

# **Notice of Meeting**

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

# **Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee**

- At: Remotely via Microsoft Teams
- On: Thursday, 10 February 2022

Time: 3.00 pm

Chair: Councillor Andrea Lewis

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# Agenda

**Preliminary Matters:** 

1 Welcome & Apologies for Absence.

3	<b>Minutes.</b> To approve and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record.	2 - 6
4	Update on Actions from Previous Meeting.	
5	Public Question Time. Questions must be submitted in writing to Democratic Services <u>democracy@swansea.gov.uk</u> no later than noon on the working day prior to the meeting. Questions must relate to items on the agenda. Questions will be dealt with in a 10 minute period.	
6	<ul> <li>Items for Discussion / Decision / Approval: Community Safety: <ul> <li>Hope in Swansea – Thom Lynch (Matts Café)</li> <li>Swan Project – Lynne Sanders (Women's Aid)</li> <li>Integrated Offender Management – Tracey Worth (Probation)</li> <li>Critical Incident Group High Street – Paul Thomas (Swansea Council)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7 - 14
7	Swansea Third Sector Compact Agreement Annual Report / Presentation. Jane Whitmore, Swansea Council / Amanda Carr, SCVS	15 - 39
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Steve King, Swansea Council

9 Public Engagement Discussion. (Verbal) Adam Hill, Swansea Council

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Huw Evans Head of Democratic Services Friday, 4 February 2022 Contact: Democratic Services (01792) 636923

# Agenda Annex

# Swansea Public Services Board – Membership

### **Statutory Members** (Joint Committee and Partnership Forum)

Nuria Zolle – Swansea Bay University Health Board

Councillor Rob Stewart - Leader - Swansea Council

Councillor Kelvyn Curry – Deputy Chair - Mid & West Wales Fire Authority

Martyn Evans - Head of Operations South West Wales – Natural Resources Wales

Phil Roberts - Chief Executive - Swansea Council

Designated Representatives:

Sian Harrop-Griffiths - Director of Strategy – Swansea Bay University Health Board

Adam Hill - Deputy Chief Executive - Swansea Council

Andrea Lewis – Cabinet Member for Homes, Energy & Service Transformation - Swansea Council

Roger Thomas - Deputy Chief Fire Officer - Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service

## Invited Participants (Joint Committee and Partnership Forum)

Professor Chris Jones - Welsh Government

Trudi Meyrick - Chief Superintendent - South Wales Police

Amanda Carr - Swansea Council for Voluntary Service

Alun Michael - Police and Crime Commissioner

Mark Brace - Assistant Commissioner - South Wales Police and Crime Commissioners Office

Mark Wade - Health & Housing

Deanne Martin – HM Prison & Probation Service

### **Invited Participants** (Partnership Forum)

Mark Child – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Community Health Services - Swansea Council

Erika Kirchner – Councillor - Swansea Council

Louise Gibbard - Cabinet Member for Supporting Communities - Swansea Council

Alyson Pugh - Cabinet Member for Supporting Communities - Swansea Council

Robert Smith - Cabinet Member for Education Improvement, Learning & Skills - Swansea Council

Andrew Stevens - Cabinet Member for Business Improvement & Performance

Keith Reid - Executive Director - Public Health, Swansea Bay University Health Board

Hilary Dover - Planning Group

Vacancy - Swansea University

Anna Jones - University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Sarah King - Gower College Swansea (Director of HR)

Jayne Brewer - Gower College Swansea (Head of Employer Development)

Matthew Bennett - Job Centre Plus

Hywel Evans - Regional Business Forum

Keith Baker - Swansea Economic Regeneration Partnership

Philip McDonnell - Swansea Environmental Forum

Mike Phillips - Research Group

Steve Davies - Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service

To be confirmed - DVLA

To be confirmed - Swansea Learning Partnership

# Agenda Item 3



# Minutes of the Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, 21 October 2021 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillor A S Lewis (Chair) Presided

Mark Brace, Police & Crime Commissioners Office Mark Brier, South Wales Police Amanda Carr, Swansea Council for Voluntary Service Kelvyn Curry, Mid & West Wales Fire Authority Martyn Evans, Natural Resources Wales Sian Harrop-Griffiths, Swansea Bay University Health Board Adam Hill, Swansea Council Deanne Martin, HM Prison & Probation Service Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner Roger Thomas, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service Mark Wade, Health & Housing Group

# Also Present:

Leanne Ahern, Swansea Council Allison Lowe, Swansea Council Rhian Millar, Swansea Council Steve Porter, Swansea Council Keith Reid, Public Health, Swansea Bay University Health Board Suzy Richards, Swansea Council Amy Richmond-Jones, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service Richard Rowlands, Swansea Council

## **Apologies for Absence**

Phil Roberts, Swansea Council Rob Stewart, Swansea Council

## 18 Welcome.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Kelvin Curry, Deputy Chair of the Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service to his first meeting as the new representative on Swansea Public Services Board.

# 19 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interest.

No declarations were made.

# 20 Minutes.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee Held on 17 June 2021 be signed and approved as a correct record.

# 21 Update on Actions from Previous Meeting.

Adam Hill reported that most of the actions were part of today's agenda.

In relation to the Critical Incident Group – Anti-Social Behaviour – scoping work was currently under way and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

# 22 Public Question Time.

There were no public questions.

# 23 Assessment of Local Well-being 2022 Update.

Richard Rowlands, Strategic Delivery & Performance Manager, Swansea Council presented a report to set out recent developments in preparing for the next Assessment of Local Well-being for 2022.

He outlined the recent developments in paragraph 2 of the report that had taken place since the last meeting which included the revised timetable.

Adam Hill referred to the letter from Swansea Public Services Board and the response from Rebecca Evans, Minister for Finance and Local Government (included at agenda items 13 & 14).

# 24 Integrated Public Health Approach to Substance Misuse. (Verbal)

Keith Reid, Director of Public Health provided a verbal update on the Integrated Public Health Approach to Substance Misuse.

He commenced by outlining the background following the declaration in 2018 of the Critical Incident Group on Substance Misuse in the Western Bay Region to focus action on drug supply. It also highlighted the issue of drug related deaths and the wider social impact of substance misuse in our communities.

An action plan was drawn up and it was recognised there was a requirement to move towards a different model of tackling substance misuse. The joint PSB also agreed that this approach should be adopted in January 2020.

The establishment of an Expert Advisory Panel be created to inform the work around tackling substance misuse by drawing on National and International subject matter experts (SME's) on the best approach in engaging with those both directly impacted and their families.

The Area Planning Board (APB) which oversees the implementation of the Welsh Government Substance Misuse Strategy agreed that the Expert Advisory Panel should take the form similar to the very successful Drugs Commission model that was formed in Dundee, Scotland.

The APB enlisted the assistance of "Figure 8" who were also involved in the Dundee Drugs Commission. Proposals for the implementation of a commission style approach in the Western Bay area continue to be developed and were at the launch position.

Membership of the Expert Advisory Panel would be independent, not drawn from local agencies but on a voluntary basis. They would not be paid for participation but bring expertise that was not routinely available locally. The findings would sit independently as recommendations.

A number of concerns had been raised around the Governance and to who the Panel would be accountable and how and Panel would operate during the Local Government Election purdah period. However, the development of services would continue whilst the Panel undertook its work.

There was a discussion over the terminology for the Panel / Commission and why the single service alliance approach delivery model that had previously been agreed had not progressed.

