

# **PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD**

**(Baglan Bay Innovation Centre)**

**1 May 2019**

## **Members Present:**

### **Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:**

Cllr.A.J.Taylor; S.Phillips, K.Jones, A.Evans. V.Dale and J.Woodman-Ralph

### **Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board:**

A.Davies, S.Harrop-Griffiths

### **Public Health Wales:**

J.Davies,

C.Fauvel (For Minute No. 10)

### **South Wales Police:**

M.Jones

### **NPT CVS:**

G.Richards

### **National Probation Service (South Wales):**

E.Evans, J. Stephens (Wales)

### **Natural Resources Wales:**

M.Evans

### **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service:**

A.Richmond-Jones

### **Police Commissioners Office**

M.Brace

### **NPTC Group of Colleges**

M. Dacey

### **Town and Community Councils**

T.Jones

## **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2019-2020**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr.R.G.Jones, Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be elected Chair of the NPT Public Services Board for the next twelve months.

That R.Thomas, Deputy Chief Fire Officer and Director of Service Delivery, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service be elected Vice Chair of the NPT Public Services Board for the next twelve months.

## **2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

R.Thomas chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr.R.G.Jones and

welcomed all to the meeting.

**Apologies:**

Cllr.R.G.Jones

A.Jarrett

J.Curtis

L. Whittaker

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16 JANUARY 2019**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the 16 January 2019, be approved with the following amendment. That S.Harrop-Griffiths was present at the meeting and did not forward her apologies as stated in the minutes.

**4. REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RESOLVED:** 1. That the Chair and Vice Chair be elected on an annual basis as contained within the Terms of Reference.

2. That the Neath Port Talbot Public Service Board meetings continue on a quarterly basis.

3. The terms of reference to be amended to reflect the decisions of the meeting.

In addition, it was agreed that Joint meetings would be convened on a 6 monthly basis with the Swansea Public Services Board to oversee the action plan developed by the Critical Incident Group. These meetings would be additional to those of the NPT Public Services Board.

**5. ANNUAL REPORT**

Board Members received the draft Annual Report which identified the main business progressed by the Board during 2018-19 and were asked to agree what additional work was needed to finalise and publish the report within the statutory deadline of July 2019.

Discussion took place on the need to include case studies:

- to identify what impact the early work is making:
- what the opportunities were arising for collaborative working to develop a more consistent approach across the Public Services Board's work :
- and focus of work to be undertaken over the next twelve months.

In addition to the statements about the positive changes that are being achieved as a result of partnership working. Board members also felt that the Report should identify the challenges that partners have had to overcome to progress the priorities within the Plan.

**RESOLVED:** 1. That Board Members forward comments on their experience of partnership working to K. Jones for inclusion in the Wellbeing Plan.

2. That a further discussion in relation to the focus for the next 12 months to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in September 2019.

## **6. OUTCOME OF THE CRITICAL INCIDENT GROUP**

An update was received on the work of Critical Incident Group. The last meeting of the Group was held in February 2019 where it was agreed that the Swansea, Neath Port Talbot Joint Public Services Board continue to meet on a 6 monthly basis to oversee that the agreed outcomes from the Critical Incident Group's work. The Joint meeting of the two PSB's would also consider any issues that cut across Swansea and Neath Port Talbot that would benefit from collaborative working to resolve the matters.

**RESOLVED:** The update was noted.

## **7. SUICIDE AND SELF HARM UPDATE REPORT**

Board Members received a briefing on the Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention – Swansea & NPT Update Report April 2019 as detailed in the circulated papers.

Board members noted with concern the continued increase in the numbers of suicide across the Neath Port Talbot (NPT) area. NPT is the only local authority in Wales which is statistically above the Welsh national average at 15.8 per 100,000.

Board Members were informed of a workshop held on the 11 March 2019 which considered the issues associated with suicide and selfharm and what types of preventative actions might be considered.

There were six workshops held looking at the following strategic objectives:

- Awareness and understanding of suicide;
- Appropriate and timely responses to crises;
- Early intervention and management;
- Care and support for those bereaved or affected by suicide;
- Working with and supporting the media;
- Reducing access to means of suicide;
- Supporting research, data collection and monitoring.

An outcome from the workshop was to develop an integrated, multiagency

action plan/strategy by October 2019 which informs and directs collective action across the Swansea Bay area to mitigate this issue.

Board Members were pleased that the issue had been identified to the Public Services Board so that consideration could be given to the

development of a preventative plan/strategy. Concerns were raised over the governance of the multi-agency work and the Board felt, it was important that in the immediate term the work should report into the PSB.

It was agreed that further discussion would take place at the Swansea, Neath Port Talbot Joint Public Services Board meeting scheduled for the 12 June 2019 to gauge whether the multi-agency group would report into each PSB individually or whether to the joint meeting of the two PSB's.

**RESOLVED:** The item be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Swansea, Neath Port Talbot Joint PSB meeting in June 2019

#### **8. PSB OFFICER POST**

Board Members welcomed Mrs. Vanessa Dale, newly appointed Public Services Board Co-ordinator to the meeting and looked forward to working with her in the future.

#### **9. WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANT TO PUBLIC SERVICES BOARDS - 2018-19 AND 2019-2020**

The Item was for information only. Additionally, the Board noted that the 19/20 agreement which has been approved by Welsh Government would be circulated to PSB members for Information.

#### **10. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ALLIANCE AND NPT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD**

Board Members received information on the ABM Physical Activity Alliance Event as detailed in the circulated report.

It was highlighted that the Alliance was developed to combat sedentary behaviour and as result an ABM Physical Activity Alliance Strategy has been created.

Discussion took place on how the strategy links with the PSB priorities and how it could be incorporated into the work.

**RESOLVED:** K. Jones and V. Dale to facilitate discussion with Lead Officers as to how the work of the alliance could fit in with the PSB work streams. A report to be brought to the next meeting of the PSB with the outcomes of those discussions.

#### **11. AGENCY UPDATES**

Board members received the following updates:

- Early Years Pathfinder was progressing with the programme being delivered by NPT and Swansea. Monies had been received to assist in taking forward. PSB will be updated on progress.

- Board Members were pleased with the excellent work undertaken by the Critical Incident Group and it showed the positive outcomes of partnership working.
- NRW identified a funding stream of 3 million that PSB's could access. Information to be circulated to PSB members. Item to be added to the next PSB's agenda.
- An invitation to be extended to the Armed Forces Covenant officer to give an update on the work that has been undertaken in support of veterans. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chair on behalf the PSB members thanked Chief Superintendent Martin Jones and Andrew Davies, Chairman of Swansea Bay University Health Board for all their work in support of the work of the NPT Public Services Board and all wished them well in their retirement.

**CHAIRPERSON**