



Well-being Objectives and Statement 2017



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Title	Well-being Objectives 2017-18
Purpose	<p>This plan outlines the council's responsibility under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in carrying out sustainable development to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set and publish well-being objectives • Take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives • Publish a statement about well-being objectives • Detail arrangements to publish an annual report of progress <p>This plan outlines the council's responsibility to publish its Improvement Objectives in line with the plans for the year ahead as outlined in section 15(7) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and shows how the council is delivering the 7 aspects of improvement.</p>
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Consultation	Informed by the Well-being Assessment which undertook an extensive public engagement exercise "Our Monmouthshire".

If you want to comment on the council's well-being objectives give your thoughts on issues that you feel should be considered as part of the council's approach to well-being, please get in touch.

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Vision for Monmouthshire

Over the coming years the shape of public services in Wales will change significantly. The Well-being of Future Generations Act and The Social Services and Well-being Act require public services think more about the long-term, work better with people and communities, look to prevent problems before they arise and take a more joined-up approach.

The Future Generations Act is changing the way in which we plan, encouraging us to look ahead in ten and even 25 year time frames. Reducing budgets, increasing demand and higher public expectations mean that we cannot keep delivering public services using the same approach. It is vital that we look to the future and identify new ways of doing things which we have been undertaking in the last few years.

The Future Monmouthshire programme has been designed to be aligned with the principles of the Future Generations Act. The work is looking at balancing the short term needs to give ourselves the thinking space to solve some of our big challenges facing our county.

We were required to have Well-being Objectives in place by 31st March 2017. Following the local government elections in May 2017 we will work with the incoming councillors to further develop the actions and measures that will be put in place to deliver the well-being objectives. The objectives will be presented to the new council for endorsement. At that time councillors will have the opportunity to revisit the objectives and identify the projects that will help deliver them.

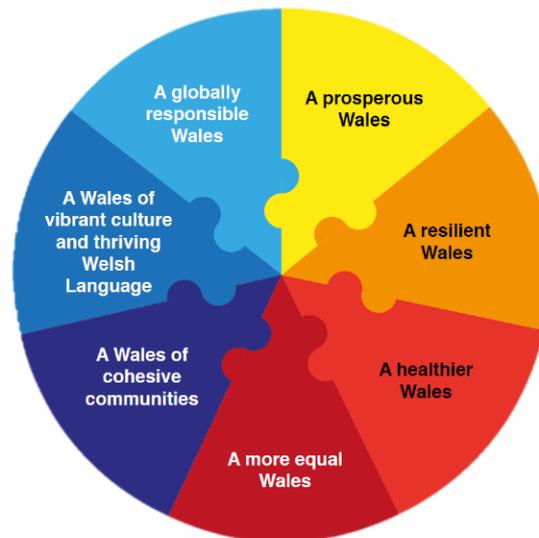
Before we set our well-being objectives we needed to further understand some of the information about Monmouthshire, its people and environment. The Public Service Board's [Well-being Assessment](#) has provided us with a rich understanding of the assets in Monmouthshire and the challenges and opportunities that we have taken into consideration alongside existing strategies, policies and legislation to develop our objectives. This has helped us confirm our purpose and set a clear vision for the county.

We want to enable the building of sustainable and resilient communities that support the well-being of current and future generations.

This vision is at the heart of everything we do to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Monmouthshire. We will consider sustainable development in how we plan and deliver our well-being objectives and contributing to the achievement of the seven national well-being goals for Wales. .

The Well-Being of Future Generations Act

The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires us to carry out sustainable development, this should ensure that present needs are met without compromising future generations in meeting their own needs. When carrying out sustainable development, we have to publish well-being objectives which are designed to maximise our contribution to achieving each of the seven wellbeing goals and take all reasonable steps to meet the objectives. The seven wellbeing goals are shown in the diagram below.



In planning our services and taking action to meet our wellbeing objectives we must consider, but also demonstrate that we have applied, the following sustainable governance principles in our decision making:

- Balancing short term needs with long term needs.
- Using an integrated approach, balancing social, economic and environmental needs.
- Involving others and taking their views into account.
- Working in collaboration with others.
- Putting resources into preventing problems

All the current decisions made by the council and its cabinet are assessed using a Future Generations Evaluation which ensures equality and sustainable development are considered fully in the decisions we take.

The Act also puts a well-being duty on specified public bodies to act jointly via Public Service Boards (PSB) to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of their area by contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals. The four statutory members of the Public Service Board, or PSB, are the Local Authority, Local Health Board, Fire and Rescue Authority and Natural Resources Wales. Other organisations are also invited, in Monmouthshire this includes Gwent Police, Monmouthshire Housing Association, Melin Homes and voluntary organisations represented through the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations.

Wellbeing Assessment

Monmouthshire Public Service Board has produced its Well-being Assessment for the county. This will help to shape the future of the area and its communities. The assessment draws together findings from data, academic research and policy papers and the views of local people. It is made up of different sections and considers the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Monmouthshire as a whole.