**Agreed** that further discussions should take place to consider the requirements and governance of the establishment of the Expert Advisory Panel and the single service alliance approach delivery model and an update be provided to a future meeting of the Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee.

## 25 Human Rights City Status. (Verbal)

Rhian Millar, Consultation Co-Ordinator, Swansea Council provided an update on the progress regarding the vision of achieving Human Rights City Status for Swansea.

The Steering Group meetings which included representatives from each of the partners on the PSB had commenced with the next meeting scheduled for the following week.

A launch event was scheduled for Human Rights Day on 10 December which would formally launch the intention for Swansea to be a Human Rights City.

Engagement had progressed with community groups and the public via forums and a baseline awareness survey would shortly be progressed to understand the current awareness of human rights and what the priorities for Swansea should be.

In addition, the event on 10 December would showcase the work already ongoing in Swansea. Steering Group members were requested to bring examples of good work or ideas of what they would like to showcase at the launch event to the next Steering Group meeting.

Progress continued in relation to the European framework for Human Rights, and it was pleasing to note that we appeared to be meeting most of the requirements.

# 26 Audit Wales Report - Rough Sleeping in Wales - Everyone's Problem; No One's Responsibility.

Mark Wade and Steve Porter, Swansea Council provided an update on how Swansea was tackling rough sleeping in the City and to respond to the recommendations of the Rough Sleeping in Wales – Everyone's Problem; No One's Responsibility | Audit Wales

# Agreed that:

- 1) Members of the Public Services Board (PSB) commit to using the Wales Audit Complex Needs Tool whenever initiating a new partnership, service, project, or service review/evaluation that provides services for people with complex needs outlined in Appendix A. (A revised condensed version would be circulated to partners).
- 2) Members of the PSB assess their services against the 'Wales Audit characteristics of public services that are better placed to respond to people with complex needs' (Appendix B).

# 27 Climate Change Commitment from Partners on Swansea Public Services Board. (Verbal)

The Chair was pleased to report that the majority of partners had already provided their commitment and devised their own climate emergency actions, however a few were still outstanding.

Both the Health Board and Her Majesty's Prison & Probation Service verbally provided their commitment during the meeting. In addition, South Wales Police verbally provided their commitment and apologised for the delay as the information was currently with their Legal Department.

## 28 Partnership Forum Options.

Suzy Richards, Swansea Council presented proposals to stimulate discussion for PSB focus and delivery in response to the pandemic for 2021/22.

## Agreed that:

- 1) A Virtual Partnership Forum be held in November focusing on Human Rights / Human Rights City;
- A Virtual Partnership Forum is held in January / February 2022 focusing on a range of areas around Climate Change, Nature, City of Well-being and Wildlife;
- 3) Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS) technically host the above event;

- 4) An in person Partnership Forum be held in June 2022 focusing on Culture of Communities and future work programme;
- 5) The number of invitees is open to all the Partnership Forum members;
- 6) All partners commit to contributing volunteer breakout room facilitators (Leanne Ahern to email partners requesting nominations).

# 29 Scrutiny Programme Committee Letter Dated 21 October 2021.

For information.

# 30 Wellbeing Assessment Letter to Welsh Government.

For information.

# 31 Response letter from Welsh Government dated 5 October 2021.

For information.

## 32 Future Work Programme:

Agreed that the Work Plan be noted subject to the following additions:

16 December 2022

 Integrated Offender Management to include Community Safety development / Safer Communities Network.

10 February 2022

• Swansea Third Sector Compact Agreement Annual Report – Presentation.

The meeting ended at 4.36 pm

Chair



# Swansea Public Services Board

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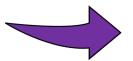
# IOM Refresh

Preventing victims by changing lives

# **Background behind the Refresh**



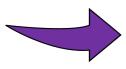
In February 2020, a joint inspection by HMIP and HMICFRS found that IOM had 'lost its way'. The report highlighted a lack of national strategic leadership and made recommendations in relation to improving clarity and consistency of the IOM cohort while still considering local needs and resources.



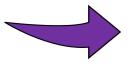
As a result of this the Neighbourhood Crime Integrated Offender Management Strategy was published in December 2020 which is an evidence-based approach providing clarity and greater accountability for those responsible than has existed previously, while still enabling IOM schemes to address local needs.



The strategy aims to bring together the strengths and expertise of partners across the criminal justice landscape, including policing, probation, public services, voluntary, community and social enterprises.



Neighbourhood crime is the focus of IOM with the aim of ensuring swifter action, and effective interventions which will hopefully reflect in communities being safer. The strategy incorporates a revised model for the IOM cohort consisting of three distinct cohorts, Fixed, Flex and Free



The operational guidance was published in April 2021 specifically focusing on the 'fixed' cohort. The guidance is underpinned by best practice and should be considered a guide for operational IOM staff to follow.

# **Partnership Engagement**

Partnership work is integral to the foundations and function of supporting individuals within the IOM cohorts. These 5 agencies are currently actively engaged with IOM in Swansea. Police **Department of** Work and **Pensions** Page 9 Community **Mental Health** Team Local Authority Dyfodol

# **Any questions?**



# Public Services Board Joint Committee - 10 February 2022

# **Critical Incident Group- High Street**

Purpose:	To provide an update on Critical Incident Group - High Street, progress to date and group closure
Link to Well-being Objective:	<ul> <li>To make Swansea a great place to live and age well.</li> <li>To build strong communities with a sense of pride and belonging.</li> </ul>
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that:
1) The paper is noted.	

# 1. Introduction

The issues affecting the High Street and surrounding area are not uncommon to those that affect many of our communities.

Established in July 2019 through the Safer Swansea Partnership, four work streams lead on key areas of work. They report quarterly on progress to a Critical Incident Task And Finish Group.

The groups are:

- Criminality and Anti-Social Behaviour lead SWP
- Substance misuse, drug dealing and County Lines activity lead BAROD
- Street sex working and exploitation of vulnerable people lead Women's Aid
- Public realm Swansea Council

## 2. Outcomes

To complement activities being undertaken by the Council, Police and partner agencies to tackle antisocial behaviour issues, additional investment has been used to improve lighting, sight lines, and safety around the pedestrian tunnels and raising the standard of the appearance of the area.

Indicative activities include lighting, landscaping, security measures, and assessment and reuse of derelict structures and properties. In particular, the series of properties at the top of High Street, former retail units have been renovated for constructive medium term meanwhile uses pending further redevelopment of this area in the future. Uses will include:

- to provide a base for outreach work, social enterprises and community engagement work. This would be hugely positive and supported by a number of partners.
- Using the opportunity for attracting project based support and finance from Partners (Safer Swansea Partnership, working with additional partners, are best placed to deliver this project).

There is also the option to pilot activities using one or more of the units as a base.

This will include:

- space for business start ups to go with provision now lined up to provide start up bursary grants (£1k per business, with £5k capital potentially available via regional scheme) – this is a key Covid recovery action point as well as a catalyst to provide alternative lifestyle choices for local residents
- Employability projects could occupy space and contribute
- Pilot subscriptions model for community hubs (variable rates for different sectors for use of generic comfortable Wi-Fi-enabled space)

Op Jaeger which was undertaken during the initial part of the CIG. It was successful in dealing with issues but was stood down due to the changing landscape at the beginning of 2020 with the onset of wider impact of Covid. There was a reassessment of ASB and Criminality in both High Street and the issues moving to St Helens area. The matter was reviewed with a new OSARA problem solving approach being adopted; however, the emphasis remained on signposting sex workers to support services as well as issuing S35s notices and S59s. There was a continued approach which was balanced to offering and signposting support to those who need it as well as enforcement for aggressive begging and clear criminality. Since this time, the report of aggressive begging has decreased and there has been a decrease in criminality and ASB in the area.

