



Blaenau Gwent Public Services Board

To be held: Thursday 26th April (2.00pm – 4.00pm)

Venue: Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale, NP23 6XB

1. Welcome, introductions & Apologies

In Attendance:

Councillor Nigel Daniels (Chair)	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Michelle Morris	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Jon Goldsworthy (representing Michael Evans)	Natural Resources Wales
Phil Robson	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Glyn Jones	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Eryl Powell (representing Sarah Aitken)	Public Health Wales
Joe Logan	Tai Calon Community Housing
Nick McLain (representing Julian Williams)	Gwent Police
Jeff Cuthbert	Police and Crime Commissioner
Neil Taylor	Police and Crime Commissioner
Dewi Jones (representing Huw Jakeway)	South Wales Fire Service
Martin Featherstone	Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
Nicola Davies	Probation Service
Rhydian Ayres (representing Rhodri Asby)	Welsh Government
Bernadette Elias	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Andrew Parker	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Apologies:

Rhodri Asby	Welsh Government
Guy Lacey	Coleg Gwent
Huw Jakeway	South Wales Fire Service
Judith Pagett	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Julian Williams	Gwent Police (
Diana Binding	Wales Probation Service
Sarah Aitken	Public Health Wales
Michael Evans	Natural Resources Wales

The meeting was conducted with Quorum Status.

2. Notes of previous meeting

2a) PSB meeting 29th January notes 2018 for accuracy
Notes agreed as accurate.

2b) Action Sheet from 29th January 2018

The Chair invited BE to take the PSB through the Action Sheet. BE noted the complete actions and highlighted the proposed next steps for those actions that continue to be progressed. MM noted that for Action No. 3 the date was in the diary for the G7/G9 meeting, and would raise the points made at the last PSB at that meeting.

2c) PSB Meeting 26th March Notes for accuracy

It was noted that there was an accuracy issue on the 'title' of the March notes as saved, however the actual date of the meeting in the notes was correct.

***Action 1:** Correct the title of the saved minutes.*

2d) PSB meeting 26th March 2018 action sheet

The Chair invited BE to take the PSB through the Action Sheet. BE noted the complete actions and highlighted the proposed next steps for those actions that continue to be progressed. The 'Go Wild' briefing paper on Well-being plan launch and the funding application for the 'Blaenau Gwent on the Move' were provided with PSB April papers. JG outlined that NRW are prepared to do the presentation on the Carbon Positive Project.

2. e) Recommendation from PSB Strategic Support Group

BE outlined the recommendation from the PSB SSG and outlined the proposal to support the PSB communicating the difference being made and key activity, with the Engagement Sub-group of SSG developing a public facing PSB Newsletter/Bulletin structured around the delivery programme for comment by the Board.

***Action 2:** PSB collectively agreed the proposal for a PSB Newsletter Bulletin.*

3. Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan

3. a) Statutory members to confirm the draft plan has been approved through their internal governance arrangements

The Chair confirmed that the well-being plan had been approved by Council on the morning 26 April

DJ confirmed South Wales Fire had approved via appropriate processes and a letter had been sent from Huw Jakeway. JG confirmed approval via appropriate processes and a letter had been sent from NRW.

GJ confirmed that the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board had approved the plan and would ensure that a confirmation letter was received confirming this. PR outlined that ABUHB had approved all five Gwent plans.

***Action 3:** GJ to seek confirmation letter.*

3. b) Approval of the Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan for publication

Following the statutory approval process, the Chair invited the PSB members to collectively approve the well-being plan for publication as a PSB. All PSB members confirmed their approval. PSB members were informed that the final document would be finalised and published via the PSB website: www.blaenaugwentpsb.org.uk

Action 4: PSB members to receive email confirmation.

4. Next steps required following PSB approval

4. a) Well-being Plan circulated to relevant bodies named in the Act

BE outlined the statutory requirements outlined in the guidance for circulating the approved well-being plan to relevant bodies named in the Act, confirming that a letter would be sent out to those required on behalf of the PSB by the Chair.

Action 5: BE to arrange for circulation of plan to appropriate bodies.

