

## Gwent Public Services Board

### 2nd Business Meeting – 9am Tuesday 7th December 2021

### Notes of Meeting

**Present:**

Name	Organisation represented
Cllr Philippa Marsden (Cllr PM)	Caerphilly County Borough Council (Chair)
Cllr Jane Mudd (Cllr JM)	Newport City Council
Cllr Richard John (Cllr RJ)	Monmouthshire County Council
Cllr John Mason	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Cllr Anthony Hunt (Cllr AH)	Torfaen County Borough Council
Huw Jakeway (HJ)	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWF&RS)
Ann Lloyd (AL)	Chair ABUHB
Pam Kelly (PK)	Gwent Police
Anne Evans (AE)	Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
Howard Toplis (HT)	Tai Calon Community Housing Ltd
Stephen Tiley (ST)	Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO)
Dr Sarah Aitken (Dr SA)	Dir Public Health and Strategic Partnerships, (ABUHB)
Maureen Howell (MH)	Welsh Government
Amanda Lewis (AL)	National Probation Service
David Letellier (DL)	Natural Resources Wales
Robert Holcombe (RH)	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Beverly Owen (BO)	Newport City Council
Paul Matthews (PM)	Monmouthshire County Council
Stephen Vickers (SV)	Torfaen County Borough Council
Michelle Morris (MM)	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Dave Street (DS)	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Sian Curley (SC)	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

**In Attendance:**

Kathryn Peters (KP)	Caerphilly CBC
Tracy McKim (TMCK)	Newport CC
Sharran Lloyd (SL)	Monmouthshire CC
Richard Jones (RJ)	Monmouthshire CC
Lyndon Puddey (LP)	Torfaen CBC
Andrew Parker (AP)	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Paul Cooke (PC)	Caerphilly CBC
Kate Williams (KW)	Torfaen CBC
Tom Harding (TH)	Gwent Police
Paul Massey (PMA)	Caerphilly CBC

**Apologies:**

Dr Ben Calvert (Dr BC)	University of South Wales
Cllr Tudor Davies (TD)	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Christina Harray (CH)	Caerphilly CBC
Mark Cadwallader	University of South Wales
Glyn Jones (GJ)	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Cllr Nigel Daniels (Cllr ND)	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Stephen Vickers (SV)	Torfaen County Borough Council
Jeff Cuthbert (JC)	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Steve Morgan (StM)	Natural Resources Wales

**0. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed all attendees, including AE who was attending her first meeting and others who were representing members of the PSB who were not able to attend. Apologies have been recorded in the table above.

## 1. Notes and Matters Arising from the meeting of the Gwent PSB on Friday 1st October 2021

Huw Jakeway, Chief Fire Officer of South Wales Fire & Rescue accepted his nomination as Vice-Chair of the Gwent PSB by the Office of the Police and Crime Commission. Members unanimously agreed with his appointment. The Chair offered her congratulations to Huw.

All action points from the previous meeting had been completed.

## 2. Draft Gwent Assessment of Well-Being

TMcK and LP presented the draft of the Gwent Well-Being Assessment for the PSB to consider for consultation in line with statutory timelines. The slides for their presentation were subsequently circulated to the PSB and can be accessed on the Gwent PSB website [here](#). The full assessment document can be found [here](#) and the Executive Summary [here](#)

This was the first time that a Well-being Assessment had been drafted at a Gwent level but it was emphasised that local area assessments had also been compiled since while some issues were best considered at a Gwent level, others are more local, affecting individual communities or areas. The assessment was produced around the four well-being themes set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act: Social, Economic, Environmental and Cultural. The assessment presented a range of information to help explain what Gwent and its communities look like and what was important in planning for the future. Data was collected at both national and local levels; and an engagement exercise was carried out with people and communities living and working in Gwent.

The process of putting the document together was set out in the assessment document itself and would have to go through local scrutiny in each local authority area since there was no regional scrutiny process set up yet. They emphasised that this was a first draft and acknowledged that it was not perfect due to the difficulties in putting together an Assessment on a Gwent footprint for the first time, during the Covid pandemic.

The Chair wanted to record her thanks to all colleagues who had contributed to putting the draft Assessment together.

AH agreed the need to assess the full landscape, supported the approach that had been taken for the assessment process and was happy to help in any way.

HT suggested that a figure of £3/4bn had been determined as needed to decarbonise the registered social landlord housing stock and he felt that this data should be included in the Assessment.

Decarbonisation of assets will become a significant issue over the next few years.

