



Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee

At: Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams
On: Thursday, 9 February 2023
Time: 3.00 pm
Chair: Councillor Andrea Lewis

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**Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
Friday, 3 February 2023**

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Swansea Public Services Board – Membership

Statutory Members (Joint Committee and Partnership Forum)

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| Maggie Berry – <i>Swansea Bay University Health Board</i> |
| Councillor Rob Stewart – <i>Leader - Swansea Council</i> |
| Councillor Gwynfor Thomas - <i>Mid & West Wales Fire Authority</i> |
| Martyn Evans - <i>Head of Operations South West Wales – Natural Resources Wales</i> |
| Martin Nicolls – <i>Chief Executive - Swansea Council</i> |

Designated Representatives:

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| Sian Harrop-Griffiths - <i>Director of Strategy – Swansea Bay University Health Board /</i> |
| Karen Stapleton - <i>Deputy Director of Strategy – Swansea Bay University Health Board</i> |
| Ness Young - <i>Interim Director of Corporate Services - Swansea Council</i> |
| Andrea Lewis - <i>Cabinet Member for Service Transformation - Swansea Council</i> |
| Roger Thomas - <i>Chief Fire Officer - Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service</i> |

Invited Participants (Joint Committee and Partnership Forum)

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| Professor Chris Jones – <i>Welsh Government</i> |
| Trudi Meyrick - <i>Chief Superintendent - South Wales Police</i> |
| Amanda Carr - <i>Swansea Council for Voluntary Service</i> |
| Alun Michael - <i>Police and Crime Commissioner</i> |
| Mark Brace - <i>Assistant Commissioner - South Wales Police and Crime Commissioners Office</i> |
| Mark Wade - <i>Health & Housing</i> |
| Deanne Martin – <i>HM Prison & Probation Service</i> |

Invited Participants (Partnership Forum)

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| Louise Gibbard - <i>Cabinet Member for Care Services - Swansea Council</i> |
| Hayley Gwilliam – <i>Cabinet Member for Community (Support) - Swansea Council</i> |
| David Hopkins - <i>Cabinet Member for Corporate Service & Performance - Swansea Council</i> |
| Erika Kirchner – <i>Councillor - Swansea Council</i> |
| Alyson Pugh - <i>Cabinet Member for Well-being - Swansea Council</i> |
| Robert Smith - <i>Cabinet Member for Education & Learning - Swansea Council</i> |
| Andrew Stevens - <i>Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure</i> |
| Keith Reid - <i>Executive Director - Public Health, Swansea Bay University Health Board</i> |
| Hilary Dover - <i>Planning Group</i> |
| Vacancy - <i>Swansea University</i> |
| Anna Jones - <i>University of Wales Trinity Saint David</i> |
| Sarah King - <i>Gower College Swansea (Director of HR)</i> |
| Jayne Brewer - <i>Gower College Swansea (Head of Employer Development)</i> |
| Matthew Bennett - <i>Job Centre Plus</i> |
| Hywel Evans - <i>Regional Business Forum</i> |
| Keith Baker - <i>Swansea Economic Regeneration Partnership</i> |
| Philip McDonnell - <i>Swansea Environmental Forum</i> |
| Mike Phillips - <i>Research Group</i> |
| Steve Davies - <i>Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service</i> |
| To be confirmed - <i>DVLA</i> |
| To be confirmed - <i>Swansea Learning Partnership</i> |

Agenda Item 3



Minutes of the Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS
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Thursday, 1 December 2022 at 3.00 pm

Present: A S Lewis (Chair) Presided

Martyn Evans, Natural Resources Wales
Daniel Jones, Police & Crime Commissioners Office
Allison Lowe, Swansea Council
Gary Mahoney, Swansea Council
Deanne Martin, HM Prison & Probation Service
Trudi Meyrick, South Wales Police
Keith Reid, Public Health, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Suzy Richards, Swansea Council
Amy Richmond-Jones, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Roger Thomas, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Mark Wade, Health & Housing Group
Ness Young, Interim Director of Corporate Services

Apologies for Absence

Maggie Berry, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Amanda Carr, Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
Sian Harrop-Griffiths, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Professor Chris Jones, Welsh Government
Martin Nicholls, Swansea Council
Karen Stapleton, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Rob Stewart, Swansea Council

31 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interest.

No declarations were made.

32 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee held on 20 October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

33 Public Question Time.

There were no public questions.

34 Early Years Maturity Maternity Matrix. (Verbal)

Gary Mahoney, Early Years Programme Co-ordinator, Swansea Council outlined the Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) maternity and early years maturity matrix which had been developed to support local areas to take a system-wide approach to improving outcomes for children and families. He explained it was a self-assessment tool to support local partners to understand the position on early childhood intervention, identify areas for improvement and work together to deliver positive change.

The request for Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee was to identify a strategic sponsor for the matrix in order to drive the work forward.

Actions:

- 1) The initial report be circulated to the Joint Committee;
- 2) Partners identify a senior strategic sponsorship lead from each organisation for the matrix;
- 3) An update be provided to the Joint Committee in due course.

35 Local Well-being Plan Update & Office of Future Generations Commissioners Advice.

Suzy Richards, Sustainable Policy Officer provided an update on progress to date in respect of the development of the Local Well-being Plan. She explained that the advice contained in the letter from the Future Generations Commissioner was extremely positive and they had been working very closely with the Future Generations Commissioners team and some of the actions had already been implemented prior to receiving the advice. A table of issues and potential responses relating to the specific actions within the letter would be developed in the next week or so.

The Committee discussed the issues highlighted and noted the many positive things contained within the draft plan. They acknowledged that the challenges identified were not unfamiliar and they noted the requirement to be more explicit about how the wellbeing assessment had led us to this point and the need to demonstrate how all the work would be integrated. They agreed it would be beneficial to meet sooner rather than later, in order to align the objectives. Suzy Richards explained that the objective leads were due to meet next week in order to respond to and deal with the issues outlined in the letter. This work would progress alongside the consultation process.

36 Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee Ways of Working. (Discussion)

The Chair enquired whether they could improve the way the Swansea PSB worked in order to add value.

The Committee discussed previous conversations regarding merging with Neath Port Talbot PSB and the opportunity to align or join up the positive work already ongoing with other partners in order to avoid working in silo.

It was noted that Audit Wales had already identified the number of strategic partnerships in Wales which resulted in duplication and not enough sharing of best practice.

The Committee agreed that it was worth re-establishing previous conversations to enquire whether there were opportunities to work more closely together as a collective and attempt to capitalise on the good relationships and positive discussions that already existed between those involved in the operational delivery in order to focus on common outcomes.

Actions:

- 1) The Committee agreed to meet more frequently on a face to face informal basis to identify the specific issues within the wellbeing plan in order to build relationships and solutions around them;
- 2) Roger Thomas would re-commence discussions with Neath Port Talbot PSB next week;
- 3) The Chair would commence the political element discussions.

37 Engagement / Consultation. (Discussion)

Suzy Richards, Sustainable Policy Officer explained that there was a small budget available from regional funding in relation to the consultation, engagement and publication of the Well-being Plan. She enquired with the partners present whether there were any specific formats or requirements that would need to be considered in relation to its publication.

Action:

An online, fully accessible version of the Local Wellbeing Plan be produced, to include a video with audio / subtitles.

38 Performance Framework / Highlight Reports from the 4 Workstreams.

For information.

39 Future Work Programme:

For information.