The OSARA problem solving model around sex working was reviewed and closed due to a lack of reported activity. The number of incidents being reported to South Wales Police regarding sex working around High Street reduced, this was likely due to COVID and the impact. The issues continued to be reassessed and although there is still sex working activity in the area, the number of reports being received by the Police significantly decreased.

An Operation Perception' survey was carried out by SWP neighbourhood team in Matthew Street in June 21 and then on High Street in October 21.

An overview of this is as follows:

June '21 Survey-Matthew Street.

Residents were asked a number of questions relating to their community, these are as follows:

On a scale of 1-5 how safe do you fell (1 not at all safe and 5 very safe)-

28.8% felt very safe, 25% scored a 4, and then 19.2% indicated that they did not feel at all safe. 80% of the survey scored 3-5 indicating they felt safe,

The main issue for the community was drug use, followed by ASB, drug dealing and then homelessness,

65.9% of residents had not reported any issues to police in the last year,

84.4% of those surveyed requested extra police presence and 55.6 % requested extra CCTV.

October '21 Survey-High Street.

The main issue for the community is ASB, drug use and then crime of which theft and criminal damage featured. Of those surveyed only 3.7% indicated that sex working was an issue they were experiencing that affected business or quality of life.

When residents were asked regarding how often did they see sex workers, 80.6 % indicated hardly ever with 6.5% indicating on a daily basis.

Business owners were asked how sex working issues on High Street were affecting their business-74.2% said it did not affect their business as opposed to 16.1% who said it did adversely affect their business.

75.9% of residents had not reported any issues to police in the last year, 89.5% of those surveyed requested extra police presence and 42.1 % requested extra CCTV.

SWP have seen a reduction in reports of crime, ASB and reports of sex working in the High Street area. As a result the OSARA problem solving model that was in place has now been closed down as the objectives were achieved. The situation continues to be monitored for issues but from the Op Perception surveys in the aforementioned paragraphs it can be seen that the acute issues that did present themselves around concerns around public safety, crime, ASB and other incidents to the police which from the surveys the perception is that these have decreased.

Partnership delivery of SWAN evening outreach service – BAROD outreach worker on van once a week, sexual health service once a fortnight and blood borne virus nurse once a month.

Improved partnership delivery of response to women exploited by the sex industry particularly during Covid 19 lockdowns. Access quickly enabled to emergency food supplies, dignity packs, clothing, contraception etc. at different venues across Swansea.

Open discussion on way forward with all agencies involved with sexually exploited women and exploited vulnerable people. Improved relationships

between agencies as working together more closely than previously. A real feel of everyone pulling together to address their needs and overcome any barriers to service access.

Development of rapid access proscription services (RAPS) service at Dyfodol to enable easier access to scripts for vulnerable people/sexually exploited women.

Facilitation of ongoing working relationships between agencies.

The work stream pulled together all the statutory and third sector agencies pertinent to women exploited by the sex industry and exploited vulnerable people.

We were able to share updates on service offers (particularly pertinent due to Covid) and expertise and knowledge and work out solutions for issues. There would not have been another forum for this.

## 3. Conclusion

The task and finish group have completed the work and will continue to deliver through business as usual so have agreed to close the work streams and Critical Incident Group

## 4. Next steps/ Actions

For the Public Service Board:

**Report Author: Paul Thomas** 

**Organisation: Swansea Council** 

Appendices: None

# Agenda Item 7



# Public Services Board Joint Committee - 10 February 2022

# **Swansea Third Sector Compact Agreement**

Purpose:	To provide an update on Swansea's Third Sector Compact Agreement and the work to date of the Compact Liaison Group who were formed as part of the updated Swansea Compact Agreement with the Voluntary Sector in 2018.
Policy Framework:	Swansea Third Sector Compact Agreement 2021 (attached as Appendix1)
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that:
1) The report is noted.	
Report Author:	Spencer Martin
Finance Officer:	Chris Davies
Legal Officer:	Adrian Jeremiah
Access to Services Officer	Cath Window

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Swansea Council first agreed a Compact with the Third Sector in 1999, the Compact has been renewed and refreshed a number of times in the intervening years.
- 1.2 The Compact is an agreement between the Swansea Council and the voluntary and community sector. It sets out key principles and establishes a way of working that improves their relationship for mutual advantage.
- 1.3 The renewed 2018 Compact Agreement established the Compact Liaison Group. The purpose, aims and objectives of the Compact Liaison Group are stated as:

"Monitoring and evaluation of the Compact Agreement between the Council and the Sector will be conducted through Compact Liaison Group, with the main purpose of the group being to share a general overview of strategic developments and a general exchange of information.

The group would:

- Comprise of equal membership of Council and Third Sector representatives
- Meet every two months (more frequently if required)
- Third Sector representatives elected from a broad cross section of the Sector, Council representatives shall be drawn from across service areas with links to the Third Sector
- Charing of meetings will alternate between the Council and Third Sector, minute taking and administering the meeting will likewise alternate between partners.
- Ensure Third Sector Forum Groups and relevant council groups to feed in

The purpose of the group is:

- To promote the Compact Agreement and encourage ownership and support across both sectors
- To monitor the expected outcomes outlined in the Compact Agreement and review the objectives to ensure the document remains responsive to current trends
- To act as a mechanism to facilitate dialogue between the Council and the Third Sector on matters of shared interest
- To agree a joint work programme for each year to share and manage risk
- To monitor the progress of delivering the work programme"
- 1.4 In line with the agreement, the Council are to be updated annually on the work of the Compact Liaison Group and any development or amendments to the Compact Agreement. The Compact Agreement has been reviewed and updated by members of the Compact Liaison Group; the 2021 update is attached as **Appendix 1**

## 2. Compact Liaison Group - 2020/21

- 2.1 The group is comprised of Council Officers and representatives of the Third Sector who were elected by their peers via hustings events hosted by SCVS.
- 2.2 There was a hiatus during COVID lockdown, which meant there were no meetings between March and August 2020. However, since August 2020 the group established its work plan for the year and agreed to rotate the Chair and Secretariat of the meeting between the partners. The Group has met nine times since August 2020, most recently October 2021.
- 2.3 In line with the purpose of the group to act as a mechanism to facilitate dialogue between the Council and the Third Sector on matters of shared interest areas of work undertaken or discussed by the Third Sector Liaison Group in the 20/21 year included:
  - Post COVID Community Support Achieving Better Together

- Update on additional funding opportunities for the Sector
- Volunteer ID Letters to allow travel during lockdown
- Letters for Carers to allow travel during lockdown
- Possible Changes to Local Resilience Networks
- Care Home Support during COVID
- Growing Food Policy
- 3rd Sector Procurement
- Community Renewal Funding
- Update on Volunteering Policy and practice
- Regional Volunteer Recovery Toolkit
- Community Asset Transfer: research with the third sector
- Climate Change
- Resilience/Emergency planning
- 2.4 The group has worked together to promote the Compact Agreement and encourage ownership and support across both sectors by adopting an inclusive agenda planning process, encouraging partners to suggest items and drive workplans. Also by agreeing to share the Chair and secretariat of the meetings ownership of the group is shared at all levels.
- 2.5 The Infographic at **Appendix 2** provides a snapshot of highlights and the status of the Third Sector in Swansea and demonstrates the importance and variety of support the sector provides to our residents of Swansea including;
  - 2,103 Voluntary and Community organisations operating in Swansea
  - 28.5% of people in Swansea Volunteer
  - 10% of employment in Wales is within the Charitable/Voluntary Sector
  - The Top 5 categories of activity within the sector are as follows, demonstrating the additional Tier Zero support provided by the third sector are:
    - Education and Training
    - Health and Social Care
    - Children and Families
    - Sports & Recreation
    - Community

These figure although impressive do not reflect the actual size of the sector in Swansea but is drawn from publicly available and reported information, the actual stats will all be larger as some are based on estimates from all Wales stats. An action for the Compact Liaison group would be to undertake a sector survey in Q1 2022 to develop a more localised version of the information.

