



Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board
25th September 2018
Minutes

In attendance:		
Name	Title	Organisation
Cllr John Thomas (JT)	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas (RT)	Managing Director	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Fiona Kinghorn (FK)	Deputy Director of Public Health	Cardiff and Vale UHB
David Davies (DD)	Head of Achievement for All	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Christian Hadfield (CH)	GM – Operations Department (Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend)	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Nadia De Longhi (NDL)	Operations Manager	Natural Resources Wales
Geoff Hobbs (GH)	Senior National Resources Planning Officer	Natural Resources Wales
Cllr Mike Cuddy (MC)	Nominated Town and Community Council Representative	Penarth Town Council
Judith Cole (JC)	Deputy Director Workforce and Social Partnerships (Local Government)	Welsh Government
Emil Evans (EE)	Vice Principal	Cardiff and Vale College
Mark Brace (MB)	Assistant Commissioner	South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
Also in Attendance		
Sally Holland (SH)	Children’s Commissioner for Wales	Children’s Commissioner for Wales
Lewis Lloyd (LL)	Digital Communications Officer	Children’s Commissioner for Wales
Huw Isaac (HI)	Head of Performance and Development	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Helen Moses (HM)	Strategy and Partnership Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Anne Wei (AW)	Strategic Partnership and Planning Manager	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Apologies:		
Rachel Connor (RC)	Executive Director	Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Abigail Harris (AH)	Executive Director of Strategy and Planning	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Hannah Williams (HW)	Head of South Wales One	National Probation Service
Victoria Harris (VH)	Head of South Wales	Community Rehabilitation Company
Robert Tooby	Assistant Director of Operations	South Wales Ambulance Trust

Stuart Parfitt	Chief Superintendent	South Wales Police
Paula Ham (PH)	Director of Learning and Skills	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Huw Jakeway (HJ)	Chief Fire Officer	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service

	Actions
<p>1. Welcome and introductions</p> <p>JT welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>See above.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the Public Services Board 3rd July 2018</p> <p>The minutes were agreed.</p>	
<p>4. Children's Rights Toolkit</p> <p>Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales attended the meeting to talk about a Children's Rights Approach and how this could be embedded in the work of the PSB. SH referenced the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the role of the PSB and how there was an opportunity to work together to embed a children's rights approach across all four of the PSB objectives.</p> <p>SH advised that she is interested in working with the PSB as she believes that there is already a lot of good work in the Vale and that across the partner organisations there is a lot to build on. This includes work being taken forward by South Wales Police, the Cardiff and Vale UHB and work the Council has undertaken around participation and awareness raising,</p> <p>SH emphasised the importance of the Children's Rights Approach in recognition of the fact that everyone has rights but children often have less power (economic, social and political) to exercise their rights. By adopting a Children's Rights approach the PSB would be sending a strong message about the importance of children and young people.</p> <p>Copies of 'The Right Way: A Children's Rights Approach in Wales' were circulated together with the sister document for schools. SH explained that the principles of a Children's Rights Approach are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding children's rights • Equality and non-discrimination • Empowering children • Participation • Accountability <p>The approach can make a significant difference through the involvement of children at a strategic level, through challenge, scrutiny and advice.</p> <p>LL gave a brief presentation on the toolkit and the questions the PSB will need to consider. The five ways of working provide a framework for the toolkit which is best accessed through Chrome or Safari.</p> <p>https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/publications/right-way-childrens-rights-approach-wales/</p>	

