

PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

(Baglan Innovation Centre)

Members Present: 18 September 2019

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:

Cllr.R.G.Jones, K.Jones, A.Evans, V.Dale and J.Woodman-Ralph

Swansea Bay University Health Board:

E.Woolett, S.Harrop-Griffiths and S.Husband

NPT CVS:

G.Richards

Police and Crime Commissioners Office:

M. Brace

One Voice Wales

T.Jones

NPTC Group of Colleges

M.Dacey

Tai Tarian:

L.Whittaker

National Probation Service (South Wales):

A.Lewis

Natural Resources Wales:

D.Herbert

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service:

J.Curtis, A.Richmond-Jones

Apologies:

R.Thomas

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Cllr. R.G.Jones welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received from the Vice Chair, R.Thomas, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 1 MAY 2019

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the 1 May 2019, be approved with the following amendment. Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board should read Swansea Bay University Health Board.

3. VAWDASV COMPLEX CASES

Discussion took place on the escalating numbers of high risk domestic abuse, who were further impacted by additional complex needs as detailed in the circulated report.

It was highlighted that previously the VAWDASV Leadership Group were tasked with undertaking a Task and Finish Group to look at

evaluating the current support and what improvements could be made to better support this cohort of people. Due to the volume of cases and the multiple complexities, the Leadership Group felt that this would need to be considered by wider partner agencies. A decision was made to escalate these concerns to the Community Safety Partnership Board and to notify the Public Services Board. It was agreed that it would be useful to define complexity and associated cohorts and then to investigate effective approaches to working with such groups.

RESOLVED: 1. That Karen Jones with the assistance of Public Health Wales prepare a brief for the work set out in the paper.
2. That Swansea PSB be invited to participate in the work.

4. PSB WORK PLAN

The PSB reviewed progress against the work previously agreed for this financial year. It was agreed that it would be timely to review the priorities within the Wellbeing Plan and to consider whether the existing activities remained appropriate. Board Members agreed that the Lead Officer Group would undertake this review and report back to the Board with recommendations.

It was also agreed that an invitation would be forwarded to the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales to visit Neath Port Talbot Public Services Board (PSB) in the new year. Board Members could showcase the achievements but also raise some of the challenges that were being encountered in trying to implement the legislation.

RESOLVED: 1. That the Lead Officer Group conduct a review of current priorities and activities.
2. PSB Officer to arrange for the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales to visit NPTPSB in the new year.

5. CABINET SCRUTINY: VISION & OBJECTIVES

Information was received on the request made by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's Cabinet Scrutiny Committee to attend a meeting on the 25th September 2019. The request was made under the Committee's responsibility to scrutinise the work of the NPTPSB. As a result lead officers for Safe and Resilient Communities would be attending that meeting to give elected members further information on progress. Board Members noted that due to the retirement of the lead officers for Wellbeing in the Workplace the Committee would be asked to defer scrutiny of that item to a future date.

Board Members noted the response to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee by the Chairperson of NPTPSB in answer to their query

as to why transport was not a priority contained within the Wellbeing Plan. It had been explained that the vision of the PSB was intended to cover a 30 year period and transport infrastructure was being considered in other forums.

RESOLVED That the actions be noted.

6. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Board Members agreed the updated Terms of Reference for the NPT PSB with the following amendment. That Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board be amended to read Swansea Bay University Health Board.

The Board considered the request from Coastal Housing Group to attend NPT PSB. It was agreed that due to the importance of the role of housing in the work of the PSB, an invitation should be extended to the larger Housing Associations in NPT. Board Members agreed to consider requests received from agencies on an individual basis, ensuring they link into the agenda of the PSB.

RESOLVED 1. That the Terms of Reference be approved subject to the change of name from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Swansea Bay University Health Board.

2. That an invitation be forwarded to Coastal Housing Group and Pobl to attend NPT PSB.

7. PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

Information was received on the Our Future Wales – The People's Platform as detailed in the circulated report. It was explained that the Future Generations Commissioner was seeking ideas and opinions across Wales to form the first Future Generations Report.

