



Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Meeting
23rd January 2023
Minutes

In attendance:		
Name	Title	Organisation
CLlr Lis Burnett (LB)	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Charles Janczewski (CJ)	UHB Chair	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Mike Evans (ME)	Head of Operations for South Central	Natural Resources Wales
Victoria Legrys	Programme Director	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Suzanne Rankin (SR)	Chief Executive	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Rob Thomas (RT)	Managing Director	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Judith Cole (JC)	Deputy Director Local Government Finance and Workforce Partnerships Division	Welsh Government
CLlr Shirley Hodges (SH)	Nominated Town and Community Council Representative	Barry Town Council
Emil Evans (EE - CAVC)	Vice Principal	Cardiff and Vale College
Mark Brace (MB)	Assistant Commissioner	South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
Estelle Hitchon (EH)	Director of Partnerships and Engagement	Welsh Ambulance Service Trust
Fiona Hourahine (FH)	Operations Manager South Wales Central	Natural Resources Wales
Eirian Evans (EE - NPS)	Head of South Wales One	National Probation Service
Marie Davies (UHB)	Deputy Director of Strategy and Planning	Cardiff and Vale UHB
John Treherne (JT)	Group Manager	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Daniel Howe (DW)	Chief Inspector	South Wales Police
Sian Griffiths (SG)	Consultant in Public Health Medicine	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Also in Attendance:		
Mike Ingram (MI)	Head of Housing and Building Services	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Deborah Gibbs (DG)	Principal Community Safety Officer	Vale of Glamorgan Council

Farida Aslam (FA)	Senior Neighbourhood Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Tom Bowring (TB)	Director of Corporate Resources	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Helen Moses (HM)	Strategy and Partnership Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Andreas Pieris-Plumley (APP)	Strategy and Partnership Intern	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Apologies:		
Huw Jakeway (HJ)	Chief Fire Officer	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Fiona Kinghorn (FK)	Executive Director of Public Health	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Paula Ham (PH)	Director of Learning and Skills	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rachel Connor (RC)	Executive Director	Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Danny Richards (DR)	Chief Superintendent	South Wales Police

No.	Agenda Item	
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>LB welcomed everyone to the meeting of the PSB and advised that Mark Brace would be chairing the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Please see above</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the Public Services Board 25th November 2022</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be an accurate and true reflection of the meetings.</p>	
4.	<p>Value in the Vale</p> <p>FA introduced the Value in the Vale (ViV) scheme as the new iteration of the original time banking project. Research and feedback indicated that this initial project had benefits for individuals and communities as a result of volunteering. Value in the Vale has learnt from this feedback and improved upon the original project. FA explained that Value in the Vale is about collective action in the Vale and is a volunteering rewards scheme aiming to improve well-being. The scheme is a collaboration between the Public, Private and Voluntary Sector.</p> <p>FA described how feedback has been incorporated into the scheme and changes have been made. FA also explained how Value in the Vale works with businesses, charities, and residents.</p> <p>FA explained that a soft launch was undertaken in October 2022 and that a bespoke scheme has been developed so that any other local authority can use it. Additionally, operating costs have been cut by 50%.</p> <p>FA illustrated how Value in the Vale links in with the Well-being objectives and explained the next steps for the scheme.</p> <p>MB explained that there is a link in the agenda to Value in the Vale for more info. MB questioned if people have had more time to volunteer since end of lockdown and if Value in the Vale has connected with other organisations and offered the support of the PSB.</p> <p>FA explained that younger people are embracing volunteering, however, the older cohort who have been in work but are no longer</p>	