4. b) Welsh Language Translation costs

The Chair outlined that the development and publication of the well-being plan had led to costs to cover the Welsh Language translation, which is a requirement for the PSB in-line with duties associated with the Welsh Language Standards. For the development of the plan, the Council had covered the costs associated with translation for the Blaenau Gwent We Want engagement programme, however as the plan was a collective duty the Chair outlined his expectation for partner organisations to make appropriate contributions to the translation of the final plan. The PSB members agreed that the costs should be considered and appropriately distributed amongst all PSB member organisations represented on the Board.

Action 6: BE to identify the overall costs by the July PSB Meeting.

4. c) Partnerships Structure under PSB. Undertake a review and to bring options back to July meeting

MF gave an overview of the partnership structures which had been supporting the PSB in delivering the Single Integrated Plan 2013 to 2017, highlighting that there had been some helpful learning from these arrangements that would allow the PSB to build a new partnership architecture to deliver the well-being plan, with principles for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 at its very core.

Action 7: MF to lead a review on behalf of the PSB working with the SSG via BE.

4. d) PSB Performance Management arrangements.

BE outlined the proposal to put in place a new performance management framework (PMF) for the well-being plan. This will take into consideration the appropriate arrangements for the wider partnership and will ensure that those projects identified as part of the delivery plan have appropriate accountability. This will also include investigating the opportunities for measurement, and identifying the most appropriate indicators for the plan as a whole, and each individual delivery actions. The Proposal was for SSG to support the PSB in the development of options for the PMF, which was agreed.

Action 8: *BE to take to SSG to develop proposals to be considered at July meeting.*

5. Discussion space

PSB Well-being Delivery Programme 2018/19

5. a) Working together on Universal Credit

MM outlined that the event on Universal Credit was held successfully as a PSB event in-line with the discussions held at the last PSB meeting. MM noted that taking a partnership approach to the event had a significant impact with really good representation (over 80 people) from across a variety of partner organisations, including public services, and voluntary and community groups. MM noted that each individual organisation will be preparing corporate approaches to the start in July, however there was obvious benefits in taking a partnership approach. In referring to the attached paper MM noted the key recommendations for the PSB consideration. The following three options were supported:

1. Develop a partnership risk register based on the feedback from the event which will outline mitigating actions for high level risks.
2. Develop a Universal Credit Support Directory for use by local people and partner agencies, and
3. Options are scoped for more awareness raising of Universal Credit amongst front-line staff with relevant agencies.

JL outlined he was delighted to be the PSB lead for the project and his next step would be to set up an appropriate core group to take forward the agreed actions. . MF queried the organisational representation of the core group, and JL noted he was open to suggestion for those that should attend from PSB members.

Action 9: *JL to meet with BE to take forward core group to deliver the actions associated with the agreed recommendations.*

5. b) Early Years First 1000 Days Programme

GJ introduced the paper on PSB priority project for 'The First 1,000 days', providing an overview of the proposal and the key the three key recommendations:

1. Support a F1000D systems engagement event, to agree the proposed membership of the Planning Group, and to nominate suitable representatives to sit on the group.
2. Sign up to the F1000D collaborative agreement.

3. Identify suitable front-line practitioners to be invited to the F1000D systems engagement event and to enable them to attend the event.

JC noted his interest in the project, and commented on the clear links with the work being carried out across the 4 Welsh Policing areas relating to ACES (£6.8m project), and the opportunities there would be to carry out joined up work. He further supported the engagement and the commitment to getting the right people to the event, which he recommended was put through the Chief Constable.

MM outlined the Council's support of the project and would ensure appropriate staff would be available to attend training. In terms of the collaborative agreement MM noted that support to the agreement for signing off, and that it would assist in ensuring that the PSB would know what good will look like, and what needs to be done to get there.

EP confirmed that the Collective Agreement was put in place following good work in Torfaen and Wrexham, however we would need to consider the agreement and our own local processes. EP noted that by signing up to the agreement there would be access to a small funding opportunity, but more importantly a wealth of experience and expertise, with the opportunity to bring in experts.

