



## Summary of Written Responses to 12 Week Consultation

*Future Generations Commissioner* – on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the Commissioner provided written feedback as part of the 14 week consultation period with her office, which is included at Appendix 6. This advice was reiterated in her letter of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017. We have used the advice to inform the development of the final Well-being Plan, with many of the specific comments being considered by the Action Area Groups that have been and will be established. A summary of our response to the advice offered by the Commissioner is provided in Appendix 7.

*Welsh Government* – the response from the Welsh Government was categorised in three ways:

- Category A – significant issues which we hope would be addressed prior to publication of the final plan, relating to compliance with statutory requirements or major concerns with key elements of the Plan
- Category B – issues which, if addressed prior to publication, would strengthen the final plan. These issues would add genuine value to the plan if prioritised alongside early development
- Category C – matters which would strengthen the plan but could be addressed as it continues to develop and evolve

Two Category A areas for development were identified – cohesiveness and clarity (particularly with regard to structure and flow and the use of technical language, and the need for greater clarity around the objectives and steps) and maximising contribution to the national well-being goals (the need to more explicitly address the issue of integration of the objectives and how one objective can affect another). It is worth noting that these issues had already been addressed by the time the response was received.

In addition, a number of Category B and Category C areas for development were identified. These have been dealt with either in the final Well-being Plan itself or the Well-being Delivery Plan, and will continue to inform the work of the Action Area Groups moving forward. In relation to the comments around 'Long term thinking and future scoping', the "futures" work commissioned from Ash Futures Ltd will help to fill some of the gaps identified moving forward.

*Aneurin Bevan University Health Board* – the response supported the 4 Positives approach and made some suggestions with regard to presentation of the document.

*Aneurin Bevan Gwent Public Health Team* – the response made reference to the amount of work that has gone into developing the Well-being Plan and stated that it captures the main issues affecting the well-being of the population of the county borough. Specific comments were made around the ‘Positive Start’ Well-being Objective and some of the Action Areas, which have been incorporated in the final versions.

*Caerphilly 50 Plus Forum* – the response stressed the need to respond to the predicted increase in the ageing population and demographic change. Specific reference was made to issues such as creating age friendly communities, the role of carers and the importance of ‘a good old age’. These comments have been addressed within the Plan where appropriate, but it is important to note that this Plan should be considered alongside the Area Plan, which deals specifically with those groups within the population that have care and support needs.

*Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council* – as a neighbouring local authority area they were pleased to see the range of collaborative opportunities available and the positive synergies with their Well-being Plan.

*Gwent Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Partnership Board* – the response recognised the strong association between their work and adverse childhood experiences, and felt this could be strengthened within the Plan.

*NSPCC Wales* – the response urges the Board to prioritise preventing and protecting children from abuse, neglect and other forms of childhood adversities.

*Arts Council of Wales* – the response highlights the opportunities for them to work collaboratively with the Board to find innovative ways of using arts and creativity to embed the sustainable development principle. They also provide a number of case studies that illustrate what is possible by working collaboratively with artists or arts organisations.

*Oxfam* – the response expressed concern that the Draft Plan contains insufficient detail on how the Board will tackle income inequality that concentrates pay, opportunities for progression, and social value to roles predominantly carried out by men, thereby limiting the ability of women to move out of poverty.

*Royal Society for the Protection of Birds* – the response states that if we are to secure the benefits of healthy ecosystems for current and future generations and at the same time halt and reverse biodiversity decline in line with international commitments, there is an urgent need to ensure we live within environmental limits.

*Hub Cymru Africa* – the response recommends that the Plan should reflect the human dimension within the procurement action area. In addition to the focus on sustainable, low carbon and ethically responsible procurement, the Plan could further consider issues such as Fair Trade procurement, promoting global citizenship with people of all ages and how to welcome and support refugees and asylum seekers in the area.