



## SUBJECT: Gwent Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA)

**18.03.26 – Gwent PSB Scrutiny Committee**

**26.03.26 – Gwent Public Services Board**

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<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
	<p>To provide an Interim Progress Briefing on the collaborative development of the Gwent Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA).</p> <p>The Gwent CCRA is delivered under the 'Climate &amp; Nature' Area of Focus (AoF): <i>That everyone lives in a climate-ready community where their environment is valued and protected.</i></p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Climate and Nature AoF Progress Report was discussed in the June 2025 PSB meeting. In August, to support the Progress Report recommendation, Steve Morgan, Climate & Nature AoF Lead, confirmed that he was committing £100k from NRW budgets, this financial year, to support and enable the collaborative development of a Gwent CCRA and provide the leadership needed to address the climate and nature emergencies in Gwent.
2.3	This collaborative CCRA will inform a regional Climate Adaptation Plan and support local delivery, to ensure Gwent's infrastructure, transport systems, service delivery and community health and well-being are resilient to Gwent's changing climate and the impacts of more frequent and intense flooding, droughts and heatwaves. The CCRA will provide evidence for the PSB's next well-being assessment in 2026-27.
2.4	Following a competitive tender exercise run by NRW, the CCRA contract (Oct 2025 – Mar 2026) was awarded to Netherwood Sustainable Futures (NSF). Officers from across our organisations formed the Contract Steering Group which has overseen delivery of the CCRA contract. Our officers have worked collaboratively to support the contractors with local intelligence, expertise and insights.
<b>3</b>	<b>Gwent CCRA Interim Progress Briefing</b>
	<p>Please see Appendices:</p> <p><b>Appendix 1: Gwent CCRA Interim Progress Briefing</b> Gwent's CCRA is nearing completion. The consultants' Interim Progress Briefing of 6<sup>th</sup> March provides an update on work, January to March, on the CCRA: delivering face-to-face workshops; deep-dive workshops with specialists; and two Leadership Seminars.</p> <p>The Briefing provides information on participants, content and outcomes of each activity together with some of the headline messages emerging from the work so far.</p>

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	<p>Work is underway during the remainder of March to analyse and synthesize the data emerging from the CCRA to provide clear recommendations to the PSB on priority risks and actions for climate adaptation 2026-30.</p> <p>It is intended that the PSB meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March will provide more detail on these emerging priorities and that PSB members will be engaged in a facilitated exercise (delivered by NSF) to explore the PSB's role in progressing climate adaptation.</p> <p><b>Appendix 2: Climate Risk Leadership Seminar PowerPoint slides</b> The Gwent CCRA Leadership Seminar 3 PowerPoint slides provides more details of the leadership roles that are needed to progress climate adaptation in Gwent - central to the above exercise.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Recommendations to the PSB Scrutiny Committee</b>
4.1	Note and discuss the key findings in the Interim Progress Briefing
4.2	Provide comments and/or recommendations for the PSB to consider.
<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations to the PSB</b>
5.1	Note and discuss the key findings in the Interim Progress Briefing and to participate in a facilitated exercise to explore the PSB's role in progressing climate adaptation
5.2	Provide comments and/or recommendations for the Climate & Nature AoF Lead and CCRA contractor (NSF) to inform the final CCRA Technical Report and the Public-Facing document.

**APPENDICES:**

**Appendix 1: Gwent CCRA Interim Progress Briefing**

**Appendix 2: Climate Risk Leadership Seminar PowerPoint slides**

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