The meeting ended at 4.01 pm

Chair

| Action (A)/ Decision (D)/ Issue (I) | Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee – 9 February 2023 Update on Actions from Previous Meeting | Assigned to | Comment/ Rationale |
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| A | The initial report be circulated to the Joint Committee; | Leanne Ahern | Completed |
| A | Partners identify a senior strategic sponsorship lead from each organisation for the matrix; | All | Some leads have been identified |
| A | An update be provided to the Joint Committee in due course | Gary Mahoney | Ongoing |
| I | The Committee agreed to meet more frequently on a face to face informal basis to identify the specific issues within the wellbeing plan in order to build relationships and solutions around them; | All | Leanne Ahern to organise and build into schedule of meetings going forward |
| A | Roger Thomas would re-commence discussions with Neath Port Talbot PSB next week; | Roger Thomas | Ongoing |
| A | The Chair would commence the political element discussions | Cllr Andrea Lewis | Ongoing |
| A | An online, fully accessible version of the Local Wellbeing Plan be produced, to include video with audio / subtitles | Suzy Richards / Leanne Ahern | Ongoing |

Agenda Item 6



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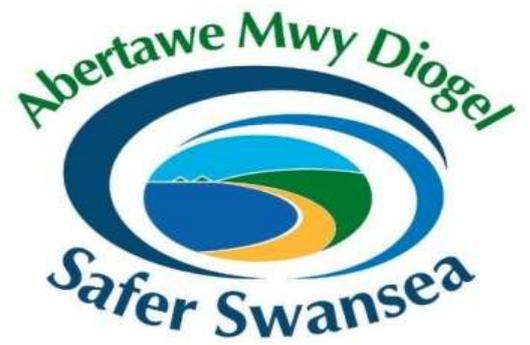
Safer Swansea Partnership Annual Statement 2022
1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022

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| Purpose: | To provide an annual statement of the work of Safer Swansea Partnership during 2022 as part of the overarching Governance arrangements |
| Recommendation(s): | It is recommended that: 1) The Safer Swansea Partnership Annual Statement is accepted and noted |
| Report Author: | Paul Thomas on behalf of the Safer Swansea Partnership Contributions from South Wales Police, Probation, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Western Bay Area Planning Board, VAWDASV and Swansea Council |

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

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Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership

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Foreword

The Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership Annual Report outlines how local agencies have worked together to make Swansea a safer, more cohesive and confident place to live, work and visit and reduce the fear of crime during 2022.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a joint responsibility upon specific agencies and other partners within the community to develop and implement strategies to protect their communities from crime and help people feel safe.

Throughout the year partners have worked together to deliver successful projects and initiatives against the identified priorities

Many of these are aimed at raising awareness, education and prevention as we feel these add value to the work delivered by local agencies on a daily basis.

We are proud of the achievements the Partnership has made and look forward to another successful year.

This is the first annual report for the Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership. The report provides an overview of the activities and achievements in 2022.

Future annual reports will provide further information, including more detail in terms of impact and outcomes of the work. This will be based against a set of new priorities and a revised strategy which is in development for launch in 2023.

Safer Swansea Partnership

The Safer Swansea Community Safety Partnership was established in 1998 as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The membership consists of key representatives from statutory partners and other organisations with an interest and influence in community safety issues.

The Safer Swansea Steering Group is the management and leadership group for the Safer Swansea Partnership where all key decisions are made on behalf of the Partnership.

It provides leadership on the Safer Swansea strategy and liaison with the Police and Crime Commissioner on funding and strategy.

Written reports are submitted and monitored quarterly at the Safer Swansea Steering group meetings on the following key priorities:

- Priority 1 - Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Priority 2 - Substance Misuse
- Priority 3 - Stronger Communities
- Priority 4 – Evening and Night time Economy
- Priority 5 – Hate Crime and Community Tension Monitoring

As part of the governance arrangements, the Safer Swansea Partnership will provide an annual statement highlighting work undertaken throughout the year.

Priority 1 - Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence

Swansea councils' VAWDASV Strategy is being revised in line with the new National VAWDASV Strategy 22-26.

Swansea VAWDASV Leadership group, core partners and service users attended two workshops to scope priorities and develop a robust and realistic strategy.

The first draft will be shared at the next VAWDASV Leadership Group in January 23 and shared with members to consider and comment on. The final version will be completed and published in May 23.

There has been a review of the MARAC process where consultation with partners took place and a report presented to VAWDASV Leadership Group with findings and recommendations. The Operating Protocol and ISP were revised and a Manta- IT system was purchased to streamline the MARAC process. There has been a delay in implementation due to IT requirements however; this should be operational in Jan- March 2023.

Drive will be launching in HMP Swansea in January 23 with one case manager. As a result, we will have an additional part time Drive IVDA to support victims across the region and uplift the existing Drive service. Ensuring that victim's safety is a priority preventing further abuse and harassment.

A Sexual Exploitation pathways has been drafted in partnership between Child and Family services and Swansea Women's Aid for those at transition age to be safeguarded and referred to appropriate support/safeguarding forum i.e. SWOT. A Task & Finish Group meet in Q1 to review the Exploitation protocol to ensure it includes people exploited by the sex industry. This pathway, once approved will be piloted and become part of that process.

A Regional 'Heads Up' awareness raising campaign for the hair & beauty industry was rolled out the beginning of the year, including two information sessions delivered by Welsh Women's Aid, targeted at employees and salon owners. This was accompanied by resources delivered to salons and mobile hairdressers to raise awareness and enable staff to identify abuse and signpost clients to support. The campaign was very well received on social media and we are currently arranging for a second round of this campaign to be delivered.

Whole School Approach in Education- each member of staff in schools and education has access to VAWDASV online training. Senior members of staff will undertake Group 2 Ask and Act, Train the Trainer and Group 3. The Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) programme has been implemented to raise awareness around VAWDASV. The priority of RSE will be to focus on relationships and identity, sexual health and wellbeing, empowerment, safety and respect.

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National Training Framework – 1,225 staff have completed the Group 1 VAWDASV online training. Ask and Act Group 2 training had been delivered to over 60 staff and 7 for Group 3. There are a further 19 sessions planned until March 23 so we should see these numbers increase substantially.

The demand for the IDVA service has reached unprecedented referrals this year. We have had received over 1,300 referrals from April - Nov -22.

This is an increase of 30% from last year where we received 1,000 in April - Nov 21 We are now averaging over 150 PPNs/ external referrals monthly consequently there is increased pressure on the IDVA service and our specialist partner agencies.

The Safe Link Evidence Site launched in September 22 and has proved very successful, there has been positive results with 28 guilty plea/verdicts since

April 22. Feedback from victims has been positive, many stating that they would not have attend court if they could not have given their evidence from the Safe Link Site.

Consequently, safeguarding victims with restraining orders and perpetrators being held accountable with custodial sentences and requirements.



White Ribbon Day campaign was very successful. Swansea Council worked in partnership with Swansea University to raise awareness to end Violence against Women's and Girls.

A banner and materials were shared with over 40 Sports teams in the Swansea University and members dedicated a pledge. There was a promotional stand in the lobby of the Guildhall raising awareness and asking for pledges from men and a large

bilingual digital advertising screen was displayed in Swansea quadrant bus station. The Guildhall was lit up in purple and white to promote the day.

In partnership with Swansea Mosque the Friday Prayer Sermon focused on raising awareness of domestic violence in the Muslim community with the message that these behaviours are not condoned within the Islamic faith.

Priority 2 – Substance Misuse

West Glamorgan Substance Misuse Area Planning Board governs this area of work which feeds into the each local community safety partnership within the region.

One of the key pieces of work agreed in 2022 was the establishment of a Western Bay Substance Use Truth Commission which will be a focus of work in coming years and is seen as a positive development which enabled access to expert advice during this period of transformational change.

The Strategic Evaluation of Prescribing Services (StEPS) report was presented to the Commissioning, Finance and Performance Sub Group. Members were supportive of the recommendations and have agreed in principle to progress with the new model and the APB Support Team doing the necessary work to start to implement the recommendations.

A review of substance use services for Children, Young People and Families has started and a Steering Group established. This is made up of key statutory partners, from the two Local Authorities, the Health Board and Criminal Justice. The Steering Group will map out current provision, demands and gaps.

The annual deaths related to drug poisonings in England and Wales: 2021 registrations was published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on the 3rd of August 2022. Regionally Western Bay (Swansea and Neath Port Talbot) recorded 41 deaths, an overall decrease compared to the 45 registered deaths in 2020. Swansea registered 28 deaths in 2021, an overall decrease on the registrations in 2020 (34). Neath Port Talbot recorded 13 registrations in 2021, a slight increase on the previous year (11). Swansea still has the highest registrations of any other local authority in Wales but a notable pattern across Wales was the proportional increases seen in other local authorities.

A new first point of contact service (FPOC) for entry into substance use services has been established and was launched on 4th April 2022. There is now a Freephone number in NPT to access services along with access via drop-in at Adferiad buildings, via the Newid Website, social media and via email. This replaces the old AADAS single point of access service

The First Point of Contact (FPOC) service has been operating for 8 months and seems to be going well in terms of making it easier for people to access the support that they need with their own, or someone else's, substance use (and

related) issues. This is still a relatively new service and we would like to learn from what is working well, or not so well, so that we can make improvements, if needed.