SA thanked those that had put together a very good chapter on Health and acknowledged the difficulties in getting support from health staff due to the prioritisation of Covid during this period. She would seek to recruit help for the next engagement exercise. She also asked for smoking prevention to be given greater prominence in the Assessment since it was still the biggest driver of health inequality and because of Welsh Government's ambition for Wales to be Smoke-Free by 2030.

The Board was asked to agree the 5 recommendations below which were unanimously agreed, subject to the comments and suggestions made by Board members above being taken on:

- PSB to review and agree the draft Assessment of Local Well-Being for consultation over the period 13th December 2021 to 31st January 2022.
- Individual members to support the consultation process within their own organisations, and also at the local delivery groups.
- PSB to provide any comments on the draft assessment by Monday the 13th December prior to consultation with the groups and bodies listed at 4.10 of the [accompanying paper](#).
- PSB to consider lead members to support the development of the assessment.
- The PSB commit to a workshop on the 14th February 2022 to consider the results of the consultation and provide input to the response analysis.

**Action: PSB members to provide further comment and suggestions for incorporation in the Assessment by 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

### 3. Gwent Becoming a Marmot Region

SA presented a paper (following an earlier paper at the previous meeting) which sought to ask the PSB to agree that the six Marmot principles should be the framework for action to reduce health inequalities across Gwent and open discussions with the Institute of Health Equity about the potential benefits of working with them as a Marmot Region. The paper summarised what SA had found out from various discussions since the last meeting. Adopting the proposals to becoming a Marmot region would mean that Gwent would become the first in Wales to do so.

DS commented that he could see a lot of merit in bringing the Institute of Health Equity in, however queried the sequencing in relation to the well-being assessment timetable and whether this should come first. SA expressed that her well-informed view was that the pandemic was going to make health inequalities worse. She suggested that we will have the assessment in May and if we could start working with them in June, we would be getting into what we are actually going to do about it.

MM made a similar point and that it was important that the indicators were tied in to the well-being assessment and one set of indicators and one way forward would be better than duplication. She agreed being ready to go and the timing as SA suggested made sense. She suggested the possibility of inviting someone from a region from England to present a case study of adopting the Marmot principles to a PSB meeting. SA confirmed that her conversations with the institute confirmed that we can access whatever is helpful to us.

JM was familiar with Michael Marmot's work and was very supportive of it and favoured further discussions. We will need to integrate this with our evidence base, we know it can influence positive change and Michael Marmot is internationally recognised. PM agreed having spent some time in Marmot regions.

AL said that Ministers were planning performance reviews for Chairs of Health Boards and requiring well-being needs assessments to be made. And she supported the themes of the well-being assessment but it was important to listen to regions who have promoted and endorsed the approach and to have a proper network with others.

MC (who was unable to attend) sent an email saying that University of South Wales had the expertise that could add value to the work.

There was also general agreement and support from the PSB with the principles of Marmot. SA said that the Marmot team was small and had multiple requests to work with them so suggested developing a working forum of interested parties. She requested formal authorisation from the PSB to engage in formal talks with other relevant organisations and report back to the PSB

The PSB endorsed the recommendations in the paper below, subject to further discussions with relevant organisations and subsequent consideration by the PSB

- Gwent PSB adopts the six Marmot principles as the framework for action to reduce health inequalities across Gwent
- Gwent PSB agrees to open formal discussions with the Institute of Health Equity about Gwent becoming a Marmot Region to inform a proposal for consideration at the next Gwent PSB meeting.

**Action: SA to take forward discussions with relevant organisations with a view to presenting her findings, including a presentation from a region practising Marmot principles at the next Gwent PSB meeting**

#### 4. Gwent Test Trace and Protect – for information

Ruth Betty from Gwent TTP had drafted a paper for consideration by the PSB. The paper asked that the PSB :

- Notes and agrees the actions taken by the service detailed within the report.
- Notes and comments on the service as appropriate.

All members of the PSB agreed to note the actions as laid out in the paper.

#### 5. Date of Next Meeting and draft items

A further Development Day was scheduled for 14th February 2022 (10am – 3pm) but the full business meeting of the PSB was scheduled for 10th Mar 2022 13:30pm. Agenda Items so far:

- Freelancer and Public Sector Pledge
- Gwent becoming a Marmot Region
- Update on Gwent Test Trace and Protect
- Valleys Regional Park

Meeting closed

#### **Action Summary**

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	<b>Action detail</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
2	Provide further comment and suggestions for incorporation in the Assessment by 13th December 2021	All Gwent PSB members
3	Take forward discussions with relevant organisations with a view to presenting her findings, perhaps including a presentation from a region practising Marmot principles at the next Gwent PSB meeting	SA