.

You can access some of the documents and information that have influenced the development of this strategy here. If you have examples of things that you have seen working well in other communities we would be really interested in hearing from you. Our contact details are in the front of this document. You can also pitch ideas on our community engagement platform [Monmouthshire Made Open](#).

- [Evaluation of Community Coordination Pilot](#)
- [Review of Strategic Direction of Community and Partnership Development Team](#)

Appendices

The Integrated Care Network Appendix 1



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TEAM ABERGAVENNY

BETTER, TOGETHER

Report of Team Abergavenny to the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee on Wednesday 14 March 2018

1. Since our last report the following have happened.

2. Environment Group

- a) Representations on the preliminary review of the Local Development Plan were made. We are aware that both the Civic Society and Abergavenny Transition Town have submitted comments on the McCarthy and Stone application in Tudor Street with regrettably little acknowledgement
- b) Discussions are on-going with the County Highways Department on the Lion Street Redevelopment. A meeting planned for 5 March was postponed due to the weather and will now be held on 19 March.
- c) A JUST FOOD group will monitor the impact on the Market Traders as result of the arrival of Morrisons.
- d) Plans are being made to meet with an MCC Designer and Landscape Architect with a view to planning the long term redevelopment of the town and establishing guidance within the LDP.
- e) The cemetery at Llanfoist is nearly full and it is understood it will take back the land currently used by the Llanfoist Allotment Association. Investigations are being made as to the viability of alternative land being available both in Abergavenny and Llanfoist.

3. Spreading the Word Group

- a) The Group is actively pursuing developing an Art Trails in the town with signage.
- b).There is concern that the Borough. Theatre is being handed back in March to the County Council. The future of a theatre in town is uncertain unless refurbishment is carried out to the inside of the building. The first phase of the Town Hall refurbishment does include the Theatre.
- c).Town hall redevelopment.
We attended the exhibition showing the plans for the Market Hall and Community Hub. They were generally well received and the Team promised to seek views with a larger section of the community on their thoughts to the plans.

4. Enabling Communities to Thrive Group

a).Bailey Park

The progress to submit a project to the Big Lottery is slow and the level of interest by the volunteers is waning because it would appear that the Council is unable to give the level of support that was first anticipated and as a result the implementation could be 5 years away. A Progress meeting is being held on Monday 12th March to determine the future.

5.Encouraging Business Success

a) Difficulty is being experience in recruiting qualified members for this group. Arrangements are being made to meet with Owen Wilce to discuss whether under the Well Being Act any help or direction can be given that will improve the position.

b) Agri/Urban Liaison

The Team is continuing to assist the progress of the Business Plan which is due to be submitted the EEC in April 2018. There is a key question about whether there will be resources available to

employ a Project Manager to bring this work to fruition. Without a suitably qualified person this may founder.

6. General Comment

We have focused on how to move forward for the coming year. Several important issues have been discussed which we would like to share with this Committee to see whether there is support for joint activity in any of them later in the year.

We have concerns with the Review of the LDP that developments in Abergavenny should be balanced and not just residential development.

We would like to see links to the Agri-Urban Plan, improvements to traffic planning and some high-end light industrial developments as well.

If this Committee supports those objectives it might be possible to work together on this.

Team Abergavenny 7 March 2018

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Adults Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
Special Joint Meeting of CYP and Adults Select 8 th March 2018	Area Plan	This is a draft plan which will be consulted upon in terms the priorities that will drive where investment across the region ~ scrutiny members to consider what this means for future service delivery/how can it inform the work programme.	Claire Marchant Matt Gatehouse Phil Diamond TCBC	Consultation
	Dementia Friendly Workshop		Phil Diamond TCBC	
20 th March 2018	Universal Credit Rollout *Is this needed now? *	To advise of emerging proposals and bring members up to speed with the roll out, highlighting the risks and advising on some of the proposals for support.	Ian Bakewell	Performance Monitoring
	Disabled Facility Grants	Report on the progress implementing disabled adaptations further to the additional funding received for 2017/18.	Ian Bakewell	Performance Monitoring
	Use of Bed and Breakfast Accommodation	Performance update on the use of Bed and Breakfast accommodation in supporting homelessness.	Ian Bakewell	Performance Monitoring
	Local review of homelessness and related services		Ian Bakewell	Performance Monitoring
Special Meeting Joint with CYP April 2018	TBC			
22 nd May 2018	Supporting People Service Review 2018-19	Usual reporting focusses on funding for the next financial year, however, this year we are delivering a status quo funding budget in line with Welsh	Chris Robinson	Performance Monitoring