There are increasing numbers of people presenting to services with issues relating to alcohol. APB will be taking a closer look at services for this target group, once there is a better understanding of how the recommendations from StEPS will help to release capacity within those services that can meet the needs of this group

The Harm Reduction Sub Group Annual Report 21-22 was circulated with the agenda and an increase to the number of drug related deaths in West Glamorgan was noted in 2021/22 compared to 2019/20 and 2020/21. The report included 64 potential drug related deaths, and 32 had been confirmed by the coroner as drug related, with the remaining 32 awaiting inquest by the Coroner. There was some discussion around the drivers for the increase, and members agreed that the annual report and the recommendations are a standing item for discussion at the Serious Incident Review Group meetings.

A Steering Group set-up by the APB to oversee the Strategic Evaluation Prescribing Services presented recommendations to the APB which included the development of a new model, to consist of a rapid access service for everyone to be able to get a prescription as quickly as possible. Members endorsed the recommendations, to initially run a consultation exercise to finalise the proposed model, and to roll-out the new model as a pilot following the period of consultation.

The final Governance and Risk Sharing agreement has been completed, however it was highlighted that some of the terminology in the risk sharing agreement prevented probation from signing the agreement and that a potential change to the narrative to accommodate this position would be flagged at the joint PSB meeting.

Priority 3 – Stronger Communities

This section focuses on areas of work in Community Safety and Community Cohesion.

Local authority community safety officer continues the on-going management of 30 'hot spot' cameras across the City & County of Swansea.

Partnership officers continue to support weekly city centre student drop in sessions available at the three main City Centre student accommodation sites to answer any queries and concerns students may have.

Student 'Freshers' safety campaign and design of student safety booklet published and available at the accommodation sites and Help Point. This also linked into responsible drinking and behaviour messages advertised throughout the football World Cup and Christmas periods.

Safer Swansea Christmas Partnership engagement chalet opened on Oxford Street from 28th November to 16th December. Again well attended and supported by Partners providing engagement opportunities with the general public.

Supported the 'Heads Up' Domestic Violence campaign and awareness packs were distributed to barbers and hairdressers throughout Swansea.

The Community Integration & Partnership team organised 16 Safer Swansea Community Engagement events across Swansea during the summer/autumn period of 2022 . These were well attended and supported by Partners and crime and well being surveys were completed on a voluntary basis by those who attended the events.

- **Op BANG**

Multi-Agency coordination of Op BANG (Be a Nice Guy) on the lead up to and throughout Bonfire and Halloween periods. Collaboration with SWP and Local waste and environmental teams.

- **Swansea Rural Partnership Planning**

Working with Swansea County Council, NRW and the local community is seen as the most beneficial way of reducing the impact of any future

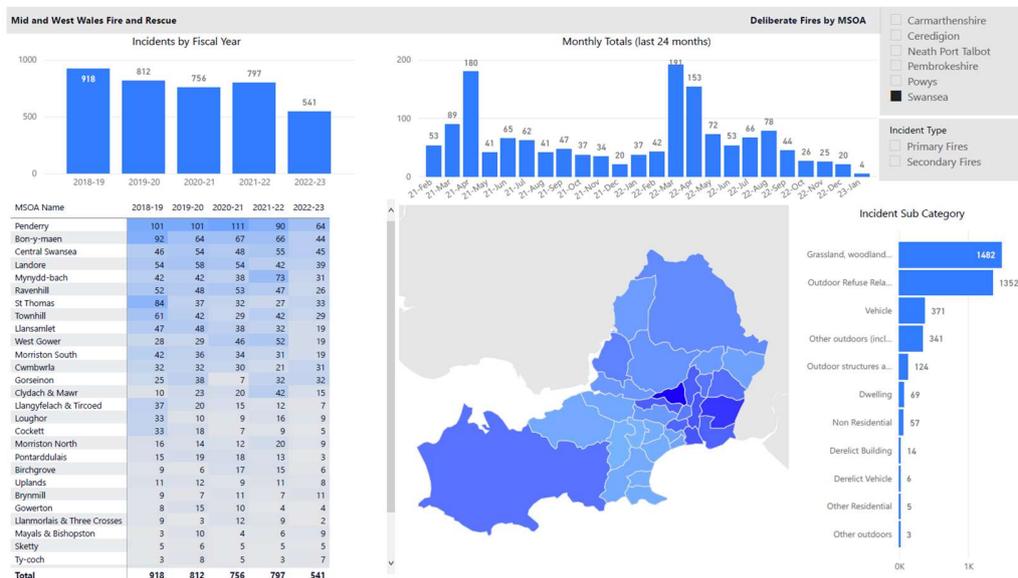
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vegetation fires on this site, the surrounding landscape, and the environment.

- **Derelict Buildings**

A frequent intervention facilitated by the Service Arson Advisors is working with local authorities to identify, risk assess and secure derelict and unused buildings. This is primarily to reduce the potential for fire and to ensure that firefighters are prepared for any hazards that may be encountered through 'Arson Alerts'. Work with Swansea Council continues, to share information to identify buildings at risk and establish ownership.

- **Deliberate Fires Data (Swansea)**





• **Safe Havens**

To support the nationwide campaign to protect those feeling threatened, intimidated or at risk, MAWWFRS has made all our Fire and Rescue Stations designated ‘Safe Havens’, where any member of the public – including children and young people – can go if they feel unsafe in any situation. They will also provide individuals with the opportunity to report hate crime and/or domestic violence.

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Gall unrhyw aelod o'r cyhoedd
Gan gynnwys plant a phobl ifanc
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Os yw'r criwiau allan a bod angen help
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Rydym bob amser yn agored ac rydym bob amser yma i chi.

This station is a designated

SAFE HAVEN

Any member of the public
Including children and young people
 can come here if they feel unsafe in any situation.

If crews are out and you need
 immediate help, please ring **999**

We're always open and we're always here for you.

The City Centre Public Space Protection Order went live in December 2021 which began with a 3 month Engagement and Education phase followed by the Enforcement phase. This included Rangers engaging with individuals and explaining the PSPO and its restrictions. They also signposted to support services where appropriate. Education letters were also sent out providing further information.

Since the launch of the enforcement phase in April 2022 there have been in excess of 500 engagements which have resulted in 117 warnings being issued relating to begging, alcohol, public order, drugs and multiple breaches.

10 arrests have been made, 2 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued and 17 referrals made to the SV MARAC

Street Vulnerability MARAC has supported 23 individuals who are begging, homeless and/or have issues with substance use. Some however, are in breach of the City PSPO.

- **Operation Dawns Glow**

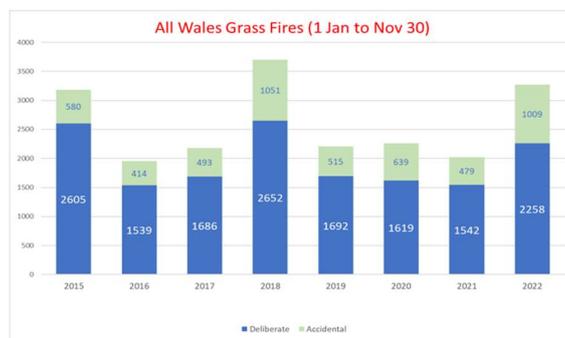
In 2022, Fire and Rescue Services across Wales dealt with 3267 grass fires. Overall, these have increased by 1,246 compared with the previous year, an increase of 62%.

Current research models via Swansea University suggest that weather conducive to ignition and spread of fires are becoming more common in Wales. Predicted warmer, wetter winters and the resulting longer growing season will see more vegetation. Frequent, longer lasting heatwaves will also lead to drier vegetation and more fuel available to burn across Wales. Additionally, climate driven vegetation shifts predicts that we could see an increase in woody fuels at the expense of grassy fields. It's also predicted that Wales could see a 30% increase in fuel loads. The previous three years have seen the largest number of fires and burned area over the past 10 years.

