



**SUBJECT: Approve Gwent Assessment of Well-being and areas for detailed response analysis**

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<b>1</b>	<b>Areas Affected</b>
1.1	Gwent – all local areas.
<b>2</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
2.1	To present the final Gwent Well-being Assessment for approval and publication in line with statutory timelines.
2.2	To agree the areas for detailed additional investigation as part of response analysis.
<b>3</b>	<b>Background</b>
3.1	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 statutory guidance 'Shared Purpose – Shared Future' sets out a requirement for each Public Services Board (PSB) to prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area no later than a year before it publishes its local well-being plan. This means that the first Gwent Well-Being Assessment must be published by 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.
3.2	<p>The guidance states that the use of evidence and analysis could usefully be divided in to two main components:</p> <p><b>Situation Analysis</b> – painting a broad picture of well-being within the board's area so that potential priorities for the area can be identified (the assessment of local well-being).</p> <p><b>Response Analysis</b> – the detailed analysis of individual issues and themes to inform the development of the Local Well-being Plan.</p> <p>In preparing and publishing the assessment (situation analysis) of the state the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area the board must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set out the communities that comprise the area;</li> <li>• Analyse the state of well-being in each community and the whole area</li> <li>• Analyse the state of well-being of the people in the area;</li> <li>• Include predictions of future trends of the area;</li> <li>• Refer to the National Indicators;</li> <li>• Take into account a number of statutory reviews and assessments when preparing their assessment.</li> </ul>

3.3	<p>The draft Gwent Well-being Assessment was approved by the PSB on the 7<sup>th</sup> December for consultation over the period 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The draft was sent to a range of consultees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commissioner;</li> <li>• The Board's invited participants;</li> <li>• its other partners;</li> <li>• such of the persons who received but did not accept an invitation from the board under Section 38 as the board considers appropriate;</li> <li>• the local authorities overview and scrutiny committees;</li> <li>• relevant voluntary organisations as the board considers appropriate;</li> <li>• representatives of persons resident in the area;</li> <li>• representatives of persons carrying on business in the area;</li> <li>• trade unions representing workers in the area;</li> <li>• such persons with an interest in the maintenance and enhancement of natural resources in the board's area, as the board considers appropriate;</li> <li>• any other persons who in the opinion of the board, are interested in the improvement of the area's economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being</li> </ul>
3.4	<p>All comments were collated centrally via the Gwent PSB website. All comments were screened and considered by the Assessment authors and the relevant amendments made, where considered appropriate. The full Gwent Assessment of Well-being can be found on the Gwent PSB website <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
3.5	<p>Once agreed by the PSB, Section 37 (7) of the Well-being of Futures (Wales) Act 2015 requires the assessment to be sent to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Welsh Ministers;</li> <li>(b) the Commissioner;</li> <li>(c) the Auditor General for Wales;</li> <li>(d) the local authorities overview and scrutiny committees.</li> </ol>
<b>4</b>	<b>Response Analysis</b>
4.1	<p>The Welsh Government guidance describes the response analysis stage as “a bridge” to the Well-being Plan in which some well-being issues are investigated in greater detail. The assessment of well-being in Gwent has identified over 120 well-being issues.</p> <p>These 120 issues were reviewed and collated into 16 summary issues. At the development day on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 the PSB agreed the methodology for scoring of the issues, and combined the 16 issues further into 4 cross-cutting themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment (Climate and Nature emergencies)</li> <li>• Economy and Infrastructure</li> <li>• Health and Well-being/Inequalities</li> <li>• Community Cohesion (including Community Safety and Substance Misuse)</li> </ul> <p>A special meeting of GSWAG was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to score the 16 issues. The scores for each of the 16 issues is attached as <b>Appendix 1</b>.</p>

4.2	<p>Structure of response analysis. It is proposed to use a standard approach to all response analysis areas to enable the PSB to compare them equally. The proposed structure will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline of the issue(s)</li> <li>• Outcomes to be worked towards</li> <li>• What contribution can working towards these outcomes achieve for well-being in Gwent? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Why do it - What is the case for prioritising work on this issue?</li> <li>◆ Is it an issue that could be tackled over the short, medium or long-term?</li> <li>◆ How could it contribute to the 7 Well-being Goals?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Where are we now? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Evidence of current situation – data, research, etc.</li> <li>◆ What is currently being done and by whom?</li> <li>◆ Do we have a comprehensive picture of all activity e.g. private sector, third sector, community interventions?</li> <li>◆ How effective is the current work?</li> <li>◆ How well does what is currently being done take account of the 5 ways of working?</li> <li>◆ What is planned?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What could be done <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Additional work identified?</li> <li>◆ Working more collaboratively?</li> <li>◆ Examples of evidenced good practice elsewhere</li> <li>◆ Are additional resources required or re-tasking of existing resources?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Conclusions and recommendations</li> <li>• Key initial actions, and by whom?</li> </ul>
4.3	<p>Agreement is required on the issues to be investigated in greater detail as part of the response analysis.</p>
4.4	<p>Agreement is required on who will lead/undertake the response analysis work on each of the agreed issues. It is recommended that the PSB nominate leads for each response analysis area, and that these leads ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• their response analysis area is resourced,</li> <li>• they consults and involves all relevant stakeholders and,</li> <li>• they complete the agreed response analysis template for it to be considered at the 30<sup>th</sup> June PSB meeting.</li> </ul>
4.5	<p><b>Timelines</b>  The detailed timeline is attached as <b>Appendix 2</b> the key deadlines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The detailed response analysis work will need to be completed to be considered at the PSB, and the Well-being Objectives that will form the basis of the Well-being Plan agreed on the <b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b></li> <li>• Draft Well-being Plan to be approved by the PSB on <b>29<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b></li> <li>• Advise period Future Generations Commissioner (14 weeks) and Statutory Consultation (12 weeks) – <b>Dates to be confirmed</b></li> <li>• Plan publication by <b>5<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b></li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Funding</b></p>
5.1	<p><b>2021/22</b></p>

	Welsh Government have provided regional funding to support Public Services Boards in 2021/22. The grant available for the Gwent region was a maximum of £77,727. Part of this funding has been used to support the draft assessment process outlined in this report through extra capacity at Caerphilly CBC at a cost of £9,927.50.
5.2	<b>2022/23</b> Welsh Government have confirmed the regional funding to support Public Services Boards in 2022/23. The grant available for the Gwent region is a maximum of £92,529. It is anticipated that part of this funding will be used to undertake the response analysis work and the subsequent development of the Local Well-being Plan. Paperwork has been submitted to Welsh Government to support continued additional capacity in Caerphilly CBC and, in addition, a post in Torfaen CBC to assist with ongoing engagement, evaluation and monitoring.
<b>6</b>	<b>Recommendations to the PSB</b>
6.1	PSB to approve the Assessment of Local Well-being for translation and publication by the statutory deadline of 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022. Noting that translation may not be completed by the 5 <sup>th</sup> May.
6.2	PSB to agree that the Assessment of Local Well-being can subsequently be sent to the statutory recipients set out at 3.5
6.3	PSB to agree the issues for further detailed investigation as part of the response analysis
6.4	PSB to consider lead members and resources for the response analysis phase

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## APPENDICES

**Appendix 1.** Summary of scores of the 16 Well-being Assessment issues from the GSWAG scoring exercise.

**Appendix 2.** Timeline