2.6 COVID has affected all sectors of society adding pressure and stress on groups and their staff and one of the outcomes of the Compact Agreement is *to ensure we work together to remain responsive to current trends.* Throughout the year we have discussed pressures in the system and in particular how this is effecting the Third Sector and what solutions we can

collectively fine to move forward. Some common themes are identified below;

- Additional funding sources to alleviate effect of COVID have been welcome, however tight deadlines have been problematic and stressful
- Requirement to spend allocated funds within deadlines has been difficult

   issues with running projects include; staffing, product supply, venue, changing rules/lockdowns and many others
- Monitoring information required is stringent and onerous with so much short term funding monitoring regimes could be more pragmatic.
- The third sector has had to rely upon social media for its face to face contact which although very new and difficult has been conversely successful in attracting interaction with clients
- Anxiety over post COVID recovery and future funding availability
- Clarity and update of Volunteering strategies is required as we move forward
- 2.7 The case study at **Appendix 3** demonstrates some of the difficulties people have experienced throughout COVID and how third sector groups have been able to support; in this example from Your Voice Advocacy adults with learning disabilities.

# 3. COVID Recovery and Future Work Programme

- 3.1 Working together with the Third Sector will form an essential part of the Councils COVID-19 recovery strategy, Achieving Better Together.
- 3.2 The council has planned its initial re-mobilisation of immediate priorities from the COVID-19 crisis, the longer term plan from recovery to transformation.
- 3.3 The Third Sector Liaison group will work with this strategic approach 'Swansea Achieving Better – Together' and will work in partnership to ensure all groups in Swansea work together to aid recovery in the short and longer term through the phases outlined in the strategy. Re-mobilise, Re-focus and Re-shape
- 3.4 Future review of the Compact will include references to community resilience to ensure planning for any future situation similar to COVID is better prepared
- 3.5 Promoting the work of the West Glamorgan Volunteering Support (WGVS multi-agency project creating shared resources to develop the knowledge, management and coordination of volunteers and volunteer involving organisations across the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot areas. It has been funded through the Welsh Government Volunteering Recovery Fund.
- 3.6 To encourage a return to volunteering after COVID the WGVS has worked in partnership to develop a series of toolkits:
  - Diversifying your Volunteers Toolkit WGVS
  - Friends of park & allotment groups Toolkit WGVS

- Individual Action to Community Action Toolkit WGVS
- Volunteer Co-ordinator Guide Toolkit WGVS
- Volunteering in Primary Care GP Practices Toolkit WGVS
- Green Recovery Toolkit WGVS

Information on these toolkits are available on the WGVS website.

# 4. Third Sector Funding 2021 - Grants and Contracts

- 4.1 The Third sector play an integral part in Swansea Council meeting its statutory and philanthropic aims. In situations where the Third sector is the best provider of a service, function or facility they are afforded to opportunity of competing for Contracts via the council's procurement process or Grants via individual grant programmes.
- 4.2 The Council has administered a significant number of Third Sector Grant Funding programmes over the year, some of these have had a particular focus due to the COVID pandemic, and others are longer term.
- 4.3 An infographic summarising the grants can be found as **Appendix 4** and a summary table is below which shows 288 Grants have been awarded amounting to a total of circa \$1,900,000

Funding stream	Number of third sector projects/organisations supported	Amount allocated
Food Poverty Fund	35 grants awarded	£196,270
Period Dignity Fund	12 grants awarded	£13,793
Men's Shed Fund	7 grants awarded	£25,000
Community, Partnership & Destination grants	23 grants awarded	£93, 271
Rural Development Fund Grants	4 grants awarded	£107,440
Valleys Taskforce grants	3 grants awarded	£99,000
Summer of Fun for Children and Families	77 grants awarded	£331,784
Winter of Wellbeing for Children and Families	93 grants awarded	£471,946
Youth Support Emotional Health & Wellbeing Grant	20 grants awarded	£210,000
Carers Respite Support Grant	9 grants awarded	£154,224
VAWDASV Grants	5 grants awarded	£157,732

4.4 Grant funding administered by other organisations is an important tool which allow third sector organisations to fulfil their aims and objectives and assist the clients they serve in Swansea. An example of this is a third sector group working in Swansea is Faith in Families, one of their pilot projects called 'Inspiring Futures' is an Intensive confidence building and

back to work project across Swansea. Over the course of its pilot the achievements included:

• Have supported 77 individuals with back to work support and wellbeing checks

- Provided 156 online training courses
- 47 individuals have gained work relevant certificates
- 215 other certificates have been achieved
- 57 families have been supported to access foodbanks
- 480 wellbeing checks have taken place
- 7 individuals have gone on to attend Health & Social care courses

• Recruited 7 volunteers for local projects, 3 went into employment, 2 into supported employment and 4 went onto university.

Further information on this project is attached as **Appendix 5**.

4.5 Third Sector organisations hold a number of Contracts with Swansea Council, These contracts are procured via the 'Sell to Wales' portal and are won via the Councils procurement process.

# 5. Integrated Assessment Implications

- 5.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
  - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
  - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socioeconomic disadvantage
  - Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
  - Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
  - Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- 5.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2005 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.
- 5.3 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

5.4 The IIA screening undertaken can be found at **Appendix 6** demonstrated that there are no equality implications for Swansea Council. This is because the report updates on Swansea's Third Sector Compact Agreement and the work to date of the Compact Liaison Group who were formed as part of the updated Swansea Compact Agreement with the Voluntary Sector in 2018.

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## 6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications.

## 7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications.

### Background Papers: None

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Revised Swansea Compact Agreement 2021 Appendix 2 - Infographic - Third Sector Activity in Swansea Appendix 3 – Case Study, SM, Your Voice Advocacy Appendix 4 – Infographic - Third Sector Grant Funds 2021 Appendix 5 – Case Study Faith in Families

Appendix 6 – IIA Screening Form

# THIRD SECTOR COMPACT AGREEMENT 2021





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# Background

Swansea Council has a long and productive history of partnership working with the Third Sector in Swansea.

A Compact agreement was made between the parties in 1999. This document has been coproduced in consideration of the Compact as the basis for a Third Sector Strategy to reflect joint working principles between Swansea Council, Swansea Council for Voluntary Services and the wider Third Sector to provide a robust and workable framework for ongoing dialogue between the partners.

