

PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

(Baglan Innovation Centre, Baglan, Port Talbot)

Members Present: 5 February 2020

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:

Councillor R.G.Jones, S.Phillips, K.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.Evans, S.Foster and V.Dale

Swansea Bay University Health Board:

S.Harrop-Griffiths and E.Woollett

South Wales Police:

J.Maal

NPT CVS:

G.Richards

Tai Tarian:

L.Whittaker

National Probation Service (South Wales):

R.Lovell

Coastal Housing:

A.Parry-Jones

Natural Resources Wales:

G.Bown

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service:

C.Howells

South Wales Police and Crime Commissioners' Office:

M.Brace

Town and Community Councils:

T.Jones

NPT Group of Colleges:

M.Dacey

Future Generations Commissioner Team

H. Morgan

S.Howe (Future Generations Commissioner)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr.R.G.Jones, Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council welcomed Ms.S.Howe, Future Generations Commissioner and Ms.H.Morgan to the meeting

2. CRITICAL INCIDENT GROUP

The Commissioner was provided with an overview of the Critical Incident Group (CIG), work, formed as a result of the concerns arising from County Lines activity and the higher than average numbers of

drug related deaths and serious infections. A clear set of actions and service responses had been mobilised by the Critical Incident Group. The work is now moving into the next phase which will include identifying longer term solutions that can impact upon the root causes of substance misuse.

Neath Port Talbot College highlighted that the staff training in identifying changes in students behaviour as a result of substance misuse was very positive.

Discussion took place on the link between the work of the CIG and the Adverse Childhood Experience objective which has had excellent results in the Sandfields area, delivered via the Early Action Together Programme.

The Future Generations Commissioner identified two examples of work that might benefit Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board (PSB). One was the place based approach Caerphilly PSB were undertaking in the Lansbury Park area, and the other was Cwmtaf PSB regarding their "Right Service at the Right Time" work.

In addition, the Commissioner was pleased that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Swansea Bay University Health Board were working collaboratively to fund the Local Area Co-ordinators. It was highlighted the need for the Co-ordinators to also support the local voluntary sector.

3. SANDFIELDS WEST CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY

Information was received on the socio economic situation in Sandfields West, where 2.9% of the year 11 cohort (43 young people) had been assessed as NEET (not in education, employment or training). A study of the lives of these young people had highlighted a number of factors that had led to this outcome. The pilot was focussing on children in their early years to improve these outcomes, and the pilot was committed to engaging with parents in order to fully understand their lived experiences.

The Commissioner identified the opportunity to link this objective with the Ageing Well objective and highlighted work carried out in Gwent with primary age children and older people in care homes.

4. CULTURAL CHANGE

Discussion took place on the Asset Based Community Development approach that the PSB was now implementing and how communities were being supported to support themselves and respond as issues emerge. Also, the PSB were testing a number of ways in which they can work with communities. Work was ongoing looking at commissioning for social value and how organisations with different

cultural values come together and change each other's way of working.

5. FUTURE GENERATIONS COMMISSIONER - GOOD/EMERGING PRACTICE FROM ACROSS WALES

The Commissioner highlighted that on occasions process can hinder the desired outcomes and the most important was to build relationships. In addition, it was time, space and human resource that was needed to enact cultural change and not necessarily money. Inter-organisational secondments could be useful to enable issues to be seen through different perspectives.

A good example of Community Hub Social Enterprise was in Wrexham. The hub was led by a General Practitioner where social issues and dealt with alongside medical ones.

A further example of intergenerational work was in Sweden where a care home incorporates student accommodation. An option to consider would be inviting older people to join school meals as a way of combating loneliness and isolation.

Further discussion took place on the importance of having business representation on PSB's and the need for employers to be given the opportunity to engage with young people in schools and colleges.

The Commissioner talked about making connections across wellbeing objectives and steps and Bridging the Gap tool the team have been developing – please see attached. This is a quick guide relating the main themes of well-being objectives (e.g. Economy, Environment, Housing etc) to well-being goals and specific elements of the well-being goals.

6. PROCUREMENT AND THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

It was highlighted that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council were undertaking work around procurement with the Future Generations Office which would result in a smarter more flexible procurement. Information would be circulated to the Board.

The Commissioner invited the Board to share any examples of difficulties in implementing the Act with the team and offered assistance. Detail on specific local issues are welcomed to be able to show Government, or others, where funding/policy/legislation is inhibiting the Act.

Also, the Commissioner would be pleased to provide any letters of support for PSB, or public body initiatives.

7. CITY DEAL LOW CARBON BUSINESS CASE

The Commissioner was pleased to see the development/progress of the low carbon work that was part of the City Deal and which would feature as a good example in the next Future Generations newsletter. The Commissioner described the work carried out with Cardiff Business School on workforces having skills fit for the future

8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN (ATTACHED)

The Board considered the Children and Young People's Plan and agreed the following:

- RESOLVED** 1. That the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board endorsed the Children and Young People's Plan as presented.
2. That the Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board Children and Young People's Plan 2019-2023 be formally considered within agencies to secure organisational commitment to the Plan.
3. That details be provided by organisations of the steps that they are taking to embed the Children and Young People's Plan into their own corporate processes. A link to the relevant corporate documentation would be provided to connect with the PSB website.
4. That contact details be provided for a lead officer within organisations responsible to follow up the actions agreed above.

It was highlighted that the current Think Family Partnership structure was to be reviewed and that recommendations for revised governance arrangements would be brought for consideration to a future meeting of this Board.

It was agreed that the Chair of Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board would ensure that there was a clear link between the Children and Young Peoples Plan and the Children and Young People's Transformation Board that sits within the Regional Planning Board.

9. COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

Welsh Government are progressing the Community Wealth Building project and have appointed CLES to support four pilot Public Services Boards. In addition, the Welsh Government are keen to work with PSB's in Valley areas and would support and resource any PSB's interested.

RESOLVED: That the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer and the PSB Officer put forward an expression of interest in the Community Wealth Building Project.

CHAIRPERSON