**SUBJECT: Gwent Well-being Plan Annual Report**

**MEETING: Gwent Public Services Board**

**DATE: 19th September 2024**

**1. PURPOSE**

1.1 To present the first annual progress report on the Gwent Well-being Plan.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the PSB notes the progress detailed in the first Annual Report against the Gwent Well-being Plan.

2.2 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.

2.3 That the PSB note that while there is a 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.

**3. 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 dove tail with the aims of the Plan.

3.3 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.

3.4 This Annual Progress Report is the first detailing progress on the Gwent Well-being Plan and covers the period July 2023 – March 2024.

**4. KEY ISSUES**

4.1 The PSB identified two objectives and 5 supporting steps in their first Well-being Plan.

4.2 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.

4.3 In the months following the adoption of the Well-being Plan the PSB and its wider partners have been considering what the most effective and collaborative actions to take are.

**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.

**6. AUTHORS**

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Appendix 1 Draft Annual Report