# Definition

The Third Sector is a term used to describe the range of organisations, groups, associations and enterprises, which fall outside the public and private sectors. These groups include:

- Local and national independent, non-governmental bodies;
- Local and national registered Charities
- Groups established voluntarily by people who choose to organise themselves for benevolent, not for profit purposes;
- Community Businesses value-driven and motivated by social, cultural or environmental objectives, rather than profit, committed to reinvesting their surpluses to further their social aim

# Strategic Context

**The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act** places new requirements on Welsh Government along with 43 other public bodies across Wales to think more about the long term, work better with people and communities and each other, look to prevent problems and take a more joined up approach (Shared Purpose, Shared Future).

# We will collectively ensure a clear contribution is demonstrated to the seven wellbeing goals and that the five ways of working principles are applied

# Swansea's Corporate Plan 2017/22

As required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, Swansea Council published its well-being statement before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

The well-being statement sets out our key priorities. These priorities, known as our 'well-being objectives', are our objectives for improving the environmental, cultural, economic and social well-being of Swansea and Wales.

In order to meet these challenges, we have prioritised six well-being objectives. These are:

- **Safeguarding people from harm** so that our citizens are free from harm and exploitation;
- Improving education and skills so that every child and young person in Swansea gains the skills and qualifications they need to succeed in life;
- **Transforming our economy and infrastructure** so that Swansea has a thriving mixed use City Centre and a local economy that will support the prosperity of our citizens;
- Tackling poverty so that every person in Swansea can achieve his or her potential;
- Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's **Natural Resources and Biodiversity** so that we maintain and enhance biodiversity, reduce our carbon footprint, improve our knowledge and understanding of our natural environment and benefit health and well-being.
- **Transformation and future council development** so that we and the services that we provide are sustainable and fit for the future.

We will work collectively to ensure a clear contribution to Swansea Council's Corporate Plan and Well-being Objectives and be explicit in the outcomes we are seeking to achieve for citizens

# Third Sector Strategic Vision

Along with public sector bodies, the Third Sector is facing increasing challenges many of which hinge on reduced funding and ever-increasing demands on the sector very much linked to the new ways of working within the public service agenda.

Although there are challenges the Sector within Swansea remains vibrant and necessarydelivering quality support and services to community members.

### Income, assets and resources

The Sector generates income for Swansea, with Third Sector organisations funding their own operations raising funds from sources as diverse as via philanthropy, trading, and managing their own physical assets.

Where local groups deliver services employing local people, money stays within the Swansea economy.

### Volunteering

The Sector has always been reliant on the time given free for no financial reward. The governance and operational elements of third sector groups continue to depend on volunteers.

In a changing landscape, volunteering is an important step for many citizens as a step towards paid work- either as a returner or for those seeking to enter the workplace for the first time. Demographic changes are having impact on the volunteer base and bring both challenges as well as adding value to the work of groups.

Organisations using volunteers' face the challenge of meeting the increasingly high support needs of those for whom volunteering is a way of moving closer to employment.

When considering utilising volunteers in new models of service delivery it must be recognised that volunteer led delivery is not a no cost option.

### Democracy

The Third Sector has a long history of supporting the engagement of local people in local issues and solutions, Third Sector groups are grounded in the '5 Ways of Working'.

Involving the Sector at an early stage in policy development and service design, adopting a co productive approach leads to better outcomes for citizens where community based groups are well placed to provide insight into the unique challenges faced by community members they meet.

# Information and communication

In a changing world, it is vitally important that there is clear understanding across the local authority (and other public sector agencies) about what the Third Sector does, its contribution and the benefits of working in partnership.

Clear, accurate and early information about Council led strategy enables the Third Sector to plan and to contribute meaningfully as a supportive partner.

Swansea Council and the Third Sector share a fundamental aim to serve and represent the citizens of Swansea, through working together to create an environment, which encourages healthy communities, community participation, self-reliance, local innovation, stronger local government and a viable, sustainable and flexible Third Sector.

# Future Direction and Aspirations

As local government budgets reduce, new ways of working will have to be found to maintain and improve services to residents with less or no direct financial support from Swansea Council.

The Council recognises the innovative nature of the Third Sector and aims to support innovation through the continuation of small funding pots to drive new ideas.

We will work together to secure funding from independent sources and ensure information is shared on any new sources of funding, and promote local groups whenever possible over national or international organisations or businesses.

We will work together to encourage shared services and premises to reduce core organisational costs.

The Council recognises that the Third Sector is growing to fill gaps left in services, to facilitate this growth we will work together to encourage the development of social enterprises, co-operatives, apprenticeships and other wider Third Sector models of delivery.

# Objectives

Our objectives have been drawn up in recognition of the benefits that an effective compact can bring.

To achieve our vision and future aspirations and directions the aims of objectives of this agreement will be to work together to:

- Provide a framework for developing shared working and partnership agreements;
- Provide a forum for discussing and developing complementary strategic policies, which deliver best value services for Swansea;
- Promote mutual understanding of each sectors concerns, issues and working practices;
- Encourage and support good citizenship, healthy communities and volunteering;
- Develop consistent good practice in grants funding and procurement arrangements to the third sector, and wherever possible support local groups;
- Develop good practice in joint commissioning processes and procedures;
- Provide a co-ordinated approach to the provision of and planning of services;
- Develop partnership working in relation to the Welsh Government and/or any new regional participation arrangements which it sets up;
- Develop effective coproduction, consultation and communication mechanisms;
- Create an environment for discussing cross boundary issues;
- Identify unmet need and advice on strategic priorities;
- Exchange relevant information;
- Facilitate, promote and influence joined up solutions within the Council, Third Sector and other statutory or non-statutory agencies in Swansea;
- Work together as partners to create and environment to progress the Regional Working agenda;
- Provide governance support to ensure all Third Sector groups have robust constitutions and governing documents, up to date policies and financial arrangements
- Formally recognise and celebrate the contribution and quality services of Third Sector organisations in Swansea

# Underpinning Shared Values and Principles

The following underpinning shared values and principles have been developed and agreed with all partners to ensure we build trust as we work together to meet the aims and objectives.

- Mutual Respect: To recognise, value and respect the contribution of each of our communities to the people and services in Swansea. To work together to foster a partnership that is based on principles of integrity, transparency, trust and mutual respect.
- Quality Services: All partners will work together to create and sustain a safe and healthy living environment through quality, coordinated service delivery, but also allow for innovation and new ideas;
- Equality And Diversity: To support the quality of life for all citizens of Swansea and promote equality of opportunity and eliminate discrimination for those who belong to the protected groups outlined in the Equality Act 2010 (and Welsh Regulations 2011) and any implications from the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure (2011);
- **Communication and engagement:** To promote and support user involvement and public consultation on the services provided in Swansea;
- **Partnership working, Joint events and activities:** Either in partnership or independently to provide services in support of the above to a cost effective and high quality standard;
- Volunteering: to recognise volunteering as an important contribution and commitment made by local people to their communities. Support develop and promote volunteers' meaningful contributions to service delivery, sustainability and development of projects and initiatives.
- Development: To recognise development and training as an essential tool to maintaining high quality service provision, and support those who require training to develop individually and collectively by utilising ways of sharing best practice.

# **Engagement and Involvement**

To ensure the Third Sector and Swansea Council are involved and engaged with revision of the Compact agreement, a series of events and workshop have taken place to gain the sector's views

on how best we can work together to meet the future challenges. Further engagement, coproduction and monitoring of the Compact agreement will take place to ensure the sector is fully aware of future plans and opportunities.