	<p>working, don't sign up for rewards. Value in the Vale has connected with other organisations to enable more volunteering opportunities. Value in the Vale is currently seeking further funding and FA asked PSB partners to consider the scheme when looking at budgets and ways forward. The scheme is currently being led by the Council's housing team and has received funding from the Early Years and Prevention fund via the Cardiff and Vale public health team.</p> <p>EH asked how does volunteering convert into employment through this scheme.</p> <p>FA explained that for some people this scheme gets them into employment but for others the benefits are to decrease social isolation, provide confidence and enable them to go forward.</p> <p>JH questioned how awareness of the scheme and recruitment of volunteers is being raised and offered assistance to get the message about the scheme out.</p> <p>FA explained that they are meeting with organisations across the Vale, using social media, and whatever channels organisations are using to link with the public.</p>	<p>JH/FA</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Community Safety Update</p> <p>DG explained that the Safer Vale Partnership is currently developing a five-year strategy. The four main priorities remain the same but the approach to delivering these has altered. The new delivery plan being developed is assessed annually and the draft strategy is due to be agreed in February for consultation. The regional strategy with Cardiff is ongoing and is looking to retain the current high-level infrastructure and a delivery plan will be developed alongside this strategy. This work is in relation to domestic abuse. Additionally, a new regional advisor has been recruited.</p> <p>DG explained that there are two new pieces of legislation to implement, the first is the serious violence duty. Opportunities are being discussed with Cardiff to share resources, and work to create a joint needs assessment with the Cardiff and Vale public health team is ongoing. The second piece of legislation is around the protect duty and falls under the contest work. Meetings have been set up to review the work around infrastructure.</p> <p>DG described the current risks and issues for the Safer Vale partnership, explaining the cohesion issues since Covid-19. Additionally, they have started to monitor the issues caused by the cost of living and the impact this has on crime. Funding issues have arisen due to the short-term nature of funding which is all for 1 year. This makes it hard to plan strategy with funding uncertainty. Information sharing has highlighted consent issues where police cannot provide information with other agencies unless the victim has provided consent. The lack of</p>	

	<p>information sharing, and the safeguarding issues are being considered and work with the police to overcome this is ongoing, so that support can be provided.</p> <p>DG explained that new CCTV cameras have been installed in partnership with Cardiff to help prevent violence especially in the late-night economy and also protect against terrorism. The town centre policing strategy has been developed.</p> <p>MB asked if the cost of living has had an impact on community safety priorities. DG explained that it is too early to say, with the team currently looking at the data on crimes to see if there are any links. There do seem to be community cohesion impacts.</p> <p>JC asked if there is any link to anti-social behaviour work. DG responded that yes there is although it is a wide issue. The main problem is with youth anti-social behaviour, and work is ongoing to address this.</p> <p>DH explained that a new anti-social behaviour coordinator for the Vale has been appointed. There are five staff members covering the early help role across Cardiff and Vale.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Update regarding the refresh of the Cardiff and Vale UHB’s strategy as part of the UHB’s early stakeholder engagement exercise</p> <p>MD explained that the refresh will be a two-phase process. Phase one is the current phase which is early engagement to speak to stakeholders and ask what they would like to see in the strategy. Phase two will progress once feedback has been received, this will lead to a draft document and a further period of engagement.</p> <p>MD emphasised that this strategy needs to be integrated with partners own strategies to be most effective. Health care accounts for 20% of a person’s health, which is why partnership working is vital to ensure an aligned strategy for health. There is a large gap in life expectancy between most and least deprived areas. Therefore, a focus on prevention and improving population health is needed, but partnership work is vital to achieve this. Although patients are often happy with the care they receive, waiting times are too long and care doesn’t always meet the standards we want to deliver.</p> <p>MD explained the current vision and the proposed vision. This phase of engagement asks people to provide feedback on the existing vision and the two new proposed ones, through the online survey. Additionally, this engagement phase aims to gather feedback on the existing purpose statement.</p> <p>MD explained the proposed strategic themes, (People, Quality, Sustainability, Working in Partnership, Acting for the Future) and identified the key priorities that fall beneath them, while explaining they are purportedly broad. The engagement survey asks colleagues to</p>	

