

SUBJECT: Gwent Well-being Plan Annual Report 2025-26

MEETING: Gwent Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 16th September 2026

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present a draft of the third annual progress report on the [Gwent Well-being Plan](#).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCRUTINY

- 2.1 That the committee notes the progress detailed in the third Annual Report against the Gwent Well-being Plan.
- 2.2 That the committee provides feedback and any comments for consideration by the PSB and approves for the draft to be presented at the next PSB meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PSB

- 3.1 That the PSB notes the progress detailed in the third Annual Report against the Gwent Well-being Plan.
- 3.2 That the PSB considers and responds to any comments from the PSB Scrutiny Committee
- 3.3 That the PSB approves the Annual Report for publication with copies being sent to: Welsh Ministers, the Future Generations Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales, as per legislation.
- 3.4 That the PSB note that while there is no requirement to send the Annual Report to individual local authority Scrutiny Committees, as there is now a Regional Scrutiny Committee which has considered the Annual Report, this will be for local determination.

BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Gwent Public Services Board (PSB) was set up under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 as a way for public bodies to work together to take a long-term joined-up approach to improving economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being.
- 3.2 The Act requires that the PSB sets out how they will do this through a Well-being Plan. This plan must follow the sustainable development principles; to act in a

manner that seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

- 3.3 At the same time as developing the Well-being Plan, the PSB also commissioned the Institute for Health Equity to consider how to improve health inequalities across the region. The Building a Fairer Gwent report was published shortly after the Well-being Plan and many of the recommendations dovetail with the aims of the Plan.
- 3.4 The PSB agreed its first regional Well-being Plan, covering the period 2023 to 2028, in July 2023. The PSB is required to report on the steps they have taken to meet the objectives set out in the Well-being Plan through a progress report initially 14 months after the publication of a new Well-being Plan and annually after that.
- 3.5 The second Annual Progress Report detailing progress on the Gwent Well-being Plan was approved by the Gwent PSB (and Scrutiny Committee) and published at the end of 2025.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 This is the third Annual Progress Report detailing progress against the Gwent Well-being Plan and the areas of focus (outlined below) during April 2025 – March 2026.
- 4.2 The PSB identified two objectives and 5 supporting steps in their first Well-being Plan.
- 4.3 In order to deliver the Plan four Areas of Focus were agreed. These are:
 - That every child has the best start in life
 - That everyone lives in a place they feel safe
 - That everyone has the same economic chances
 - That everyone lives in a climate ready community where their environment is valued and protected.

5. RESOURCES

- 5.1 The Annual Report has been prepared by officers sitting within each of the partnership organisations.
- 5.2 Resourcing for the delivery of the Well-being Plan comes from the PSB organisations' existing budgets. The leadership group(s) will be responsible for identifying the resource requirement to deliver the PSB ambitions.
- 5.3 Given the resources available through existing budgets, the sustainable development principles and the statutory requirement for the Annual Report to be submitted to Welsh Government and the Future Generations Commissioner, it is suggested that the final Annual Report 2025-26 remains an online-only document available in both English and Welsh, with printed copies available upon request if necessary.

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS / APPENDICES

6.1 Gwent PSB annual report 2025-26

6.2 [Gwent Wellbeing Plan](#)

7. AUTHOR

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