

WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT

Project Description:	
Gwent Regional Homelessness Reviews and draft Gwent Homelessness Strategy 2018 - 2022	
Section 1) Complete the table below to assess how well you have applied the 5 ways of working.	
 Integration	<p>1. <i>How does your project / activity deliver economic, social, environmental & cultural outcomes together?</i></p> <p>The provision of good quality services to assist homeless households, or those at risk of homelessness, will improve economic, social, environmental and cultural outcomes, enabling local people to remain in their own communities and support their local area. Development of a Gwent Homelessness Strategy and Reviews allows for a more integrated approach to overcoming homelessness. This integrated approach involves stakeholders from a wide range of organisations as evidenced in the stakeholder engagement exercises.</p>
 Long-term	<p>2. <i>How does your project / activity balance short-term need with the long-term and planning for the future?</i></p> <p>This link may help you with long term planning: http://www.wlga.gov.uk/sustainable-development/generation-2050-better-long-term-decision-making-1-a-resource-for-local-government</p> <p>Access to affordable housing, homelessness prevention and housing related support services are mainstreamed within the Homelessness Strategy and Action Plans. The Strategy and Action Plans cater for the delivery of short term, immediate solutions, alongside more longer term, better planned actions/ outcomes over a four year period and beyond. By adopting this approach, the longer term needs of vulnerable households and individuals are factored in.</p>
 Prevention	<p>3. <i>How does your project / activity put resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse?</i></p> <p>Housing need is most acute when people are homeless or at risk of homelessness. To prevent households from reaching this crisis situation, the Gwent Homelessness Reviews provide valuable in-depth intelligence on how homelessness prevention can be improved. This intelligence is translated into regional and/or local actions. Amongst all four priorities of the Gwent Homelessness Strategy, key priorities are to minimise and prevent homelessness through early intervention, and to offer fast and effective advice and support working with partners to help vulnerable people.</p>
 	<p>4. <i>How does your project / activity involve working together with partners (internal and external) to deliver well-being objectives?</i></p> <p>Delivery of the Gwent Homelessness Strategy is only possible through effective partnership working. Torfaen County Borough Council and the neighbouring Gwent local authorities will work in partnership with a wide range of organisations and stakeholders to proactively deliver the Strategy and Well-Being objectives. Partners include Elected Members, Registered Social Landlords,</p>

Collaboration	Support Service Providers and various sections of the Council. Delivery of the Strategy will also be monitored within a partnership setting.
 <p>Involvement</p>	<p>5. <i>How does your project / activity involve stakeholders with an interest in achieving the well-being goals? How do those stakeholders reflect the diversity of the area?</i></p> <p>During the development of the Homelessness Review and Strategy, widescale consultation was carried out with residents and stakeholders who had been homeless, were experiencing homelessness or were at risk of homelessness. Consultation also took place with Council representatives and external organisations. The results of these consultations were used to shape and develop the priorities of the draft Gwent Homeless Strategy.</p>

Section 2) Assess how well your project / activity will result in multiple benefits for our communities and contribute to the national well-being goals (use **Appendix 1** to help you).

Description of the Well-being goals	How will your project / activity deliver benefits to our communities under the national well-being goals?	Is there anyway to maximise the benefits or minimise any negative impacts to our communities (and the contribution to the national well-being goals)?
<p>A prosperous Wales An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>Delivering improved services in Torfaen and across the Gwent region will result in better outcomes for residents, whilst the delivery of new/alternative housing provision will result in the use of local contractors and local supply chains.</p>	<p>The Housing Service and Gwent local authorities will continue to support the exploration of all available opportunities to improve the wellbeing of Torfaen and its residents</p>
<p>A resilient Wales A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).</p>	<p>Homelessness can result in isolation and poverty, which can negatively impact on a person's wellbeing and have a detrimental impact on the resilience of a community. By effectively addressing homelessness, a number of benefits are achieved, such as assisting people into sustainable accommodation and reducing poverty.</p>	<p>Any efforts to minimise and prevent homelessness will improve the outcomes for people and reduce the negative impact that homelessness can have on a community.</p>
<p>A healthier Wales A society in which people's physical and mental</p>	<p>Quality homes and suitable support services are essential for ensuring people's well-being, with poor</p>	<p>As part of the Homelessness Action Plans, Torfaen and its neighbouring local authorities will</p>

well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.	living conditions and homelessness affecting a person's health, as well as their ability to prosper.	continue to explore opportunities to improve links between health and housing, to promote better outcomes for service users.
A more equal Wales A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).	Supporting some of the most vulnerable and deprived communities and residents in Torfaen will ensure that no one is adversely affected by their living conditions.	The Housing Service, in conjunction with its partners, will continue to explore all available opportunities to improve the wellbeing of Torfaen and its residents.
A Wales of cohesive communities Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.	Good quality housing can increase an areas ability to attract investment and employment opportunities, so working to reduce homelessness and deliver better outcomes will benefit Torfaen as a whole.	Homelessness and especially rough sleeping can have a detrimental effect on communities and so by working to mitigate the risk of homelessness, Torfaen will be able to contribute to making attractive and safe communities.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.	Helping to maintain communities as places where people are able to access good quality, affordable accommodation will help to ensure that local cultures are preserved.	The Housing Service continues to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Welsh Language Act and will continue to ensure that residents who wish to communicate in Welsh have the opportunity to do so. The Gwent Homelessness Reviews and Strategy will be translated into Welsh.
A globally responsible Wales A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.	By effectively planning and delivering better homelessness services in Torfaen, the Housing Service will deliver social and environmental benefits supporting communities to be vibrant places to live.	The Housing Service, in conjunction with its partners, will continue to explore all available opportunities to improve the wellbeing of Torfaen and its residents.

Section 3) Will your project / activity affect people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Explain what will be done to maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impacts.

Protected characteristics	Will your project / activity have any positive impacts on those with a protected characteristic?	Will your project / activity have any negative impacts on those with a protected characteristic?	Is there any way to maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impacts?
Age	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are

	regardless of a protected characteristic.		maximised.
Disability	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided regardless of a protected characteristic.	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.
Gender	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided regardless of a protected characteristic.	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.
Gender reassignment	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided regardless of a protected characteristic.	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.
Marriage and civil partnership	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided regardless of a protected characteristic.	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.
Pregnancy and maternity	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided regardless of a protected characteristic.	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.

Race	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided regardless of a protected characteristic.	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.
Religion or Belief	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided regardless of a protected characteristic.	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.
Sexual orientation	Yes – everyone in Torfaen will be entitled to advice around homelessness and where the local authority has a duty to provide assistance, this will be provided regardless of a protected characteristic.	No one in Torfaen should be affected negatively as a result of these proposals	The Housing Service will continue to map levels of need and where a specific need is identified due to a protected characteristic, will work to ensure that the positive impacts are maximised.

Section 4) Cabinet to approve the draft Gwent Homelessness Strategy 2018 - 2022

Cabinet

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