	<p>identify up to 5 priorities and/or outcomes that should be reflected in this updated strategy.</p> <p>MD explained that phase one ends mid-March and feedback will be considered. Phase two will commence over May/June after the feedback from phase one has been analysed. Based on the feedback from phase two, the strategy will be launched in the summer/autumn 2023.</p> <p>MD highlighted the website and survey to comment on the strategy. (Link to survey included in slides sent to partners)</p> <p>EH expressed the need for partnership working and acknowledged there will be overlap between different organisation’s plans.</p> <p>MB sought agreement from all partners to complete the survey and suggested informing Town and Community Councils (TCCs) about the survey.</p> <p>RT offered the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s help to circulate the survey to TCCs and extended an invite to MD to attend a strategic leadership team meeting as part of the engagement work.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Well-being Plan Consultation Update</p> <p>HM explained that the consultation ends at the end of January, but the team are already responding to feedback. The wording in the plan has been looked at e.g., inequalities has been amended to inequities, and Sian Griffiths has assisted. Natural Resources Wales have suggested some reordering and how some of the graphics can be made clearer.</p> <p>Colleagues should note that all of the PSB’s have been asked by NRW to commit to undertaking a local climate change risk assessment and. NRW will be undertaking work to support PSB’s to take forward this action.</p> <p>There was a PSB/Town and Community Council exchange meeting in December 2022, and those attending were supportive of the draft plan, understanding how this aligns with work they are doing. Some TCCs have also responded to the consultation and similar to comments previously made by the Future Generations Commissioner the need for stronger references to culture has been highlighted.</p> <p>Formal feedback on the draft plan is expected from Welsh Government and the Future Generations Commissioner’s Office.</p> <p>To date there have been 88 responses from the public consultation survey. There is support for the objectives and workstreams, but also some cynicism about “another plan”. To help encourage responses officers have visited warm spaces to talk to attendees about the survey.</p>	

	<p>The draft plan was considered by the Council’s Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee who are keen to find out more about the work the PSB are doing and would like some PSB colleagues to attend future committee meetings.</p> <p>In addition to the current 12-week consultation on the draft plan officers have worked with young people over the summer to help draft the plan and further engagement has been undertaken recently with young people to discuss the themes in the plan.</p> <p>The Age Friendly officer has also been speaking to groups and older people to understand what would make the Vale more age friendly. The comments coming through from this engagement are services/communications becoming too digitalised which excludes older people, transport concerns, community support, health services, and community inclusion.</p> <p>There is also work taking place as part of the deprived areas priority workstream. Grasshopper consultancy are undertaking an asset mapping exercise and there was recently a stakeholder workshop that took place to talk the findings and to shape an engagement plan for taking this work forward.</p> <p>Officers will continue to revise the plan in light of feedback received and the aim is for the plan to be discussed and signed off at the meeting on the 27th February and for partners to then take it through their approval procedures by the end of April.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Partnership Governance Review</p> <p>TB explained that the latest governance structure reflects discussions held at the last PSB meeting. The structure highlights the strategic partnerships that close connections need to be maintained with. Consideration is being given to how to deliver the Well-being Objectives and Priority Workstreams in the Well-being Plan. There are some existing groups that can take forward the work to achieve these objectives such as the Healthy Travel Charter group, Climate Change and Asset Management group, Age Friendly work, Amplifying Prevention Board (Move More Eat Well and Food Vale).</p> <p>TB highlighted that once the Plan is agreed, thought will need to be given to other arrangements to take forward the work on deprivation. TB expressed the need to avoid duplication of work and ensure there are no gaps by effective partnership work.</p> <p>TB proposed to colleagues to formalise some of the relationship between the PSB and other strategic partnerships. For instance, annual reports and forward plans come to the PSB and it is made clear whether this is for endorsement or information. The Well-being Plan and Annual report will be shared with other partnerships. This approach was supported.</p>	

<p>9.</p>	<p>Forward Work Programme 2023</p> <p>HM noted that the Forward Work Programme has been included with the agenda. Partners were invited to inform HM if there are any items that they want to be included into the timetable. Next meeting will be earlier than normal as the Well-being Plan needs to be signed off. There will also be the Director of Public Health report and potentially an update around the Age Friendly and deprivation work.</p> <p>MD asked if phase 2 of the strategy refresh could be included for May as the draft document should be ready.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>HM informed partners that there has been an email from Welsh Government advising there will be funding for the PSB similar to past levels. It will be regional funding for a three-year period.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting – 27th February 2023</p>	