# Structure

The current structure and scope of consultation, representation and partnership arrangements between the local authority and the Third Sector is already well established and working well in many areas. Many organisations and departments have built up positive partnership and working arrangements. It is not the intention that any new structure should disrupt or duplicate these in any way but to support these ways of working. The following structure aims to involve all stakeholders in determining the strategic policy and direction through:

- Annual Standing Conference; recommended a joint event in partnership with SCVS annual conference
- Annual update report to the Swansea Council Cabinet
- Third Sector Task and Finish working group a small group to meet, should the need arise, to discuss and report upon one off, urgent and wider policy and strategy issues.

# Commissioning Model and Funding

The Council's approach to commissioning is to ensure there is an overview of all commissioning activity in order to support achievement of corporate objectives in line with the following principles:

- Outcome based for cohorts of people
- A move towards a single contract with a provider
- A move towards a single lead commissioner
- Alignment to the commissioning cycle plan, do, review, analyse
- Co-production as part of the commissioning cycle, whenever possible.

Swansea Council will publish and update all commissioning opportunities on Sell2Wales. All other funding opportunities through the Compact Fund will be published annually and promoted to the

whole sector. The External Funding Panel will be the decision making body for funding. All systems will work within the Council's political process.

# Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation of the Compact Agreement between the Council and the Sector will be conducted through Compact Liaison Group, with the main purpose of the group being to share a general overview of strategic developments and a general exchange of information.

The group would:

- Comprise of equal membership of Council and Third Sector representatives
- Meet every two months (more frequently if required)
- Third Sector representatives elected from a broad cross section of the Sector, Council representatives shall be drawn from across service areas with links to the Third Sector
- Charing of meetings will alternate between the Council and Third Sector, minute taking and administering the meeting will likewise alternate between partners.
- Ensure Third Sector Forum Groups and relevant council groups to feed in

The purpose of the group would include:

- To promote the Compact Agreement and encourage ownership and support across both sectors
- To monitor the expected outcomes outlined in the Compact Agreement and review the objectives to ensure the document remains responsive to current trends
- To act as a mechanism to facilitate dialogue between the Council and the Third Sector on matters of shared interest
- To agree a joint work programme for each year to share and manage risk
- To monitor the progress of delivering the work programme

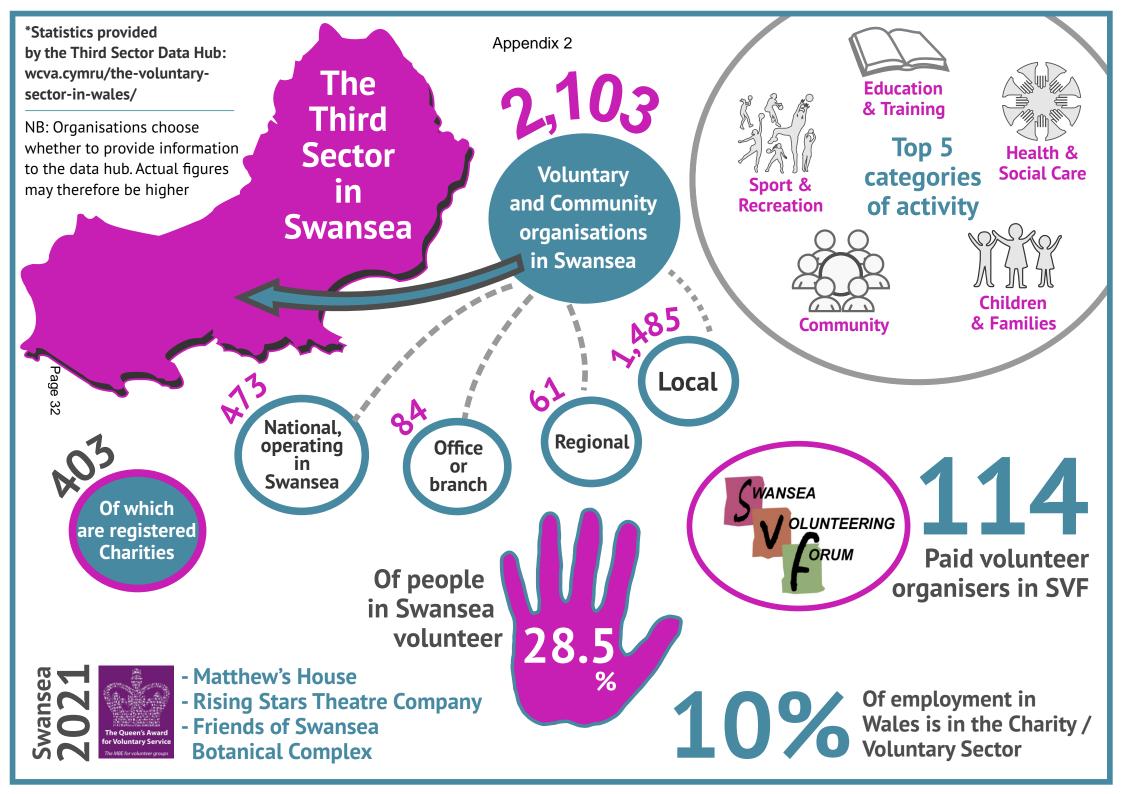
# Conflict Resolution

The Compact Liaison Group shall be the first point of reference for any conflict resolution; here issues can be discussed and agreed between the partners.

# Compact Agreement Annual Review

The Purpose of the annual review will be to assess progress on the objectives outlined in the agreement and aid with future direction.

The review conference will be open to all stakeholders from statutory and voluntary sectors. All Third Sector groups will be invited to participate. No group will be excluded by reason of holding a commissioned procured contract or being in receipt of grant aid or not being funded by the partner organisations (it is proposed the annual review be held tandem with SCVS AGM).





### A personal story from a staff member.

When the pandemic hit many of our members did not understand what was going on. Many who were living independently struggled to access shops and food shortages were meaning they did not eat. Without sufficient funds, know how or support even getting to a shop was a challenge as buses and taxi were no longer available. In times of trouble, we turn to our friends for help, the friends of adults with learning disabilities are normally other adults with learning disabilities, all in similar situations.

The lack of internet provision also meant many were unable to access on line services or report their situation to the very authorities that were supposed to help them. When you don't read or write, when your bus stops coming, when the food in the shops is all gone, day services are closed, when you have no internet and only a bank card for withdrawing cash what are you supposed to do.

The first 6 weeks of the pandemic had me searching for supplies, registering people with food banks, repeating myself time and time again when trying to refer people for food parcels..(Why can't they go to shops, why can't they shop on line etc etc) slowly the food situation began to resolve itself, our charity was successful in obtaining some funding to buy ipads and get people connected to the internet, we quickly produced Easy Read guides on using ipads, Zoom, social media, I spent many hours on hold to banks standing outside in all weathers while I tried to get bank cards changed, or taught someone how to use an ipad through the window.

As the weeks turned into months I watched as our members really began to suffer, News reports were complicated to understand, their lives had been turned upside down and many no longer wanted to live. I referred dozens to MIND, I used volunteers to phone and chat to members daily, to offer reassurance, friendship in a world that had become alien to them.

