

# **PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD**

**(Baglan Bay Innovation Centre)**

**Members Present:**

**10 October 2018**

**Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:**

Cllr.R.G.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.D.Thomas, K.Jones, F.Clay-Poole and J.Woodman-Ralph

**Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board:**

A.Davies, S.Harrop-Griffiths

**Public Health Wales:**

S.Husbands

**South Wales Police:**

S.Belcher

**Department of Work and Pensions:**

M.Bennett

**NPT CVS:**

G.Richards

**Tai Tarian:**

L.Whittaker

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

E.Evans

**Natural Resources Wales:**

M.Evans

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

R.Thomas, P.Greenlade J.Curtis and S.Rees

**Town and Community Councils**

T.Jones

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1. **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

Chairman, Cllr. R.G. Jones (Leader, of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) opened the meeting with introductions.

## **Apologies:**

Steven Phillips  
Kerry Wilson  
Aled Evans  
Martin Jones

## 2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2018**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 11 July 2018 be amended to:

- Emphasis the asset based approach in the Children in their Early Years Objective.

That under the Think Families Partnership Executive Board the Resolved be amended to read:

- That a new Leadership Group be convened and for Aled Evans, Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning to chair that group. For the group to be made up from Public Services Board members;
- That the Leadership Group considers the remit of the Think Families Executive Group.

## 3. **WELL-BEING PLAN PRIORITIES - HIGHLIGHT REPORTS**

### **Children in their Early Years**

Board Members received an update on the project to date as detailed in the circulated report.

No decision was required from the PSB at today's meeting

**RESOLVED** Report to be brought to the next meeting on the First 1000 Days System Engagement Event.

## Building Safe and Resilient Communities

An update was given on the Building Safe and Resilient Communities as detailed in the circulated report.

No decision was required from the PSB at today's meeting.

## Ageing Well

An update was received in regard to the Ageing Well workstream as detailed in the circulated report.

It was noted that in the last meeting of the Ageing Well Strategy Group discussion took place on the linkage between the Building Safe and Resilient Communities work stream and the opportunity to adopt an Asset Based approach and the importance of ensuring that there is no duplication of work between other workstreams. It was agreed that the PSB Officer would convene a meeting of all workstream leads to ensure that there is no duplication taking place and if there are any lessons to be learnt as each workstream is being progressed.

**RESOLVED:** That the PSB Officer schedules a meeting of all Lead Officers of each workstream to look at any potential areas of duplication and lessons learnt.

## Value our Green Infrastructure and the contribution it makes to our well-being

Board Members received an overview of the progress so far as detailed in the circulated report.

Discussion took place on the lack of understanding by the Welsh Government of the gap between legislation and implementation and the need to raise this with the Welsh Government.

Also, discussed was the initiative that Public Health Wales have developed with the Botanical Gardens Wales to use the facility to assist people's recovery. PSB Officer to circulate details to the Board.

Board Members received a briefing on the Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being in Wales Fund. Applications are currently being sought by the Welsh Government to support the implementation of the Natural Resources Policy, making clearer links between Natural Resources Wales and Well-being. NRW will email details through to Board Members.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That NRW raise in the Regeneration Liaison Group and invite to a PSB meeting;
2. That the Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Chair of the PSB write to Welsh Government highlighting the gap between implementation of new legislation;
3. That partners ensure that they send representatives to the Green Infrastructure Sub Group.

Wellbeing through the Workplace

Board Members received an update on the progress so far in regard to the Wellbeing through the Workplace workstream as detailed in the circulated report.

It was highlighted that difficulty has been experienced in identifying capacity to develop the priority as a result progress has been slow but with the recent recruitment of the Director of Workforce and OD who is now involved in and jointly leading and contributing to developing the priority progress should be made.

In addition, a multi-organisational action planning workshop has been arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 bringing together organisations and partners to identify and share good practice and to ensure that the priorities of the work stream are taken forward. A report will be submitted to the next meeting of the PSB on progress.

**RESOLVED:** A progress report to be submitted to the next meeting of the PSB on progress.

## Tackling Digital Exclusion

Board Members received an overview of the Tackling Digital Exclusion as detailed in the circulated report.