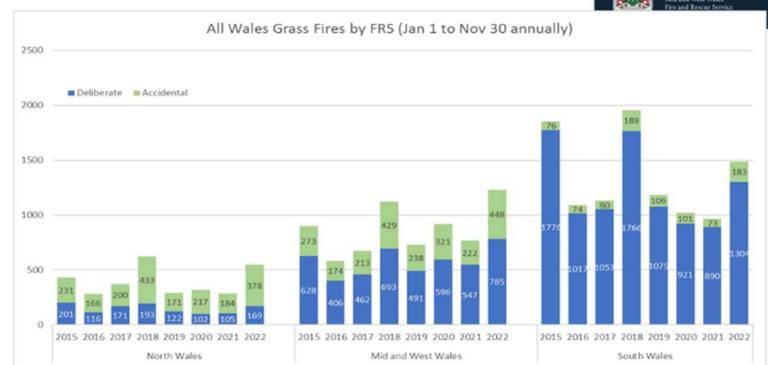
Annual Grass Fires since 2015 (Jan to Nov 30)

Deliberate grass fire up from 1542 to 2258 (46%) 2021 compared with 2022

Overall the number of Grass fires have increased by 1,246 an increase of 62% to 3267



Annual Grass Fires since 2015 (Jan to Nov 30)



Much of the Dawns Glow work in Swansea will be around driving cultural change around the perception of wildfires – This means more collaborative work in highlighting wildfire impact – financial, environmental, etc. as well as providing opportunities for communities to take ownership of green space and promote wellbeing through developing space for recreation etc

The Service intend to use burning as a vegetation management tool moving forward – This is designed to improve awareness of coordinated, controlled burning as a valuable natural factor balanced against the impact of uncontrolled use of fire.

Fire break cutting will be accelerated with the successful Welsh Government grant application for the purchase of an i-cut (remote flail) machine. Plans are now in place to create firebreaks using the machine within the Gower and other Swansea areas for 2023 coordinated with the local authority, NRW and commoners/graziers' groups.

Unfortunately, the MWWFR Service's bid for £45k funding via NRW's 'Resilient Communities' grant was unsuccessful. Bids were submitted for 70x 'NoFence' Technology (livestock) collars and extensive firebreak cutting within the Swansea area. Cutting arrangement will still be implemented collaboratively with existing partners, albeit to a lesser scale than planned.

- **Grass Fire Theatre in Education production / Dawns Glaw.**

In collaboration with theatre in education production team "Bollo", the Service funded (via WG Grant) and organised educational delivery to promote our key environmental / grass fire messages to children living in areas of concern. Production commenced in April 2022; currently 19 primary schools visits were delivered with positive results received via feedback.

Number of Students delivered to = 1,428

Number of Schools attended = 19

5 Star Scoring for *How relevant did you feel the subject matter was:* 96%

5 Star Scoring for *How easy to understand do you feel the information given was:* 87%

5 Star Scoring for *How engaging was the show content:* 87%

5 Star Scoring for *How much impact do you feel the sessions will have on the pupil's future behaviour:* 74%

5 Star Scoring for *How engaging were the presenters:* 91%

5 Star Scoring for *How easy was the booking process:* 74%

Targeted Catchment areas included: Afan Valley, Severn Sisters, Ystradgynlais, Sennybridge, Llanbister, Tregaron, Lampeter, Pencader, Glanamman/ Tairgwaith, Trallwn, Nelston (Cefn Bryn Mair Gower), Kilvey Hill area, Clase, Penlan, Townhill, Pontybrenin (Garngoch common)

The objective of this project was to provide a curriculum linked, audience appropriate and engaging pantomime which educates pupils about the Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service's annual campaign to prevent deliberate grass fires, incorporating MAWWFRS character Sbarc.

- **Operation Dawns Glaw priorities moving forward**

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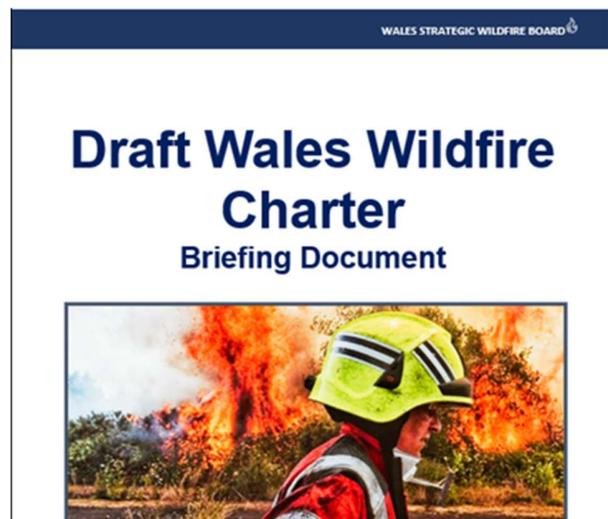
- Supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation through ecosystem approaches and learning from others e.g., academia and organisational research.
- Support sustainable grazing, landscape access development, community ownership programmes for areas vulnerable to wildfire.
- Green space enhancement supporting recreation and wellbeing – combination of wildfire prevention and public right of way.
- Rural / Urban interface – expansion, housing development (approx. 20k in next 5 years – new and affordable in Wales) - influence of wildfire threat.
- Support the development of multi-functional localised rural groups that contribute to an All-Wales map and toolkit.
- Mapping of fire risk and prevention locations also identifying grazing, protected species, access, and heritage sites etc.



Wildfire Risk Mapping Example

•Transition from Wales Arson Reduction Strategy to Wales Wildfire Charter (currently under consultation). The priority areas will be:

1. Partnership – To bring together Emergency Services, Public and Private Organisations, Landowners and Land Users to manage and develop our landscape. Environmental & Community Resilience – To protect wildlife, forestry, and livelihoods, improve wellbeing, health, and amenity, facilitate sustainable food production, and create sense of place and community ownership.



2. Protection – To implement a diverse range of management techniques to reduce the impact of wildfire in the Welsh landscape and on our communities.

Engagement and awareness raising

Delivered a Positive Messages Project, which aimed to combat the increase in far-right graffiti and stickering in Swansea. Positive counter-narrative messages were placed in areas of heavy footfall across Swansea and were designed to be uplifting and create unity and engagement. They were displayed on digital screens in bus stations and shelters, as well as on the side of vehicles.

Training and capacity building

- 6 sessions arranged on Far-Right Extremism & Counter narrative training, delivered by Small Steps across the region between Feb – March 2022.
- 6 sessions on Prevent Awareness were arranged and attended by Council frontline staff from September to November 2022.
- 3 Prevent Awareness sessions were arranged for Primary schools, at the Headteachers request, and delivered by a Home Office Intervention Provider.

Telegram Training

The Cohesion teams across Western Bay and Carmarthenshire recently completed training on the use of the Telegram App, delivered by the Head of Criminology at Swansea University. Telegram can now be safely used by officers for tension monitoring purposes, specifically for Far-Right group activity across the region. As a result of this training, the Cohesion Team will be establishing a Cohesion Tension Monitoring/Information Sharing Teams Group, in partnership with Swansea University and academics from nearby regions.

Swansea Art in the City

This is a project aimed at young people and managed by Swansea Community Engagement Coordinator.

The link below contains what happened at the Oxford Street site and some of the key points that were raised in conversation, direct quotes from the participants, and some of the plans for the future of the Art in The City project <https://create.piktochart.com/output/d79f3f6a1a30-session-review>

Continued partnership with Fresh Creative Co, Victim Support, Greenhill Parade Committee and community members – facilitated discussions and art workshops that result in murals for the Community Units and surrounding locality that aim to counter hateful narratives

Swansea Community Cohesion Unsung Heroes Awards took place on Friday 25th March at Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. Five partners involved: Swansea Council, BMHS, NHS Health Board, SCVS, and Swansea University. Over 109 nominations were received. The judging panel wanted to give recognition to all nominees, so awarded over 80 certificates and 34 trophies.

Interfaith Week

An online photo competition took place for Interfaith Week, on the theme of ‘A place where you feel the most connected to your faith’. Winners of the competition were announced during the Interfaith Forum celebratory event and via social media, with a re-post of the top 4 photo submissions.

Workshop on the Ukrainian Scheme

The Regional Community Cohesion Coordinator is currently working with partners such as Settled Organisation on delivering an online information session for staff and key partners on the rights of Ukrainians, advice for Hosts and access to specific external services.

In March, Swansea was active in supporting the Ukrainian Sponsor Schemes which established a mechanism for coordinating the support internally and with other statutory partners and the third sector

Online Hate Training

The Community Cohesion Team have arranged training around online hate and creating safe spaces online for online group administrators. Training will be delivered by Victim Support and include guidance on establishing community guidelines, terms of reference, and how to identify and safely report hateful language.

Priority 4 – Evening and Night time Economy

Purple Flag

The successful annual renewal of Swansea's 14-year Purple Flag was attained in Jan 2022.

The assessors report highlighted how the partnership remains strong and committed. Areas of development however include conducting research to ascertain current perceptions of the ENTE and the formation of an ENTE Strategy setting out a clear and long-term vision for the sector.