Action 10: PSB supported the recommendations in the paper, GJ to action

5. c) Maximising the opportunities for prosperity

MM outlined the opportunity for the PSB to consider the local opportunities and influence the PSB could have by working with Welsh Government on key regional projects operating in Blaenau Gwent to maximise opportunities for prosperity (in-line with the outlined high level action outlined in the well-being plan delivery programme). MM outlined these opportunities as being Cardiff City Region, Valleys Taskforce and Tech Valleys Initiative, and JL asked for the Foundational Economy to be considered given the others programmes are capital focused.

Action 11: MM to progress discussions with RA from Welsh Government

Action 12: MM to progress discussions with JL on Foundational Economy opportunities

5. d) Topics for next discussion space to be decided (*Chair*)

The Chair invited PSB members for views on discussion space items for future meetings, JG raised the opportunity to discuss Carbon Futures, which was welcomed for to be tabled for July or September.

Action 13: Carbon Futures to be agenda item for future meeting

BE reminded the PSB there will be opportunity for a regional facilitated workshop and a BG discussion on the Gwent Futures regional project carried on behalf of the 5 PSBs via GSWAG. This work has been led by Ash Futures. MF outlined that this could support the PSB to consider the integration between the actions that were being taken to take forward the projects and the opportunities for bring synergy and setting appropriate ambition.

Action 14: Gwent Futures project to be agenda item for future meeting

PR noted the potential regional priorities projects for working opportunities across the Gwent area. EP noted the proposal papers had been taken to the last G 9 meeting.

Action 15: *Gwent Priorities Proposal Projects to be agenda item for future meeting.*

NT outlined the opportunity for the PSB members to consider their questions for the FGC questions, as a way to stimulate positive two way dialogue.

Action 16: *PSB members to consider potential questions FGC for visit in July*

The Chair also welcomed ideas from PSB members for an appropriate venue to showcase the area for the next meeting in July, and asked PSB to identify appropriate venues to BE.

Action 17: *PSB members to inform BE of venues*

6. WG Funding for PSB Support (BE) (10 mins)

6. a) 2017/18 Projects – Verbal Update

i) Future Trends Report for Gwent

BE provided a brief overview of the project and EP noted the quality of the work carried out for the project and outlined the opportunity for the PSB to consider the horizon scanning for future trends in society and potential scenarios that the PSB could use to think about their future work, as noted in the previous agenda item.

ii) Happy Communities – Thriving Communities Index and Happiness Pulse

BE provided an update of the Thriving communities Index, noting that the project had moved from a Gwent pilot project, to national coverage via Data Cymru Wales. BE outlined that she had been asked to speak at the recent launch event on behalf of GSWAG, outlining the experiences of the project for Gwent.

Following this BE outlined the success of the Happiness Pulse survey which was carried out across Gwent as part of the same awarded contract. Across Gwent around 8,000 people participated across the two months in January and February, receiving instant feedback on their well-being, and the opportunities they would have to improve their individual well-being.

6. b) 2018/19 Application

In reviewing to the attached paper, BE noted the successful application made to Welsh Government via GSWAG on behalf of the five Gwent PSBs for three specific projects, which included extending the Gwent Futures project, which will see individual support for PSBs in coming months, carrying out the Happiness Pulse as a follow up survey one year on, and a new project considering the lived experiences of people in the Gwent following incidents as a result of climate change.

Action 18: *BE to update PSB on GSWAG as appropriate at future meetings.*

7. Next PSB meeting (5 mins)

The chair note the next meeting to be Monday 23rd July at 11.00am – 13.00pm with the venue to be agreed following PSB member input. The Chair reminded members that Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner, will be in attendance.

8. Any Other Business (Chair)

Rhydian Ayres, representing Rhodri Asby (Welsh Government) informed members of Hannah Blythunyn (AM) recent commitments in her Oral Statement to the Assembly to priorities relating to environment with a key focus on our natural environment through biodiversity in Wales, national parks, increasing the number of trees and woodland, air quality and recycling.

***Action 19:** RA to provide link to Oral Statement (17 April)*

9. Items for information

The Chair noted the Items for Information for PSB members to consider.

- a) Gwent Strategic Well-being Assessment Group Notes – January 2018 and April 2018 (*draft*)
- b) PSB Strategic Support Group Notes – 23rd Feb 2018

The Chair thanked those attending and closed the meeting.