



**SUBJECT: Gwent Public Services Board Delivery Framework : Best Start in Life**

**MEETING: Gwent Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee**

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<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	The purpose of this paper is for the PSB to receive a Delivery Report (Appendix 2) and Data Set (Appendix 3) for the first Area of Focus (Best Start in Life).
<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The <a href="#">Gwent Well-being Plan 2023-28</a> was agreed by the PSB at its meeting in July 2023. The plan set two Well-being Objectives and five steps to deliver them. The plan also embedded four overarching principles on the way the PSB will work to deliver its objectives and has since identified four key areas of focus for regional well-being delivery around Best Start in Life, Economic Chances, Safe Places, and Climate-Ready Communities.
2.2	The Gwent PSB and its member organisations also signalled a collective ambition to address inequity and its root causes in March 2023. A significant amount of work has taken place on behalf of the PSB, resulting in the publication of the Building a Fairer Gwent: Improving Health Equity and the Social Determinants report <a href="https://www.gwentpsb.org/en/gwent-marmot-region/building-a-fairer-gwent-the-report/">https://www.gwentpsb.org/en/gwent-marmot-region/building-a-fairer-gwent-the-report/</a> .  Following this, The PSB agreed to work together to become the first ‘Marmot Region’ in Wales by implementing the recommendations and actions contained within the report, thus integrating the eight Marmot Principles into its Well-being Plan approach.
<b>3</b>	<b>Delivery Framework</b>
3.1	To begin the journey to establishing an up-to-date picture of delivery across Gwent, a delivery framework has been devised which will monitor progress against the above agreed objectives and recommended actions amongst PSB partner organisations (individually and collectively). The actions have been categorised into the 4 Areas of Focus (AoF) for the PSB to monitor progress and identify any gaps or opportunities for regional delivery. A visual depiction of

3.2	<p>the Delivery Framework is at <b>Appendix 1</b>, members will note that this process will be facilitated by the PSB Regional Resource.</p> <p>For each Area of Focus, members will receive a Delivery Report and an associated Data Set in the form of an infographic, which will be provided by colleagues in the Gwent Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) Team. The team will work with the PSB Regional Resource to establish a regional baseline against the four Areas of Focus and provide historic values/trends for indicators, where available.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Recommendations to the PSB</b>
4.1	<p><b>Key Findings</b> - Note and discuss the initial findings from the regional assessment of progress against the actions relating to this Area of Focus (Best Start in Life).</p>
4.2	<p><b>Leadership &amp; Governance</b> - Agree a PSB member to lead this Area of Focus (Best Start in Life) who can work with and be supported by the PSB Regional Resource to put in place governance arrangements which enable the progress already made to be embedded and help accelerate delivery in other areas.</p>
4.3	<p><b>Delivery Framework</b> - Agree the next Area of Focus to be reported on – consider the Climate Ready Communities one which Steve Morgan, NRW has already offered to lead. The PSB Regional Resource will facilitate and support this process.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Recommendations to Scrutiny Committee</b>
4.1	<p>Note and discuss the initial findings from the regional assessment of progress against the actions relating to the Best Start in Life Area of Focus. Provide any comments and/or recommendations for the PSB to consider.</p>
4.2	<p>Note the PSB will be asked to consider future Leadership &amp; Governance arrangements for this work. They will be considering appointing a PSB Member to lead each Area of Focus and to agree any governance arrangements which need to be put in place to maintain progress and accelerate future delivery across the region.</p>
4.3	<p>Note there will be a rolling programme of Delivery Reports and associated Data Sets coming through covering each Area of Focus.</p>
	<p><b>Background Documents /Electronic Links</b></p> <p>Appendix 1 – Delivery Framework  Appendix 2 – Delivery Report  Appendix 3 – Data Set</p>