Representations regarding this have recently been made to Swansea University's Business Management faculty about the possibility of engaging post graduate students to support this work.

Opportunities to raise awareness of Swansea's Purple Flag status have also been highlighted.

Help Point and Vulnerability

Support was secured to extend the opening of the Help Point as a trial to include Friday evenings. Unfortunately, due to the availability of St John's Ambulance resources this arrangement has since been curtailed until further notice. The Help Point continues to be run with the support of the PCCO, SWP and St John's ambulance on Saturday and Wednesday evenings.

This continues to be well used with plans to open on key dates such as Freshers and upcoming sporting events. Fridays however remain non-operational due to the capacity of St John's Ambulance personnel.

The ambulance allocated to the facility is being regularly called off to attend to medical emergencies in the area which can impact the service

Several practical issues have been resolved and new radios have been issued which have facilitated the recommissioning of the Street Pastors which is pending (date TBC). This is however likely to be limited to two Fridays per month due to a shortage of volunteers.

With external funding vulnerability training is in the process of being delivered to ENTE venues as a precursor to establishing them as designated Safe Spaces as part of a national initiative.

Incidents of UK spiking which attracted negative publicity saw a local trend emerge in Swansea which was at its height during October and November 2021. Proactive measures by ENTE partners included assurance and awareness raising among key groups and the distribution of posters and kits to venues to be able to conduct immediate testing have seen reports of spiking dramatically reduce with most cases being due to self-intoxication. The partnership remains vigilant to this issue and processes are in place in the event of a reoccurrence.

City Centre Rangers

From 1 April 2022, ENTE patrols have been undertaken by the Rangers on key evenings (i.e. Wed, Fri, Sat & Bank Holiday Sun) up until 11pm.

This is enabling activities to be coordinated across day and night economies and for the PSPO to be extended into the evening which is pending.

ASB across the City Centre and during both its day and night-time economies is being addressed.

Key issues highlighted for the evening are youth annoyance in and around the Bus Station and Arena Coastal Park. For the latter, tenants also report issues with rough sleepers and the RSIT team and SV MARAC will look to support individuals referred due to vulnerability.

Various actions have been taken to help tackle these issues in partnership with the Council services including the Youth Service, Housing, RSIT and the SV MARAC and South Wales Police.

Wind Street Operations

A new Wind Street Operators Group has recently been formed to translate the Wind Street development works into realistic operating practices particularly in relation to the outdoor pavement café areas and to create a Wind Street Charter to raise standards and improve continuity.

Priority 5 – Hate Crime and Community Tension Monitoring

Hate Crime and Community Tension Monitoring

From a Hate crime perspective, we have seen a relatively steady period in reporting. There is nothing to suggest any outlier activity or trends that are not linked to seasonal issues that we have experienced before. That said we have seen a general slight increase in the reporting of hate-crime with the most significant area being the Racial Hate Crime category. The majority of the remaining Hate Crime categories saw a slight decrease in reported offences in comparison to the previous year within the Swansea area. Racial Hate Crime continues to be the prevalent indicator within Swansea however there is no necessary pattern or ethnic area which is targeted.

That said there have been some critical on-going local issues that we have experienced together with other areas of concern which are linked to international events. These have facilitated residual plans and strategies to be put in place to pre-empt community cohesion issues.

Of note there have been several critical incidents that have impacted on local communities. The cumulative impact of these incidents has been at the forefront of our engagement activity and the following areas continue to be in focus with respect to prevalent local issues in terms of either cohesion, vulnerability and/ or quality of life issues.

- The cumulative impact of a number of critical incidents experienced by the BCU and the related community impact.
- The prevalence of drug related deaths.
- The potential for further protest and some far right activity aligning to anti-immigration and displaced persons rhetoric within social media.
- Our preventative activity and response to Violence Against Women and Girls with particular reference to sexual offences and drink spiking.
- The conclusion of Operation Marano and the learning which will continue to be implemented for the BCU.
- Recent incidents of disorder involving Travelling communities.
- The impact of Displaced Persons from Ukraine and sponsorship.
- Swansea City Centre and the Night-Time Economy.
- The impact of the Cost-of-Living crisis.

- The proposal to locate a Women's Centre in Cockett.

The combination above of a sustained period of demand within the BCU has seen a number of abstractions to support and manage major incidents. Resilience at this time has been stretched with critical incidents such as the large-scale violent disorder involving feuding travellers. This has been subject of divisional and regional focus, to manage the criminal investigation and wider safeguarding. There have now been four Murder investigations instigated within the BCU, all have been extremely resource intensive.

Of further note is that the CID continue to investigate a number of unexplained / drug related deaths which are resource intensive, these are being managed in conjunction with operation Adder to provide additional resilience to disrupt and dismantle those involved in the supply of controlled drugs.

We are also very much aware of protest and the activities of Extinction Rebellion which have caused challenges for the wider BCU and the force. The protest at Aberpergwm mine that occurred in July saw seven protestors being arrested on site over a two-day period. Community tensions monitoring and engagement and intelligence gathering continues to be in place and we will respond effectively in this regard. It is anticipated that the BCU will continue to have to manage protest and increased events in the coming months within the context of both international events and the cost-of-living crisis.

Specific Incidents that have focused our response include:-

Operation Marano – Mayhill Disorder

The 20th May 2022 saw the first anniversary of the Mayhill disorder. There has been no disorder since this incident however it remains under close review due to the relevant court cases that are now scheduled. It is confirmed that at time of writing the sentencing for Operation Marano will now take place on 19TH December 2022 at Swansea Crown court. At this current juncture 23 are now listed to appear before the judge on that day, with the others attending from prison. Each court appearance has passed without any disorder, with no information or intelligence to suggest that sentencing will be any different however this will be kept under close review. Currently Mayhill and this operation are classed as Low impact with respect to Disorder, Tension and Community Confidence. The learning from both reviews that have taken place is understood and is being embedded.

Following the disorder strong links were built in key locations in the area, one of which being the Phoenix Centre. This is a one stop-shop with activities such as a nursery and all-weather sport pitches. Funding was obtained from the

PCC's office to conduct a community "fun day" event in Mayhill where the local community came together and experienced partnership working. A "Mayhill Fun day" was organised after the disorder to help to bring the community back together, in attendance were 25 different Partnership Agencies, The Lord Mayor, MP, all 3 emergency services, 7 Ward Members and it was attended by over 300 residents. This led onto The Community Integration & Partnership Team at Swansea Council, together with the Safer Swansea Partnership and partner agencies collectively hosting fourteen community engagement events that aimed to maximise community engagement in order to provide opportunities to rebuild relationships, reduce any ongoing or resulting conflict/tension, and start to repair harm collectively

Disorder / Operation Hitchin: 05.08.22

On Friday 5th August 2022 there was a report of large-scale disorder at Morriston Cemetery between a number of different traveller families connected to Llanelli, Gorseinon, Cardiff and London following a planned graveside blessing. So far eight individuals have been charged with Violent Disorder and Possession of Offensive weapons, four of whom have been remanded in custody pending trial. Eight other individuals are still under investigation. Tensions continue to be monitored and intelligence gathered in relation to this incident. Thirteen people have now in total been charged after this violent incident. Community tensions continue to be reviewed in line with the court cases pending.

Protest – Extinction Rebellion

The BCU can be targeted by this group and we are still receiving sporadic reports of potential hostile reconnaissance at Aberpergwm Coal Mine. The mine has been subject of two previous protests in 2022 and we continue to put preventative strategies in place to mitigate this type of protest.

Women's Centre – Cockett

On the 4th October 2022, the Ministry of Justice's proposal to introduce a Women's Rehabilitation Centre at the Cefn Coed Site in Cockett was officially rejected despite the Planning Officer's recommendation to approve the application. This proposal has caused significant high profile community impact in this area and has warranted a high degree of local policing engagement. It is understood that there will be a renewed application in due course from the Ministry of Justice.

Russia – Ukraine Conflict Displaced Persons

A number of hotels are still the provision of temporary accommodation to house displaced persons throughout the BCU. All appropriate sectors are aware

and engagement and patrol strategies in place. An overarching Community Impact Assessment for the BCU has been completed by the Community Safety and Partnerships Department and tracking of the numbers in the hotels is in place through Welsh Government. Operational group in the Local Authority continue to work closely with the CSP to assist community cohesion in relation to Ukraine and DPs. There have been no anti-Russian hate related incidents reported.