Board Members were informed that the survey is underway looking at how many of the PSB agencies have signed up to the Charter and how many are working to the six principles. Results will be brought back to the PSB when the survey is complete.

It was highlighted that progress has continued in regard to the survey of third sector digital capability. Work is currently on-going looking at issues that need to be addressed including accessing funding to replace/update ICT equipment and ensuring that all staff are fully trained.

In regard to Cyber-Crime it was highlighted that South Wales Police are developing work to combat the threats and have created a post to take this work forward and a report will be brought back to the next meeting of the PSB.

Discussion took place on Connectivity and whether Broadband was available in all areas of Neath Port Talbot. It was explained that the current issue is not availability but about performance of Broadband. It was agreed that an invitation would be forwarded to the Head of ICT in Neath Port Talbot CBC to attend a future meeting of the PSB to give an update.

### **RESOLVED**

1. Results of Digital Inclusion Survey to be brought to the PSB when completed;
2. Update on the progress of Cyber Crime to be brought to the next meeting of the PSB;
3. Invitation to be forwarded to the Head of ICT in Neath Port Talbot CBC to a future meeting of the PSB.

#### 4. **HOARDING AWARENESS**

Board Members received an overview of the increasing numbers of homes where hoarding is a problem. This was raised by the Community Safety Teams that there was currently an inconsistent approach across service areas and a lack of focus. It was agreed that work needs to be undertaken to identify best practice and develop a consistent approach across agencies involved. It was agreed that a further detailed report would be submitted to the next meeting of the PSB.

**RESOLVED** That a detailed report be submitted to the next meeting of the PSB.

#### 5. **JOINT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

Board Members received an overview of the Joint PSB between Neath Port Talbot and Swansea which took place on the 12 October 2018 to discuss the growing issues of Substance Misuse in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea as detailed in the circulated minutes of that meeting.

At the Joint PSB it was agreed that a Critical Incident Group which has been convened for the 12 October 2018 to agree an action plan to combat the growing concerns. A report on the way forward will be brought to a future meeting of the PSB for consideration.

**RESOLVED** That a report when available be brought to the PSB on the proposals for the way forward.

#### 6. **ACADEMI WALES BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION (FEEDBACK)**

Discussion took place on the recent training provided by Academi Wales. Board Members were disappointed with the training provided by Academi Wales and felt that Academi had not understood what the role of a Public Services Board was. In addition, concern was expressed that Welsh Government had withdrawn funding from Public Services Board and allocated that funding to Academi Wales to provide PSB's with training. It was agreed that the Chairman Roger Thomas would draft a letter highlighting the Boards concerns and circulate to PSB members for comments and then forward it to Welsh Government and Academi Wales.

**RESOLVED** That the Chairman draft a letter identifying the concerns expressed at today's meeting and prior to sending to Welsh Government and Academi Wales circulate to PSB for comment.

## 7. **AGENCY UPDATES**

The following agency updates were received:

- NRW highlighted that they are undertaking a major restructuring but work is still on-going.
- Tai Tarian highlighted that the Welsh Government are currently undertaking a review of Housing with one option being identified that all new social housing would be carbon neutral with no additional funding being allocated from Welsh Government. Further information will be available in due course.
- Health Board colleagues highlighted that work is progressing for Bridgend to move to Cwm Taf Health Authority by the implementation date of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Western Bay are also looking at the implications of Bridgend moving from the Western Bay partnership.
- Town and Community Council colleagues highlighted that the Green Infrastructure work stream has received a very positive response from all Town and Community Councils.
- Neath Port Talbot CBC colleagues highlighted that arrangements had been made to hold a Mayors Festival of Remembrance Event on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 where the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal would be launched. Surplus monies from the event will go the organisations connected to the military. If anyone would like to attend tickets are available from the Port Talbot Princess Royal Theatre.
- Mid and West Wales Fire Authority colleagues highlighted that their Corporate Plan is currently out for consultation if any comments could be fed into the consultation.

**CHAIRPERSON**