

PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

(Via Teams)

Members Present:

21 May 2020

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:

Cllr.R.G.Jones, S.Phillips, K.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.Evans, C.Jones,
S.Burgess, J.Woodman-Ralph.

Swansea Bay University Health Board:

J.Abbott-Davies, E.Woollett

South Wales Police:

J.Maai

Department of Work and Pensions:

M.Bennett

NPT CVS:

G.Richards

National Probation Service (South Wales):

R.Lovell

Natural Resources Wales:

G. Bowen

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service:

R.Thomas, Cllr.J.Curtis

Town and Community Councils:

T.Jones

NPT Group of Colleges:

Mark Dacey

Pobl Housing Association

A.Davies

Coastal Housing Association

D.Green

Apologies:

L.Whittaker

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Cllr. R.G. Jones, Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council thanked all for attending today's virtual meeting in these unprecedented circumstances of Covid 19 pandemic. The extraordinary meeting of NPTPSB was called today, to discuss and agree the processes that the PSB would establish to work towards recovery.

2. **DISCUSSION - EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PROCESS TO WORK TOWARDS RECOVERY STRATEGY - INCLUDING PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

Discussion took place on the negative impact that the pandemic has had on communities, businesses and organisations and how the PSB with a multi-agency approach could assess this and work through this transition period, towards the South Wales Resilience Forum Recovery Plan. Initially, a community impact assessment would be undertaken to understand how communities, businesses and organisations had been affected by the pandemic which would inform the approach to recovery.

Further discussion took place on the number, size and where organisations would sit within the groups as detailed in the recovery plan. Also, where would these groups link too. It was explained that the detail in the recovery plan could be agreed at a later date. The initial work was to undertake the community impact assessment (CIA) to gain a picture of 'where we are now'. The data and research sub group would co-ordinate the CIA time limited exercise and agree what data needed to be captured. The data and research group membership was arranged across partnerships. In addition, group members had been asked to share any relevant data that would help inform the CIA. It was emphasised that the exercise was not a repeat of the well-being assessment. Board Members were asked that data be made available as soon as possible to have the first set of baseline data by June 20.

RESOLVED

1. That a multi-agency leadership approach be provided to move from response, through transition and towards recovery for the Neath Port Talbot area.

2. That an initial community impact assessment be commissioned to understand how people, businesses and organisations had experienced the pandemic and consequently to inform the Board's approach to recovery.
3. That the framework and approach contained in the report be adopted.
4. PSB partners gave a commitment to engage with the process, including supplying data and intelligence, and assisting with the analysis and synthesis of the findings through the Data and Research Group. Names of contact officers to be forwarded to Karen Jones.
5. Karen Jones to prepare a report on the baseline data for the next meeting of the NPT PSB in June.

3. **IMMEDIATE ACTIONS/OR URGENT ISSUES TO PRORITISE AND ADDRESS**

No points were raised for discussion.

4. **REGIONAL PSB GRANT 20/21 - LETTER FROM COMMISSIONER ATTACHED**

RESOLVED:

That the letter from Julie James AC/AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government, withdrawing the funding for Public Services Boards due to the Covid 19 emergency was noted.

5. **PSB ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

RESOLVED:

That the NPT PSB Annual Report be prepared identifying the progress made last year. The draft report to be circulated to board members in readiness for sign off at the next meeting.

CHAIRPERSON