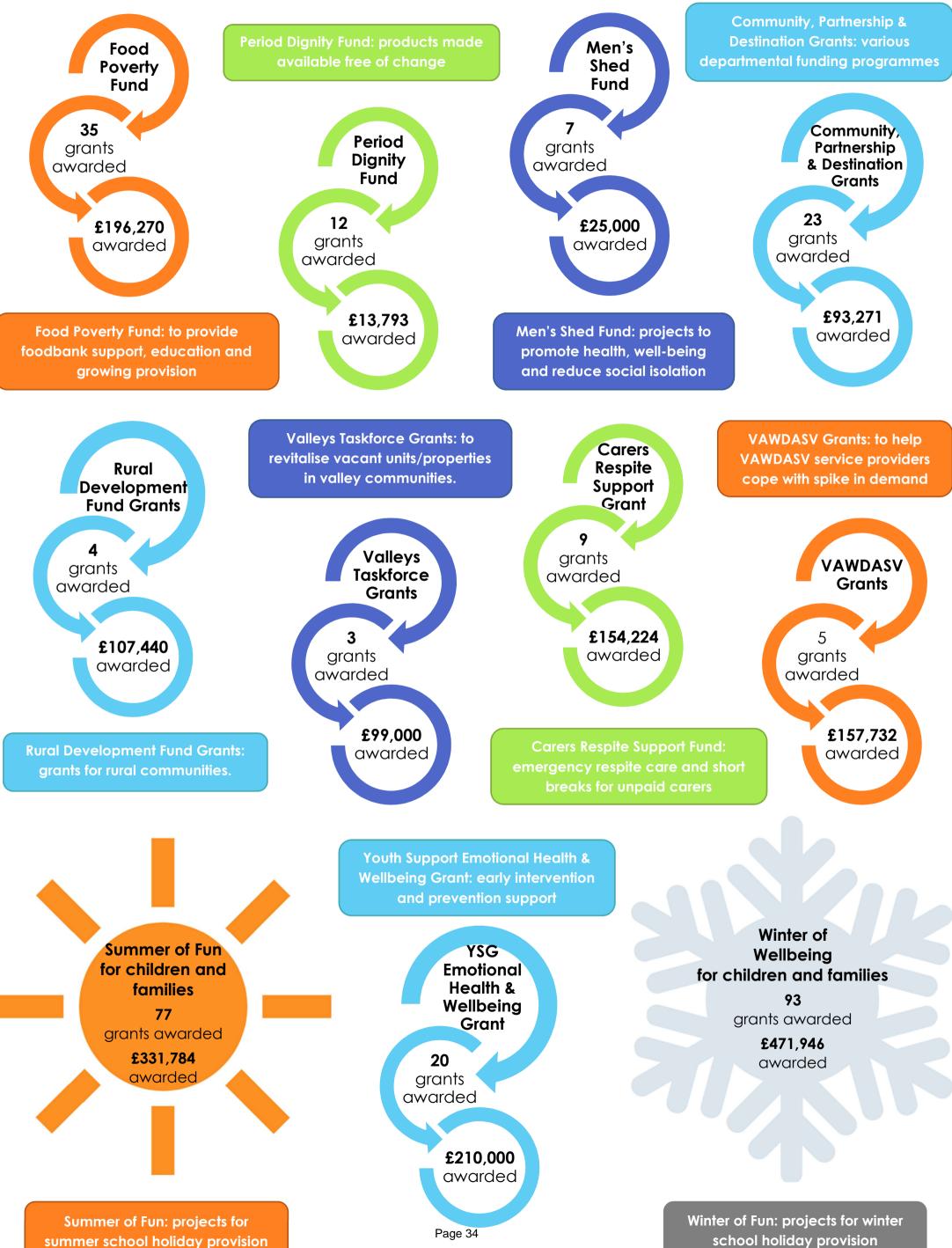
When I started sending out Activity packs there were 32 people wanting them, this number has steadily increased to around 100 being posted out.

We provided a Zoom meeting every day of the week for almost a year, reaching out and supporting vulnerable adults who had been forgotten or pushed aside by society. This included Christmas Day and Boxing day as many live on their own. I begged family and friends for plated up Christmas meals and used my own local community to provide gifts for the loneliest.

Our charity is very small, two of the part time staff were unable to work during the pandemic due to their mental health and the situation they found themselves in. I produced monthly newsletters and activity packs, facilitated zoom sessions for both social and training needs, continued with all the other works including co production, provided advocacy when needed, provided training, and took part in countless surveys and consultations. Our membership has doubled, and new members are joining every week. We lost our friends to Covid during the pandemic, this is very hard to accept.

# Grants awarded to Third Sector Organisations 2021

Appendix 4



summer school holiday provision

# Toom Weening to Sale

# Inspiring Futures

Our Intensive confidence building and back to work project across Swansea.

• Have supported **77** individuals with back to work support and wellbeing checks

- Provided 156 online training courses
- 47 individuals have gained work relevant certificates
- 215 other certificates have been achieved
- 57 families have been supported to access foodbanks
- 480 wellbeing checks have taken place

7 individuals have gone on to attend Health & Social care courses
Recruited 7 volunteers for local projects, 3 went into employment, 2 into supported employment and 4 went onto university.

### Appendix 5



As we go into our 22nd year with the security of recently winning the tender to deliver the core preventative and outreach services in our Swansea centres worth over a million pound we are relieved that we have a future when we are needed more than ever.

As we watch our Brighter Futures team having a tremendous impact it is fantastic that we have a 3 year funding grant from The National Lottery Wales to develop this work. Our Inspiring Futures pilot has also achieved fantastic results despite having to start its life in lockdown and we are delighted to have secured funding from the Waterloo foundation to help this work reach further.

We pride ourselves in being passionate, creative and tenacious. We will take the last two decades and the lived experiences of working in our communities in a crisis to inspire people to believe and succeed in having the best possible life for themselves, their families and their communities.



# Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form

# Please ensure that you refer to the Screening Form Guidance while completing this form.

### Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: Partnership and Commissioning Directorate: Social Services

Q1	(a) Wha	it are yo	u screening	for	relevance?
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- New and revised policies, practices or procedures
- Service review, re-organisation or service changes/reductions, which affect the wider
- community, service users and/or staff
  - Efficiency or saving proposals
    - Setting budget allocations for new financial year and strategic financial planning
    - New project proposals affecting staff, communities or accessibility to the built environment,

e.g., new construction work or adaptations to existing buildings, moving to on-line services, changing location

- Large Scale Public Events
- Local implementation of National Strategy/Plans/Legislation
- Strategic directive and intent, including those developed at Regional Partnership Boards and Public Services Board, which impact on a public bodies functions
- Medium to long term plans (for example, corporate plans, development plans, service delivery and improvement plans)
- Setting objectives (for example, well-being objectives, equality objectives, Welsh language strategy)
  - Major procurement and commissioning decisions

Decisions that affect the ability (including external partners) to offer Welsh language opportunities and services

## (b) Please name and fully <u>describe</u> initiative here:

The Third Sector Compact Agreement 2021

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### Q2 What is the potential impact on the following: the impacts below could be positive (+) or negative (-)

High Impact

Medium Impact Low Impact

Needs further investigation

	+ -	+ -	+ -	•
Children/young people (0-18)			$\square$	
Older people (50+)				
Any other age group				
Future Generations (yet to be born)	$\exists \exists$			H
Disability				
Race (including refugees)	HH			
Asylum seekers	HH			
<b>,</b>	HH			
Gypsies & travellers				
Religion or (non-)belief				
Sex				
Sexual Orientation				
Gender reassignment				
Welsh Language				
Poverty/social exclusion				
Carers (inc. young carers)			$\boxtimes$	
Community cohesion			$\boxtimes$	
Marriage & civil partnership			$\square$	
Pregnancy and maternity			$\boxtimes$	

### Q3 What involvement has taken place/will you undertake e.g. engagement/consultation/co-productive approaches? Please provide details below – either of your activities or your reasons for not undertaking involvement

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### Q4 Have you considered the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 in the development of this initiative:

a) Overall does the initiative support our Corporate Plan's Well-being Objectives when considered together? Vac M

ies 🖂	

b) Does the initiative consider maximising contribution to each of the seven national wellbeing goals? Yes 🖂

$\Box$	No	
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c) Does the initiative apply each of the five ways of working? Yes 🖂 No

d) Does the initiative meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?