<p>By completing the self-assessment the PSB will be in a better position to forward plan. Potential improvements could be the involvement of children and young people in scrutiny of the PSB or even being part of the PSB in the future. By completing the toolkit and working with the Commissioner’s Office the PSB can develop a menu for change and set out its ambitions for the future and start working towards the necessary changes.</p> <p>SH referred to a ‘progressive realisation of rights’ recognising that the changes will take time but that work should start now.</p> <p>There was a great deal of discussion from partners about the work being undertaken through their organisations and the importance of bringing experiences and commitments to the PSB.</p> <p>Partners were supportive of working with the Commissioner as a pilot PSB to embed children’s rights. It was agreed that the starting point would be a workshop bringing partners together to discuss what a Children’s Rights Approach means and how it can be taken forward by the PSB and be integral to the implementation of the Well-being Plan.</p> <p>It was agreed that HM would work with LL to arrange the workshop.</p> <p>SH thanked the PSB and offered to also work with individual organisations who wanted to take forward the approach.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>5. Well-being Plan Implementation Update</p> <p>HI introduced a report detailing progress to date with the implementation of the Well-being Plan. Although it is still early days the meeting provided an opportunity to consider progress to date.</p> <p>The plan is structured around four well-being objectives and many of the actions will contribute to more than one objective. In recent months there has been a great deal of discussion about the delivery of the plan. There is a strategic lead for each objective and they have formed a Well-being Plan Implementation Group to help shape the way forward. A workshop was held in July as part of the PSB meeting to enable all partners to explore ideas for implementation and to consider how their organisation can contribute to the Plan.</p> <p>HI invited each of the leads to provide a brief overview of progress to date against the objective for which they are the strategic lead.</p> <p><i>Enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services – South Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Christian Hadfield</i></p> <p>CH introduced himself to the board as this was his first meeting as he has been seconded to cover for Vaughan Jenkins for the next 18 months. He advised that progress was being made with regards to this objective and that all partners had been asked to nominate someone to join an Engagement Task and Finish Group. He reminded all those yet to send details of who their representative will be to let HM know as soon as possible.</p>	

*Reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation – Cardiff and Vale UHB
– Fiona Kinghorn*

FK advised that options for employing someone to undertake some research work were being explored including the possibility of a PHD student from Cardiff University. This will be funded by the Welsh Government PSB support grant.

Work is also continuing to align activities across Supporting People, Families First and Flying Start and this also links to work being taken forward under objective three.

FK emphasised the inter relationship between actions across the four objectives and also how the work fits with public health priorities around physical activity and healthy weight and work around Food Vale and active travel. FK will bring reports to future PSB meetings on a healthy weight strategy and the Director of Public Health's independent annual report which this year is focusing on physical activity.

FK also highlighted that there is potential funding that could help support some of this work through a new NHS Birthday fund and Welsh Government funding through a Healthy and Active Fund.

Give children the best start in life – Vale of Glamorgan Council – David Davies

DD advised that Paula Ham had brought a number of key people together to discuss how best to take forward the actions under this objective. There is already work being undertaken around ACEs e.g. the Head teacher conference in the summer focused on ACEs and it is also a strand of the Regional Partnership Board funding bid which will be discussed later in the meeting.

A new approach to the provision of parenting support has also been put in place bringing relevant services funded through Families First and Flying Start together.

Protect, enhance and value our environment – Natural Resources Wales – Nadia De Longhi

NDL advised that there are six actions under this objective and they are at various stages of implementation. A number of the actions link to other aspects of the plan e.g. Food Vale, co-production and messages about healthy behaviour. An Active Travel Task and Finish Group has been established and will meet for the first time on the 26th September. A meeting has also been arranged to bring officers from NRW and the Council together to discuss actions around greening our estates and land assets.

HI advised that some work has already commenced around performance management and that a report will be brought to the PSB in December to enable partners to discuss how they want to take this forward.

6. Area Statements

GH gave a presentation on Area Statements which NRW must publish by December 2019 in accordance with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. Seven area statements are being produced covering the whole of Wales.

Area statements will set out an area profile describing the natural resources in that area, as well as the benefits they can provide and how the national priorities, risks and opportunities for the sustainable management of natural resources are reflected in that place. The purpose of Area Statements is to facilitate the implementation of the Natural Resources Policy (NRP) priorities at a local level.

These priorities are:

- Delivering nature-based solutions;
- Increasing renewable energy and resource efficiency; and
- Taking a place-based approach

Area statements will be influenced by and also inform the following:

- Well-being Plans,
- Local Development Plans,
- National Park and ANOB Management Plans,
- Water Company Plans,
- NRW's own statutory and operational planning processes

The Act requires the statements to detail the challenges our natural resources and ecosystems face and the opportunities they can provide. This means looking at the ways we currently manage our natural resources and how we can reduce the pressures on them. GH highlighted the national challenges and priorities which include:

- Reversing the decline in biodiversity – by developing resilient ecological networks
- Safeguarding and increasing carbon stores in soils and biomass
- Reducing the risk of flooding

The national priorities for taking action to tackle the challenges and realise the opportunities are:

- Delivering nature-based solutions,
- Increasing renewable energy
- Taking a place-based approach

Area Statements will help us to find new, more sustainable ways to manage, protect and enhance our natural resources so they can continue to provide us and future generations with vital natural benefits. Area Statements will include local and national information about the natural resources, the natural benefits they provide and the priorities, risks and opportunities that need to be addressed.