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Adults Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
		Government's intention to maintain Supporting People budgets for the forthcoming year. A service review in 2018/19 will lead to the utilisation of the flexible funding options recently announced by Welsh Government.		
	Care Closer to Home *TBC*	Discussion on Care Closer to Home and how this sits within Monmouthshire Integrated Services.	Julie Boothroyd	Performance Monitoring
	Disability Transformation Work *TBC*		Claire Robins	Performance Monitoring
10 th July 2018	*TBC*			
Special late June/early July	Chief Officers Annual Report (Social Services)	To scrutinise the progress of social services and the future strategic direction.	Claire Marchant	Performance Monitoring
Joint with CYP				

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Future Agreed Work Programme Items: Dates to be determined

- ✓ Crick Road Care Development ~ Final Business Case
- ✓ Future Commissioning of Adults Services ~ linked to "Turning the World Upside Down"
- ✓ Budget Pressures within services and spend analysis
- ✓ Community Development and Well-being
- ✓ Welfare ~ Discussion with Monmouthshire Housing Association on current stock and new home development, support for welfare reform
- ✓ Housing Report: Local Housing Market Assessment

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- ✓ **Annual Complaints Report for Social Services**

Joint Scrutiny with Children and Young People's Select Committee:

- ✓ **Aneurin Bevan University Health Board ~ Joint meeting with CYP**
- ✓ **"Information, Advice and Assistance Service ~ responsibility of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 ~ (January/February 2018)**
- ✓ **The implementation of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 ~ (October 2017)**
- ✓ **Mental Health and Learning Disabilities ~ linked to implications of the DOLS (Deprivation Liberty Safeguards) Grant**
- ✓ **Well-being ~ responsibilities of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 around connected communities and meeting needs**
- ✓ **Implementation of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 ~ review post 18 month together with the duties around prisons ~ (March 2018)**
- ✓ **Safeguarding Performance Reporting and Progress of Regional Safeguarding Boards ~ Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015**
- ✓ **Regional Integrated Autism Service**
- ✓ **Annual Report**

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	Dementia Friendly Workshop		Phil Diamond TCBC	
22nd March 2018	2nd Phase Family Support Review		Claire Marchant	Performance Monitoring
	National Report on School Categorisation 2017-18	Report of the Education Achievement Service (EAS)	EAS Will Mclean	Performance Monitoring
Joint Informal Session with Strong Communities Date TBC	Support for Refugees TBC	Progress report and invitation to young people to attend.	Shereen Williams	Policy Development
17th May 2018				
	Budget Monitoring - Period 12	To review the financial situation for the directorate, identifying trends, risks and issues on the horizon with overspends/underspends).	Mark Howcroft	Budget Monitoring
28th June 2018	Education Achievement Service	Report on performance 17/18 and briefing on regional financial policy.	Susan Radford, Blaenau Gwent CBC	Performance Monitoring
Special late June/early July Joint with CYP	Chief Officers Annual Report (Social Services)	To scrutinise the progress of social services and the future strategic direction.	Claire Marchant	Performance Monitoring

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Future Agreed Work Programme Items: Dates to be determined

- **School Placement Capacity** ~ numbers in the south of the county considering the new housing developments planned.
- **Nursery provision** - the plans for welsh government to give 30 hours free childcare for nursery age - do we have capacity? What about our reliance on charities to run some of the 'state' provision.
- **Chief Officer's Self-evaluation Report** ~ Annual report of the Chief Officer on progress of the service and future strategic direction.
- **An update report regarding the process of issuing Free School Meals.**
- Update on the Donaldson report
- **Additional Learning Needs** - Review and provision/ALN Bill/Readiness and training
- **Schools** - quality indicators from new inspection framework/how categorisation works and actions taken to support improvement/EIB and Intervention Monitoring/ Donaldson Report on Successful Futures (Member suggestion to investigate how successfully pioneering schools are measuring their performance in line with curriculum). Review of 21st Century Schools.
- **Service Pressures** for the council and schools.
- **Inclusion updates** - wellbeing/attitudes to learning/supporting the pupil voice
- **Non-maintained/Early Years** - provision/outcomes/childcare offer
- **National Categorisation/Estyn outcomes** -Progress towards addressing recommendations
- **Post 16 education provision/Apprenticeships/Engagement and progression**
- **Welsh Education Strategic Plan** - annual update
- **Childcare sufficiency** - annual update
- **Play Sufficiency** - annual update
- **New Estyn framework** - suggested 'All Member Seminar'
- **External reference Group** - additional meeting
- **Children's Mental Health and Counselling Services**
- **Well-being reporting (obesity, eating disorders etc)**
- **Gwent Ethnicity Network Grant and support for refugees and asylum seekers**
- **Young Carers Strategy** ~ Implementation of the first year
- **Flying Start** ~ presentation for information