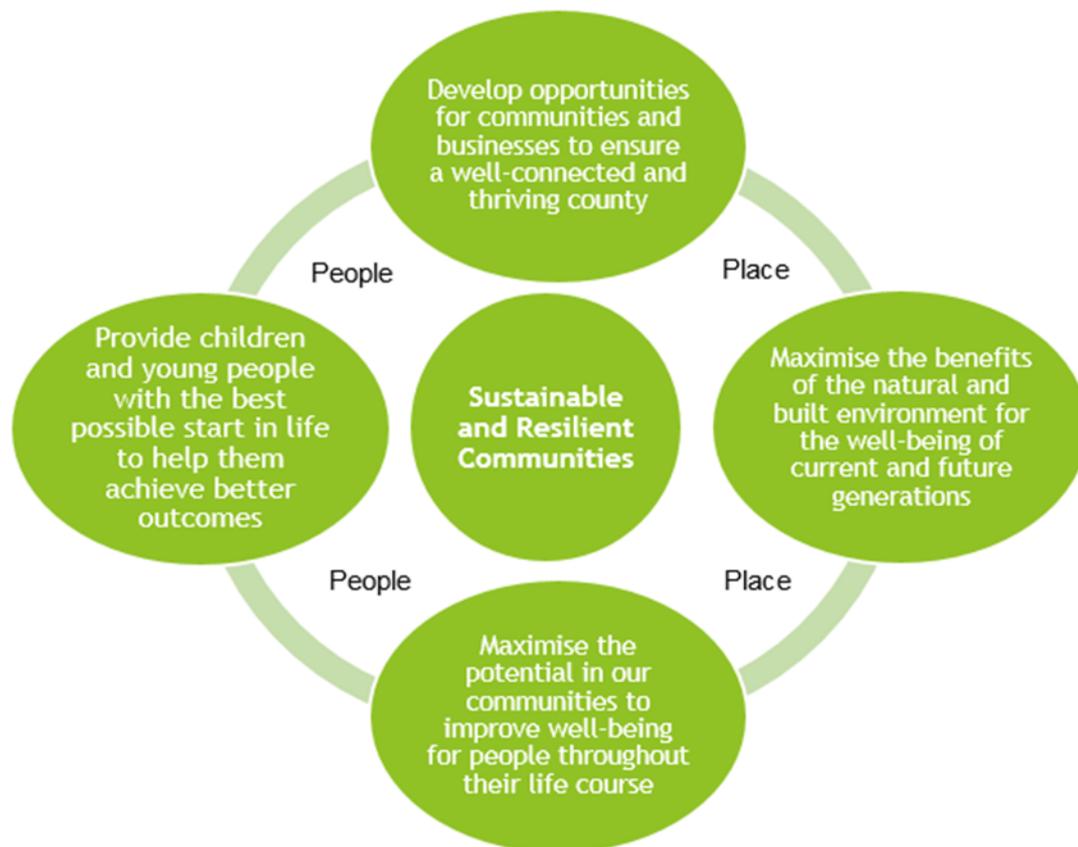
It also provides profiles of more localised areas loosely clustered around our five largest settlements: Abergavenny; Monmouth; Usk; Chepstow and Caldicot. There is a section on future trends and a conclusions section that draws out some of the main messages that the Public Service Board will need to consider. This information has been used to inform the council's well-being objectives. You can download a copy of the assessment at www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/our-monmouthshire

The Wellbeing Objectives

The well-being objectives we have set bring together the evidence, policy and legislation currently available to show how we will deliver a public service that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Specific actions to deliver the objectives and metrics to evaluate progress will be further developed and included in the objectives following elections in May 2017.

Many of the areas in each objective are connected and integrating the activity to deliver each objective is vital for them to maximise their impact.



Activities will address longer term challenges at a community level rather than some of the internal process issues and outputs that could sometimes be found in the council's annual Improvement Plan. It will take a longer time for measurable change to be evidence although there will continue to be milestones that can be used to track our improvement journey.

Contribution to well-being goals

The table demonstrates how each of the four well-being objectives contribute to the national well-being goals. The bold colours indicate a direct contribution to achievement of the goal and pale colours indicate where there will be a less direct contribution. Every goal is directly contributed to by at least two of the objectives.

Well-being Objectives	Contribution of Well-being Objectives to Well-being Goals						
	Prosperous Wales	Resilient Wales	Healthier Wales	More equal Wales	Wales of cohesive communities	vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language	Globally responsible Wales
Provide children and young people with the best possible start in life to help them achieve better outcomes	Yellow	Pale Orange	Red	Dark Red	Pale Blue	Green	Pale Pink
Maximise the potential in our communities to improve well-being for people throughout their life course	Yellow	Orange	Red	Dark Red	Dark Blue	Pale Green	Pale Pink
Maximise the benefits of the natural and built environment for the well-being of current and future generations	Yellow	Orange	Red	Pale Orange	Dark Blue	Green	Pink
Develop opportunities for communities and businesses to ensure a well-connected and thriving county	Yellow	Orange	Red	Dark Red	Dark Blue	Pale Green	Pink

Feedback

We're always interested to know what you think about our services and our well-being objectives that we've written about in this plan. You can complete this form and return it to us via e-mail or post. However we're interested in all views however you wish to supply them. Details of how to get in touch are at the bottom of the page.

1. Do you agree the well-being objectives have identified the right areas for us to focus on?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Comments
Well-being objective 1				
Well-being objective 2				
Well-being objective 3				
Well-being objective 4				

2. Is there anything else that you think should be a well-being objective in the future?
Please tell us here.

3. We're interested to know what you thought of our plan. Please let us know:

	Yes	No	Comments
Was it easy to understand?			
Was the content informative?			

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