RESOLVED 1. That Board Members forward feedback on the request from the Future Generations Commissioner to the PSB Officer for a response to be submitted on behalf of NPTPSB.

2. That, in addition Board Members forward responses to the Future Generations Commissioner on behalf of their individual organisations.

8. CRITICAL INCIDENT GROUP UPDATE

Board Members received an update on the progress of the Critical Incident Group as detailed in the circulated report.

It was highlighted that the additional posts in the Regional Commissioning Team had been appointed. As a result work was progressing to ensure that robust reporting arrangements and incident response arrangements were in place.

Also, Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had met with Welsh Government

officials to raise concern about the increasing links that County Lines were developing with students in Universities in Wales.

The Board noted that a joint PSB was scheduled for January 2020 where the outcomes of the Critical Incident Group would be scrutinised.

RESOLVED That the report be noted.

9. WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES UPDATE

Board Members received an update on the Wellbeing Objectives as detailed in the circulated reports.

Priority 1 – Support Children in their early years, especially those at risk of adverse childhood experiences

No decision required.

Priority 2 - Building Safe and Resilient Communities

RESOLVED: All partners confirmed their ongoing commitment to the program.

Priority 3 – Ageing Well

Noted.

Priority 4 – Wellbeing in the Workplace

Noted

Priority 5 – Value our green infrastructure and the contribution it makes to our well-being

RESOLVED: 1. That partners note the funding opportunity under the ENRaW project. Also, to agree areas for funding to be used to enhance communities.

2. All partners confirmed their commitment to support the core group.

Priority 6 – Tackling Digital Exclusion

RESOLVED: 1. Tai Tarian confirmed that Paul Phillips would be the contact for the group and Swansea Bay Health Board confirmed that Matt John would be the contact for the Health Board.

10. ARMED FORCES COVENANT

An overview was received in regard to the Armed Forces Covenant which NPT PSB had previously signed up to as detailed in the circulated report.

Partners were thanked for their positive commitment to the Covenant and a request made to support further areas. Presently, a scheme was being developed to guarantee job interviews to veterans. If any partner organisation was able to support veterans in this scheme please contact the Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer. In addition, a Festival of Remembrance has been organised for the 1st and 2nd of November 2019 which would include a service and military displays in Port Talbot. Board Members were asked to

forward any other details of events being held that their organisation were aware of to the Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer to include in the communication plans.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

11. NRW AREA STATEMENT

Board Members received a presentation on the Natural Resources Wales Area Statement.

It was highlighted that Welsh Government would align grant funding to the four themes contained in the Natural Resources Wales Area Statement which are:

- ☐ Health Inequalities
- ☐ Rural Land Management
- ☐ Declining Biodiversity
- ☐ Changing Climate.

Workshops were planned to develop the themes further with the first of 4 engagements events planned for the 9 October 2019 in the Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot.

RESOLVED: That the Presentation be noted.

12. TRANSPORT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Board Members received a presentation from the Partnership Transport Sub-group. It was identified that the sub-group was set up to get a clear picture of the pressures on services and the transport needs in communities. Transport had been a priority for the Local Service Board which was the predecessor of the NPT Public Services Board.

A Feasibility Study was undertaken supported by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council using Rural Development Programme funds. The study explored alternative transport models and provided options for the development of an effective and efficient transport system building on existing services.

Pilot projects were undertaken in the Amman Valley looking at electric vehicle community transport and in the Afan Valley a community bus scheme. Business Cases developed and were being considered by Welsh Government.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- ☐ Joint Ministerial Letter
- ☐ PSB Regional Grant Update
- ☐ Foundational Economy Brief
- ☐ HMPSS Update

14. AGENCY UPDATES

National Probation Service

An update was given that the Community Rehabilitation contracts were being returned in house to the National Probation Service as from the 1 December 2019. A new structure was being developed and would be out for consultation shortly.

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