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Joint Scrutiny with Children and Young People's Select Committee:

- ✓ **Information, Advice and Assistance Service** ~ responsibility of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 ~ (January/February 2018)
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Economy Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
15 th March 2018	Sale of County Hall	Oversight of this report requested by Members prior to a council decision.	Roger Hoggins	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Local Development Plan Review	Reporting back following consultation, ahead of a decision to be taken by Council on 19 th March to commence a new LDP.	Mark Hand	Policy Development
	Marketing Monmouthshire for Business	First meeting Update ~ verbal feedback	Chair Councillor Paul Pavia	Working Group
CROSS BORDER VISIT Page 47 BC	Meet border/neighbouring English councils	Discussion on issues that cross county boundaries to explore any synergies/learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Affordable housing, transport ✓ Impact of the removal of the Severn Tolls ✓ Tourism and enterprise 	Kellie Beirne Mark Hand	Action Learning
26 th April 2018	Abergavenny Outdoor Structure *TBC*	Contact Cllrs Woodhouse and Powell if deferring.	Rachael Rogers	Pre-decision Scrutiny
7 th June 2018				
19 th July 2018				

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Future Meeting Items:

Agreed Scrutiny Focus for 2017-18:

- Affordable housing, transport and the LDP
- Impact of the removal of the Severn Tolls
- City Deal and the regional agenda (business plan sign off February 2018)
- Tourism and enterprise

- **ICT in Schools** ~ scrutinise jointly with CYP Select ~ Post Evaluation Review to return. Joint scrutiny of the outcomes for young people: Implementing the technology → delivering the teaching and learning → digital attainment levels.

Work Programme Items for circulation:

Agreed for the following reports to be emailed as opposed to tabled (unless requested by members):

- **Velethon Report for 2017 when available**
- **I County Strategy 2** ~ revised strategy to incorporate digital maturity and culture ~ October
- **People Strategy** ~ corporate strategy for staff ~ October
- **Information Strategy** ~ linking 3 strands: information governance, data insight and digital data ~ October
- **Employability Grant** ~ October
- **'Inspire Programme' Extension** ~ October

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Strong Communities Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
29th March 2018	Social Justice Policy	Scrutiny of the new policy to deliver the portfolio ahead of Council adoption.	Cath Fallon Sara Jones	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015	The Act is a landmark piece of legislation and received Royal Assent on 29 April 2015. The Gwent Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership Board has published the region's first joint strategy to tackle VAWDASV ~ scrutiny of the implementation.	Regional VAWDASV Team Councillor Sara Jones Sharran Lloyd	Policy Development
	Strategic Equality Plan	To monitor the progress on the annual monitoring report (2016-2017).	Alan Burkitt	Policy Development
Special Meeting early April 2018	Traffic & Road Safety	To present a strategy for dealing with traffic and road safety (separate to the Speeding Strategy being worked upon by the Strong Communities Task and Finish Group) ~ following a member workshop.	Paul Keeble Roger Hoggins	Policy Development
	Heavy Goods Vehicles on country lanes	To consider the implications of restricting HGV's with a view to developing a future policy.	Paul Keeble/Roger Hoggins	Policy Development
24th May 2018	Revised Waste Policies and new Recycling Collection Model	Scrutiny of the introduction of a new recycling service, to be supported by a suite of policies to ensure clarity on the procedures for certain activities e.g. assisted collections, missed collections etc.	Carl Touhig / Roger Hoggins	Policy Development/Pre-decision scrutiny

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Strong Communities Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
	Air Quality management & role of Environmental Health'	TBC	David Jones How Owen	Policy Development

Future Agreed Work Programme Items: Dates to be determined

- * **Open Space Review** ~ review of open spaces and the prioritisation and management of highways ~ strategic review rather than operational.
- * **Gwent Refugees and Asylum Seekers** ~ progress report. ~ Joint scrutiny with CYP Select
- * **Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking** ~ topic raised by the chair for in-depth scrutiny.
- * **Air Pollution** ~ working groups to report to Select Committee.
- * **People Services** ~ further sickness data requested.
- * **Cremations and Burials**

Emerging issues/topics to be raised with the committee before inclusion ~ some reports to be received by email for comment rather than in-depth scrutiny.