Community Tension – Response

The BCU has both pre-empted and responded to community tension matters with tactical interventions like patrol strategies and Community Impact Assessments (CIA). In the mid to longer term with the assistance of both first and third sector the BCU has continued to proactively engage with diverse communities through the wider neighbourhood policing teams.

Every incident which has the potential to impact on community cohesion or the trust and confidence of partners or the police will merit a CIA which is a living document in mitigating any tension which may lead to disorder or community confidence issues. This matrix then informs the force-wide community impact position around disorder, tension and confidence to ensure we do our utmost with partners to maintain safe, resilient and confident communities.

In addition to the weekly Community Tensions assessment produced by Community Safety and reported on by all Neighbourhood Policing Inspectors, the Community Safety department facilitates a weekly Cohesion meeting between Police and Partners to monitor all tensions. In addition to this, we also link into a regional Cohesion meeting with contiguous forces to monitor cross border tensions. We will continue to develop our intelligence gathering, engagement and neighbourhood policing footprint and activity to counter and improve cohesion issues or trends when they occur.

Our area of focus currently is to ensure that community relationships are fully understood with respect to engagement of the youth community. It is apparent here across all of our diverse communities that the youth are significantly less receptive of traditional faith leadership and are actively seeking influence from social media and overseas and this is where further development of our activity is needed. As such wide-ranging opportunities are now being put in place like a Youth forum within the Multicultural Hub in Swansea to consolidate our cohesion work. This is complemented with event-led engagement like bespoke hate crime awareness sessions run throughout the BCU.

Hate crime – Specifics

- Hate Crimes-reported cases- 010421 to 301122.

Our Hate Crime Team continue to work with Race Council Cymru and Victim Support on improving hate crime awareness in communities and groups in SNPT. There are no specific hate-crime incidents that have caused us concern locally however we continue to monitor communities for the impact of International events, the cost of living crisis, and the rise of the far right.

We continue to seek information and an understanding of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the increased cumulative impact of emerging tensions as noted below.

The BCU runs a bi-monthly hate-crime scrutiny panel where all reports of hate crime incidents are tracked from an investigation and victim support point of view to ensure accountability and progress.

| Hate Crime | 01/04/2021 31/03/2022 | - | 01/04/2022 30/11/2022 | - |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Total | 547 | | 280 | |
| Sexual Orientation | 78 | | 58 | |
| Transphobic | 22 | | 13 | |
| Disability | 75 | | 34 | |
| Race | 382 | | 180 | |
| Religion | 16 | | 12 | |

The above table compares year to date with year ending March 2022. The proportionality and spread of hate-crimes is not an outlier on previous years with (as noted above) Race related being the predominant focus. What is of note however is that we have seen a slight rise in Transphobic incidents being reported however this was due to a real focus of our hate-crime teams in their engagement with these communities to encourage the reporting of these incidents and this can be tracked from when our teams put a focus on this area.

Hate Crime Awareness Week

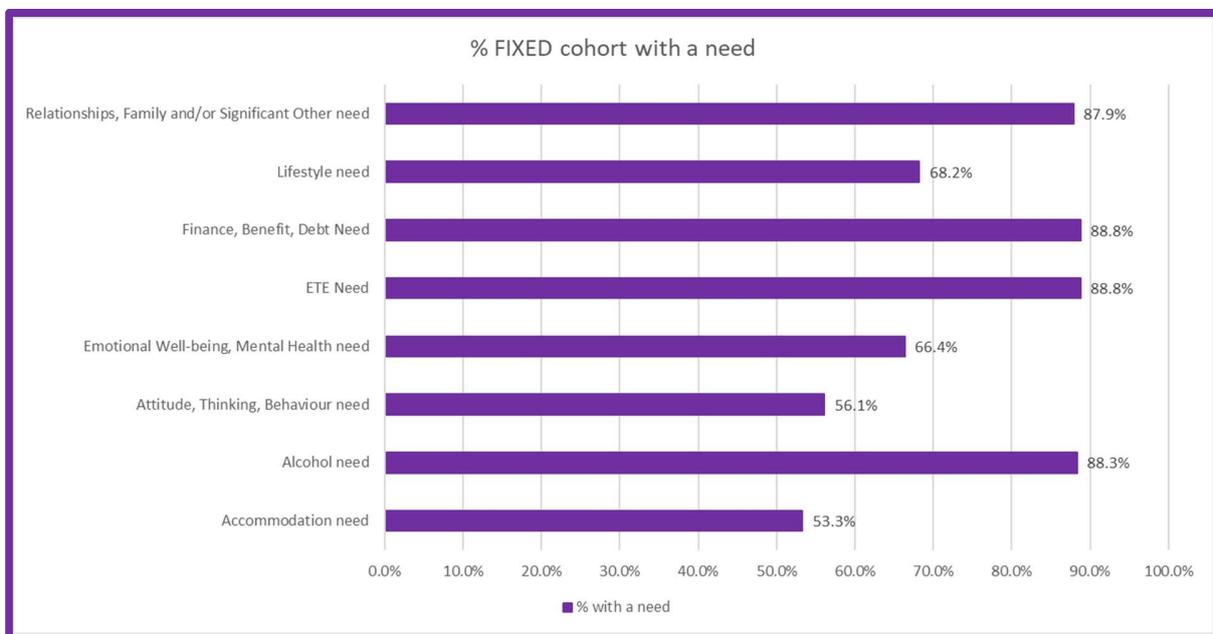
HCAW 'Movie & Munch' night took place at Dyfatty Units, with food and a screening of the film 'Hairspray', with a strong anti-discrimination message and story of the civil rights movement. Victim Support and Community Safety materials were distributed throughout the event. This took place across the

region, with a different film and audience group for each LA. A social media campaign also took place across the week.

Overview from Probation

The Probation Service in Wales, alongside our key partners, have successfully implemented the Integrated Offender Management Refresh Strategy over 2021/2022. Consequentially the Swansea Neath Port Talbot IOM team have the highest performance currently across Wales in terms of contact (appointments made and kept with services) with Fixed Cohort nominal.

A IOM Performance Dashboard has been created, Below is an analysis of criminogenic needs of IOM nominal across South Wales



Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot Steering Group – September 2022 Key Headlines SNPT had the highest performance data for appointments offered and kept, discussions took place about how partnership work ensures this will continue to trend positively. The steering group were congratulated on this achievement.

Positive discussions took place with partners working with People on Probation around benefits on how collectively improvements could be made in relation to the cost-of-living crisis with it being the joint 1st highest need.

Accommodation was the 3rd highest need, local authority confirmed they would be unable to utilise the CAS-3 funding due to not having sufficient housing and move on options which will in turn impact any additional work IOM

Refresh are undertaking with the IOM Housing Fund. They continue to work on alternative methods of using CAS 3 funding.

Women in Criminal Justice System – December 2022 Key Headlines

Project Objectives: To reduce the level of complexity amongst women coming into contact with the CJS by intervening earlier to keep women safe and address the vulnerabilities that can lead to crime; Fewer women being sentenced to short term custody in Wales; Better support women to engage with services in the community by embedding clear referral pathways and individualised, sequenced plans, and by providing interventions delivered by appropriately trained, skilled professionals in a timely manner; Improve women's resettlement into the community following a custodial sentence by ensuring an effective resettlement and rehabilitative pathway; Develop a Welsh evidence-base to better understand the distinct needs and vulnerabilities of women who offend or are at risk of offending

Launched and evaluated Future 4 Women's Pathfinder Whole System Approach and 18-25 Early Intervention Service in South Wales

Secured funding (currently until March 2023) to establish the Pact Visiting Mum Service in HMP Eastwood Park and HMP Styal to help strengthen/maintain family ties amongst Welsh women in Prison

Created a psychologically-led model to support services in taking an evidence-based approach to working with women across Wales

Undertook a gender-focussed pan Wales multi-agency training needs analysis and created a multi-agency gender informed practitioner skills training package.

Created a Pan Wales Women's Partnership Data Report to improve understanding of the profile, needs and complexities of women in or at risk of entering the CJS in Wales.

Delivered a series of engagement events, focused on raising confidence in community-based options for women amongst sentencers and key court decision makers.

Joint Intelligence Project – Key Headlines December 2022

Project Objective: To develop a whole system approach to tackling and disrupting SOC in Wales, focusing on the lower level nominals who cause the most chaos, harm and disruption in our communities.