Area Statements are driven by the aim and objective of Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR). The Area Statement process will allow us to look at how we can co-ordinate work to build resilience of ecosystems and enhance the well-being benefits they provide. The new legislative framework provides opportunities to redesign the way our natural resources are managed. It is the first time an integrated approach to managing our natural resources has been law.

<p>Area Statements will inform what NRW do and how they plan their work in different areas of Wales.</p> <p>The Area Statement process is being managed in three phases. NRW are currently developing Area Profiles which will bring together existing environmental information around the natural resources in the area and the benefits that natural resources provide. The Area Statement process will then identify and scope-out priorities, risks and opportunities for the sustainable management of natural resources. As part of this, emerging themes will be identified to frame discussions around tackling the national priorities and challenges identified in the Natural Resources Policy. In the 3rd phase the foundations will be laid for using the principles of SMNR and the Well-being Goals, to implement the NRP throughout Wales. Throughout these activities there will be stakeholder mapping and external engagement</p> <p>There is a need to recognise the value of the services we receive from the environment, recognise the connections between what happens in one place and the impact on another e.g. through our waterways and a need to focus on the future.</p> <p>It is important that the PSB are involved in this work and understand how the statements fit with the Population Needs Assessment and the Well-being Assessment. NRW will be looking to work with the PSB and a range of partners including Town and Community Councils to take this work forward.</p>	
<p>7. Me, My Home, My Community – Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board Proposal in Response to a Healthier Wales</p> <p>A copy of the bid to the Welsh Government Transformation Fund prepared by the Regional Partnership Board was circulated to the Board. There are seven schemes within the bid and it is hoped there will be a decision shortly as funding is for 2018/19 and 2019/20 although some slippage in to 2020/21 may be permitted. There will be a need to recruit staff as soon as a decision is made on the bid. There are also discussions about a second bid focused on children and young people. The seven projects which form the current bid are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Accelerated Cluster Model - to enhance support to live independently • Seamless Social Prescribing • Developing a Single Point of Access for GP Triage • Get Me Home Preventative Services - helping to make discharge and community services more joined up • Get Me Home Plus • Developing an ACE Aware Approach to Resilient Children and Young People • Developing Place Based Integrated Community Teams <p>The total amount of funding being bid for is £2,334,865 for 2018/19 and £4,613,118 for 2019/20.</p> <p>It was agreed that links need to be made between those elements of the bid that are successful and relevant activities in the PSB Well-being Plan e.g. around volunteering, community participation and ACEs.</p>	

<p>8. Results of the National Survey for Wales on healthy lifestyle behaviours</p> <p>FK introduced a paper on key healthy lifestyle results from the National Survey for Wales which were released in June 2018. The key topic areas of smoking, alcohol, obesity, overweight/obesity, physical activity and food have been released for adults (16+) and graphed across local authority areas in Wales.</p> <p>The results show that overall in the Vale the indicators are quite good although these are Vale wide figures and there will be differences across the Vale. These figures only provide a Welsh comparison and we need to compare ourselves with the rest of the UK and outside of the UK.</p> <p>The issue of most concern is alcohol consumption in Wales where the Vale has the worst figures at 23.7% compared to the Welsh average of 19%. Areas that may need to be tackled are around price and availability.</p> <p>Healthy lifestyle behaviours will be picked up across a number of work streams within the Well-being Plan.</p>	
<p>9. Public Opinion Survey</p> <p>HI advised that the Council would be undertaking a Public Opinion Survey shortly and that if partners want to include any questions in the survey then to contact him or HM as soon as possible. The final set of questions will need to be agreed in early November and the research will then be undertaken in November and December.</p> <p>A copy of the 2016 survey questions was circulated for information and these will provide the basis of the 2018 survey.</p>	All
<p>10. Forward Work Programme</p> <p>FK advised that some of the UHB items due to be considered in December would need to be moved to next year and that she would liaise with HM.</p> <p>NDL advised that she will be in touch with all partners prior to the December meeting to ask for information in relation to the biodiversity duty.</p> <p>HM encouraged all partners to attend the Healthy Boards session in November.</p> <p>HM also advised that she would be circulating a calendar of meetings for 2019 as soon as possible.</p>	FK/HM NDL HM
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>No matters were raised</p>	
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th November – Healthy Boards Workshop • 10th December 2018 	