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Public Service Board Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
22nd January 2018	Draft Public Service Board Well-Being plan	Opportunity to scrutinise the draft before adoption	Matthew Gatehouse Sharran Lloyd	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Discussion with Future Generations Commissioner Sophie Howe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner's vision for the act and what it can achieve • The Commissioner's priorities • The role of PSB Scrutiny and the Commissioner's expectations 	Hazel Clatworthy	Performance Discussion
	Presentation on well-being engagement and measuring well-being at a community level	Understanding community well-being and how it is measured.	Abi Barton Rhian Cook	Presentation
21st March 2018	TBC			

PSB DATES:

30th January 2018 - 2pm
4th April 2018 - 2pm

PSB SELECT:

Tuesday 22nd January 2018 - 10am
Wednesday 21st March 2018 - 10am

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Council and Cabinet Business – Forward Plan

Monmouthshire County Council is required to publish a Forward Plan of all key decisions to be taken in the following four months in advance and to update quarterly. The Council has decided to extend the plan to twelve months in advance, and to update it on a monthly basis.

Council and Cabinet agendas will only consider decisions that have been placed on the planner by the beginning of the preceding month, unless the item can be demonstrated to be urgent business.

Subject	Purpose	Consultees	Author
12TH MARCH 2018 – INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION			
28TH MARCH 2018 – INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION			
11TH APRIL 2018 - CABINET			
Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2017/18, meeting 6 held on the 22 nd February 2018		Dave Jarrett
Crick Road Business Case			Claire Marchant
Disposal of County Hall			Roger Hoggins
18TH APRIL 2018 – INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION			
19TH APRIL 2018 - COUNCIL			
Public Service Board: Well-being Plan for			Matt Gatehouse (added 29/8/17)

Subject	Purpose	Consultees	Author
Monmouthshire Chief Officer Report CYP			Will McLean (added 25/1)
9TH MAY 2018 – INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION			

Hannah Jones would like to come to Cabinet in July 2018 to update on Youth Enterprise - European Structural Fund (ESF) Programmes - Inspire2Work extension (originally brought to Cabinet July 2017).

ITEM	BACKGROUND DETAIL	REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS
<p>Standard Items:</p> <p>Team Abergavenny</p> <p>Cabinet / Scrutiny Work Plans</p> <p>Strategic Transport Group</p> <p>Development of the Wellbeing Plan</p>	<p>To receive an update report on progress to date. (Alan Michie / Peter John).</p> <p>To receive the work plans.</p> <p>To receive an update on progress from County Councillor S. Woodhouse (Area Committee's representative on the Strategic Transport Group).</p> <p>To receive an update specific to the Bryn y Cwm area.</p>	<p>14th March 2018</p> <p>14th March 2018</p> <p>14th March 2018</p> <p>14th March 2018</p>
<p>New Work Programme Items:</p> <p>New pedestrian bridge over the Usk at Llanfoist</p> <p>Voluntary Sector Organisations</p> <p>Area Committee Name</p> <p>Abergavenny Tourist Information Centre</p>	<p>To receive an update on progress.</p> <p>Invite voluntary sector organisations in Abergavenny to provide the Area Committee with information on what they do.</p> <p>To discuss a new name for the Area Committee.</p> <p>To receive a presentation.</p>	<p>14th March 2018</p> <p>14th March 2018</p> <p>14th March 2018</p> <p>14th March 2018</p>

Morrisons Development – Abergavenny	Invite representatives of Morrisons to provide an update on progress.	16 th May 2018
Fair Trade	To receive a presentation from Katrina Gass .	16 th May 2018
Voluntary Sector Organisations	Continuation of meetings with the voluntary sector organisations in Abergavenny.	16 th May 2018
Abergavenny Town Council Plan	To receive an update on progress regarding the Town Plan.	16 th May 2018