- Focus groups for formal evaluation have taken place throughout the summer period and will continue into the autumn/winter 22
- Presentation on JIP to all MARSOC regional leads and Head of MARSOC completed to promote wider roll out

- Resource review completed – Probation Unit buy in local Probation Officer SPOCs and resource from deployed staff from Approved Premises estate post closure secured

Operational development group planned for 2023

Next Steps

Partnership work to develop a new strategy for 2023 – 2026. This has commenced and the draft strategy will be discussed at the next Safer Swansea Partnership Steering Group meeting scheduled for 9th February.

The draft strategy will go out to Safer Swansea Partners for comment and then out for a wider stakeholder and public consultation.

It is anticipated that the strategy will be ready for 1st April 2023.

Action plans for each strategic priority to be developed and reported on quarterly to the Safer Swansea Partnership Steering Group and annually to the Public Service Board forming the main body of the Annual Statement.

| Project Title: PSB Highlight Report | Workstream: To Give Every Child The Best Start |
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| Project Lead: Allison Williams / Gary Mahoney | Date: 1 August 2022 |
| Project Overview & Key Success Measures | Links to other workstreams or partners |
| <p>Description: The early years Best Start Objective aims to support the ambition that all children will have the best start in life, and that services will support all children to be the best that they can be as they enter school and beyond, with a view to them fulfilling their potential.</p> <p>To help achieve this we need to support families in a holistic and rounded way, ensuring that parity of access to opportunities to grow and develop are not constrained by geography, income or other outside factors, such as safeguarding.</p> <p>We must continue to strive to provide services that support the child and the family through all aspects of their journey.</p> <p>We must aim to deliver services in line with the Future Generations Act and the five ways of working, by ensuring that we work collaboratively, and co-produce families in the transformation process.</p> <p>It is important we ask and understand what matters to individuals, families and carers to ensure that we are supporting every child to have the Best Start in Life.</p> <p>Qualitative KPI's associated with the project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rollout of WG Flying Start Expansion to identified areas 2. Ensuring parents are supported for birth and early childhood (JigSo Steering Group) | <p>There is a link to the stronger communities work stream as the exploration of the Programme for Government will support children in current non-flying start areas, as does the SLT training programme & Elklan sessions.</p> <p>There are links to live well age well, as this objective aims to give every child the best start in their journey in order to live well and consequently age well.</p> <p>Links to the Maternity Voices Partnership, which enables women who have experienced maternity services over the past 5 years to have a voice in supporting transformation. In line with the principles of the Future Generations Act, the lived experience of service users will help to shape the service future generations experience.</p> <p>Links to the Swansea Health Board Population Health Assessment that is currently in consultation phase</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Understanding how to effectively integrate early years services (via the Early Years Maternity Maturity Matrix) 4. Upskilling the workforce to better support children and families i.e. through the Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) training <p><u>Quantitative KPIs associated with the project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of children reached via the FS expansion 2. The number of families that engage with the Jigso team 3. The number of settings that engage with the Pathfinder SLT training programme 4. Number of families that engage with the Llŵchwr Health visitor project 5. The scores given in the Early Years Maternity Maturity Matrix (EYMMM) 6. Number of enquiries to FIS that come from SPOC/EYEH | |
| Project Outcomes/ Milestones | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quarterly monitoring for the pathfinder projects – this is ongoing. End of year evaluation is due in February. 2. Setting up of the stakeholder group to progress the WG programme for government. – completed, and ongoing. 3. Further exploration of the Early Years Maternity Maturity Matrix. Survey sent out in January. Event being held in February to further explore links and integration outcomes. | |
| Key Updates this period | Overview of key risks |
| KPI Results | |

1. Phase 1 expansion of Flying Start is underway
2. Early Years Maturity Matrix work underway, survey has been sent out, with a workshop planned for 13th February 2023. Key Strategic sponsor still needs to be identified.
3. Plan for delivering SPOC/FIS launch day in place. Work undertaken to explore what resources are required to promote integration
4. Early Years Celebration event planned for March 2nd.

| KPI description | Result | Target | Comment |
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Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes

- Over 500 nominations for Early Years settings in the celebration awards.
- Beginning of the FS expansion to new areas.
- Date for SPOC/FIS launch set

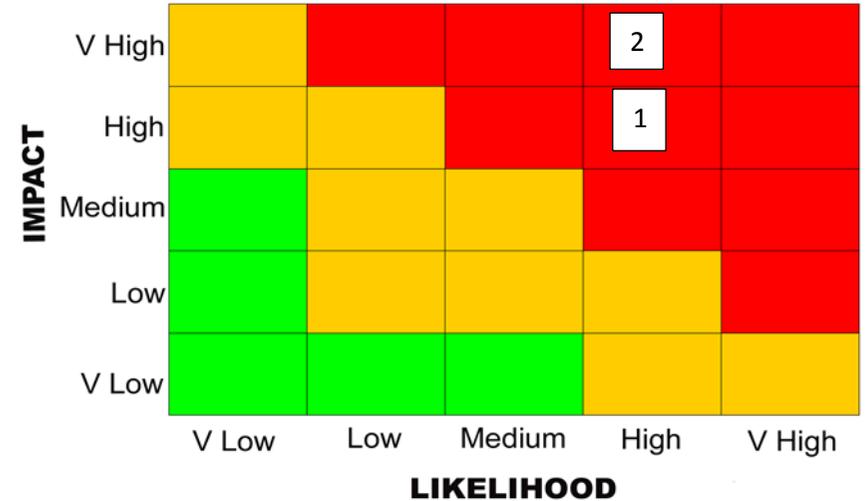
Challenges/ Barriers

Area 1 – Identification of a strategic sponsor for the EYMMM.

Area 2 – Continued exploration of steering group membership to ensure appropriate representation to support and enable programme progression.

Area 3 –Underspend issues attached to the Early Years Integration Transformation work.

Risk Matrix (RAG Status)



1. Risk 1 Not being able to appoint a sponsor for the EYMMM, this will delay action plan and raise barriers to alignment of strategic visions.
2. Risk 2 underspend in WG Pathfinder Business plan due to delayed sign off from WG
3. Risk 3
4. Risk 4

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| Priorities for next period | Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 – Continued Phased expansion of early years to support Programme for Government priorities. • Priority 2 – Ensure Early Years Integration Transformation (Pathfinder) associated projects are monitored and on track in terms of delivery against set plans. • Priority 3 – Consideration in respect of developing milestones, targets and outcomes for integration across the sector in respect of the overarching Early Years Integration Transformation approach. Using the findings from the Early Years Maternity Maturity Matrix to develop action plan • Priority 4 – Celebrate successes. | <p>Stakeholders involved include PSB Partners, wider partners outside the PSB, operational leads of the pathfinder projects.</p> <p>Early Years Programmes Team. Health visiting Midwifery Services Speech Therapy Occupational Therapy Education Early Years Early Help Jigso</p> |
| <p>Any Actions for PSB: (Please tick as appropriate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 1 Can the PSB provide a Local Authority and Health Board sponsor for the Early Years Maternity Maturity Matrix work. This will enable a high level strategic weight to the findings and action plan. | <p>Note Action Decision</p> |
| <p>Report Prepared by: Gary Mahoney</p> | |

| Project Title: PSB Highlight Report | Workstream: Live Well, Age Well |
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| Project Lead: Jane Whitmore | Date: December/January 2022 |
| Project Overview & Key Success Measures | Links to other workstreams or partners |
| <p>Description: The Live Well Age Objective aims to make Swansea a great place to live and age well, where people are supported to be safe, healthy, independent, and resilient in order for them to reach their full potential.</p> <p>To achieve this we need to develop approaches and services which support independence and resilience across communities, moving away from a service delivery model and changing the relationship between public and services.</p> <p>It is important we ask and understand what matters to individuals and what would help to build confident, healthy and resilient communities.</p> <p><u>Qualitative KPI's associated with the project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback from participants • Facebook posts – Feedback • Session Evaluations • Participant case studies <p><u>Quantitative KPIs associated with the project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to the voice of children & young people consultation • Listening to the voice of people 50+ consultation • Survey data – Ageing Society Strategy – Partner Priority Setting Delphi Survey | <p>Representatives from the 3 other PSB objectives are members/participants of the “Children’s Rights Network” & “Ageing Well Steering Group” where membership of both was reviewed in July 2021.</p> <p>There is a link to the Early Years Objective to ensure there is a seamless approach and pathway across the age ranges.</p> <p>Links have been made with the Stronger Communities objective to understand the similarities between the two objectives to avoid duplication.</p> <p>As we all reflect on the focus of the objectives going forward we need to make sure there are strong links and understanding between the objectives as they are congruent.</p> |

N.B: Qualitative & quantitative data in relation to engagement of children & young People along with people aged 50 + has been recorded as we build back mechanisms following the Covid pandemic and develop new and varied mechanisms to engage with members of the public and we plan to set KPI's from April 22 onwards.