Q5 What is the potential risk of the initiative? (Consider the following impacts – equality, socio-economic, environmental, cultural, legal, financial, political, media, public perception etc...)

High risk	Medium risk	Low risk
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# Q6 Will this initiative have an impact (however minor) on any other Council service?

Yes No If yes, please provide details below

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# Q7 What is the cumulative impact of this proposal on people and/or communities when considering all the impacts identified within the screening and any other key decisions affecting similar groups/ service users made by the organisation?

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# **Outcome of Screening**

- **Q8** Please describe the outcome of your screening below:
  - Summary of impacts identified and mitigation needed (Q2)
  - Summary of involvement (Q3)
  - WFG considerations (Q4)
  - Any risks identified (Q5)
  - Cumulative impact (Q7)

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(NB: This summary paragraph should be used in the relevant section of corporate report)

Full IIA to be completed

Do not complete IIA – please ensure you have provided the relevant information above to support this outcome

NB: Please email this completed form to the Access to Services Team for agreement before obtaining approval from your Head of Service. Head of Service approval is only required via email.

Screening completed by:	
Name: Spencer Martin	
Job title: Partnership and Commissioning Officer	
Date: 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	
Approval by Head of Service:	
Name: Jane Whitmore	
Position: Head of Partnership and Commissioning.	
Date: 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	

Please return the completed form to accesstoservices@swansea.gov.uk

# Agenda Item 8



# Public Services Board Joint Committee – 10 February 2022

# Assessment of Local Well-being 2022 update

Purpose: Link to Well-being Objective: Cross cutting		To set out recent developments in the Swansea Assessment of Local Well-being 2022
Recommendati	on(s):	t is recommended that:
<ol> <li>The Joint Committee note the report, including recent prograther the future timetable and the regional analysis commission.</li> <li>The Joint Committee approve the draft Assessment of Local</li> </ol>		table and the regional analysis commission. mittee approve the draft Assessment of Local
Well-being 202		22 for consultation.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 specifies that the next assessments of local well-being in Wales should be published by 5 May 2022.
- 1.2 Previous update reports have been provided to the Joint Committee on 15 October 2020, 11 February, 8 April, 17 June and 21 October 2021 – link to latest report: <u>https://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=9241&x=1&LLL=0</u>.
- 1.3 Due to the cancellation of the last Joint Committee meeting, a further update was circulated by email in December 2021. This report provided committee members with an update on progress, discussed options for the approval of the draft assessment ahead of the consultation period, and asked for partner's views on formats and accessibility.

## 2. Recent developments

- 2.1 The following has occurred since the last Joint Committee meeting (Oct-21):
- 2.2 The Swansea PSB Assessment Editorial Group has continued to develop the assessment by collating and editing content based on the four strands or dimensions of well-being social, economic, environmental and cultural. The

group includes (nominated) representatives from the four statutory partner organisations (Council, NRW, Fire and Rescue Service, Health Board).

- 2.3 Via four strand-based groups, content has been drafted around identified 'key' or 'associated' topics within each well-being dimension. The Editorial Group has since developed the chapters into the main draft assessment document, which (at time of writing, 2 February) is being brought together and translated.
- 2.4 As previously noted, resource-related issues (primarily arising from the ongoing effects of the pandemic) have continued to impact the development of the assessment. This will have affected the Health Board in particular (e.g. for the Physical Health and Mental Health topics in Social well-being), although other organisations and Council services have also experienced difficulties due to current circumstances and pressures affecting capacity and commitment.
- 2.5 As outlined in the December update report, time pressures didn't allow a separate window for the Board to consider and approve the draft assessment ahead of the necessary translation work. Subsequently the draft was circulated to the Joint Committee's statutory partner representatives for approval, or for any required changes to be specified, by 31 January. In this way, suggested improvements to the draft assessment could have been considered and included, and translated, ahead of the proposed consultation start date.
- 2.6 No specific comments or suggestions came from the partners during this time. However, the further detailed views of statutory partners, invited participants, statutory consultees (as listed in the WFG Act) and the wider PSB partnership, together with the general public and other organisations, will also be actively sought and encouraged during the formal consultation period.

## 3 Timetable and analysis brief

- 3.1 In summary, the remaining stages and dates of the assessment timetable are:
  - by 9 February 2022: return of main commissioned translations
  - to 11 February: further refinement and associated translation
  - asap w/b 14 February: scheduled commencement of consultation on draft assessment public and statutory consultees (up to 5 weeks)
  - February-March 2022: analysis chapter commission see 3.2 below
  - 18 March: close of consultation (ahead of pre-election period start)
  - 21-30 March: consideration of consultation responses and actions
  - 1-30 April: post-consultation amendments, follow-up and translation
  - 5 May 2022: statutory deadline for final publication of assessment.
- 3.2 As noted above (3.1), as part of ongoing regional collaboration, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea PSBs have commissioned Swansea University to undertake a research project which aims to better understand the well-being data and evidence collected in the assessments to create an additional chapter for each area. The following extract from the project brief (funded by the current year's regional WG grant for PSBs) outlines the main objectives of this commission:

- To draw out the key implications and messages (the 'so what') from the draft well-being assessments.
- To analyse information collected and define what this means in practical terms for Neath Port Talbot/Swansea.
- To pull together and link the social, economic, environmental and cultural chapters from the well-being assessments into an overall analysis for each locality (NPT and Swansea).
- To bring out the key links between topics and dimensions within the wellbeing assessments and their implications across the other dimensions of well-being.

The University's work on this commission will soon be underway with ongoing steer and input from our editorial group. Whilst the resulting chapter will not be available for the start of our consultation period, it is envisaged that this work will be included in the final assessment documents for May 2022 as part of our initial 'response analysis' and to serve as an initial 'bridge' towards the Well-being Plan in May 2023.

# 4. Next steps / actions

- 4.1 The Joint Committee note the report, including recent progress, the future timetable and the regional analysis commission.
- 4.2 The Joint Committee approve the draft Assessment of Local Well-being 2022 for consultation. This will be a further refinement of the version previously circulated. The latest draft version will be sent to Joint Committee members under separate cover before this meeting (10 February), and ahead of the proposed formal consultation start.

# Report Author: Steve King

Organisation: Swansea Council

# Agenda Item 10



# SWANSEA PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE

# Future Work Programme 2022

7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	PSB annual report sign off	Chair
	Well-being Plan Engagement	Chair
	Performance framework	Suzy/ Richard
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Election of the chair	PSB Chair
	Review Terms of Reference	All
	APB annual report	Dave Howes
	Safer Swansea Annual report	Paul Thomas
11 <sup>th</sup> August 2022		
20th October 2022		
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022		