Project Outcomes/ Milestones

1. Embedding “The Right Way” approach:

A substantial amount of work has been undertaken to explore how in Swansea we can embed a continuous approach to rights across the life stages, ensuring that all people have opportunity to access and enjoy their rights from the moment they are born, living well and ageing well throughout their life course, particularly in respect of being listened to and heard in decisions that affect them.

“The Right Way” approach is a nationally recognised framework which offers a five-principled approach to embedding rights-based practise, (Participation, Empowerment, Embedding, Accountability, Non-discrimination). Use of “The Right Way” provides consistency in terms of language and measurement. (Using the Children Commissioners for Wales matrix) Alignment to the process means opportunity to provide clear guidance, and tangible benchmarks for council departments to embed a whole council approach and evidence outcomes. The principled approach to embedding rights is also being explored within the “Human Rights City” work of the steering group.

The Partnership & Involvement Team continue to advocate for the on-line “Right Way” resources from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales and promote the use of these within schools and early years settings.

2. Children's Rights Scheme and Action Plan:

Since its launch in November 2021, work has focussed on bringing people together to determine performance indicators for what making rights a reality looks like in practice for children and young people and how we measure that.

Thirty members of Swansea's Children's Rights Network came together in January 2022 to begin the process of co-production, drafting indicators based around the 5 principles of our agreed rights-based approach. Two working groups have continued the process of production (one that focusses on Participation and Empowerment, and one that focusses on Embedding, Accountability and Equality), with a view for a first draft to be circulated for comment in May 2022.

Simultaneous to this, work has been undertaken to facilitate sessions with **233** children and young people from **11 schools** to determine what action they think the Council should take and what the measurements look like. All children predominately chose to focus on Equality & Non-Discrimination or Participation as their principles of choice. This work has been used by Children's Rights Network members to inform the development of performance indicators of the UNCRC Action Plan. The information has also been submitted on behalf of children to the Human Rights City consultation as a way of informing that work.

A Children & Young People's Partnership & Involvement Officer was recruited in June 2022 and has been working across Swansea with partners, schools and community groups to develop varied opportunities for children and young people to come together and have a say on issues that impact on their lives. Development of varied opportunities/mechanisms to engage children and young people across Swansea has been based on feedback from the "Listening to Children & Young People Survey" which was live throughout July and August 2022. The feedback collated suggested the need for multiple and varied opportunities to be developed for children and young people (CYP) to have a say to ensure that mechanisms were inclusive of all CYP and mindful of gathering the views of those quiet voices.

A “World Children’s Day” Conference took place on Monday 21st November 2022, where the on-going commitment to promoting and upholding children’s rights was communicated through a feedback and information sharing seminar. The event welcomed 250 participants which included Primary & Secondary School pupils, teaching support staff, Councillors, senior leaders, Welsh Government Departments, Children’s Commissioners Office, partner organisations and local services.

The aim of the day was to feedback progress in relation to the priorities and areas for improvement identified by children and young people through previous workshops and engagement sessions, as well as the priorities and actions outlined in the Secondary School pupil manifesto. The conference included workshops and an interactive marketplace with stalls provided by relevant services and partner organisations.

New “Children & Young People’s Involvement Officer” in post from December 2022 and this will assist in increased capacity to deliver more face to face sessions, activities and events with partner organisations, community groups and schools to work on increasing opportunities for Children and Young People to have a voice on issues that impact on their lives, promotion of children’s rights in line with our “Due Regard Duty” and Children’s Rights Scheme and to ensure participation mechanisms are inclusive and varied across the local authority area.

To assist in monitoring progress against the “Children’s Rights Scheme” Implementation Plan, work is underway to relaunch the Children’s Rights Network as a revamped “Children’s Rights Steering Group” with refreshed membership & terms of reference etc.... Planned launch is in March 2023.

3. Working in Partnership to make Swansea Age Friendly:

The Ageing Well Steering Group was re-launched in July 2022 with meetings held every month. Work has taken place to expand its membership to include community groups and individuals, service representation across Council directorates, representation from all members of the Public Service Board, third sector organisation and support groups as appropriate.

The Ageing Well Steering Group has been working to take forward the feedback from the public consultation in August 2022 and has focussed its partnership work on increasing public engagement to improve service delivery and development, increase opportunities for social participation and positively impact on social isolation, improve communication and information and co-ordinate multiple mechanisms to hear the voice of people 50+ in Swansea.

An “Ageing Well Networking Event” was co-ordinated in the sports hall of Swansea LC2 in March 2022. The event brought together 43 organisations, services and community groups who are members of the “Ageing Well Steering Group” and who hosted information stalls throughout the day. Freedom Leisure also provided taster sports and leisure opportunities from their “Active Older Adults Programme”. The event was promoted widely to the public as an opportunity to re-connect with services post Covid and was visited by several hundred participants throughout the day.

As a result of public feedback and the recruitment of a dedicated officer, regular face to face engagement activities have been taking place since October 2021 on a weekly basis, to build relationships, reduce social isolation, share information, connect with services and partner organisations, facilitate further community initiatives directed by community members to enable people to live their best lives and age well, as well as communicate opportunities to have a voice on issues that impact on the lives of people 50+ in Swansea.

Weekly engagement sessions are open to all communities to attend and currently has participants from the Chinese Community centre, Swan Gardens, African Community Centre, Swansea Stroke Association, Connect, Home in Stead, Caredig Housing, Sight Loss Support Group, Day Care settings and supported Living etc....

Through the Ageing Well Information Network (AWIN), Swansea Council’s Partnerships & Involvement Team provides information to subscribers (People aged 50+, services and partner organisations etc.) regularly via Newsletters and update emails.

Emails are sent out via Mailchimp. Having the mailing list on Mailchimp allows subscribers to access and update their contact information or unsubscribe if they wish. Membership of the Ageing Well Information Network continues to grow through our face-to-face engagement and has proved very beneficial when communicating “What’s On” information and opportunities to engage with partner organisations and services within the community.

Work will continue over the next few months to engage services and partners in regular community activity so that the most up to date information and support is available at the weekly engagement sessions and community members are supported to access and apply for the benefits and current winter support schemes available to them.

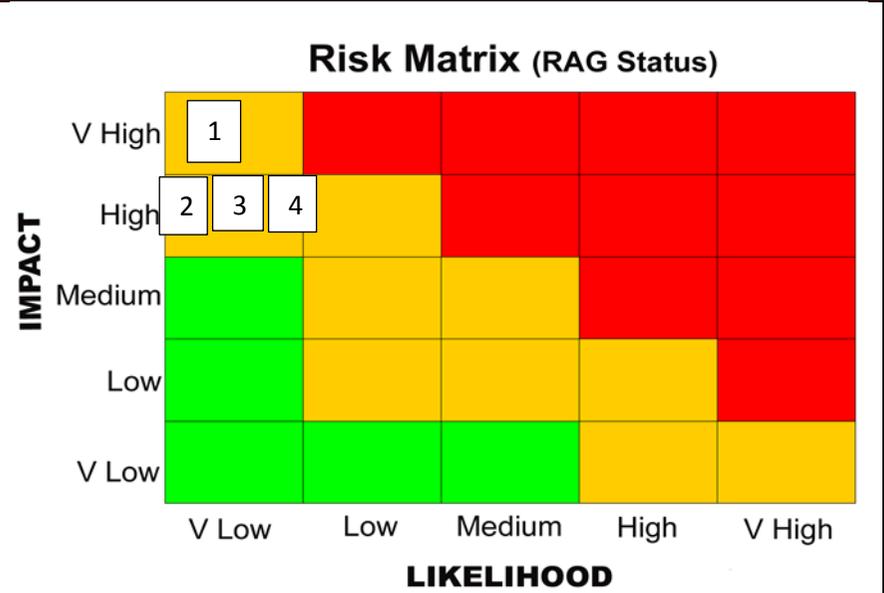
New “Ageing Well Involvement Officer” in post from December 2022 and this will assist in increased capacity to deliver more face-to-face sessions, activities and events with partner organisations and community groups to work on initiatives to reduce loneliness and isolation and work towards “Age Friendly City” ambitions.

With access to the WG “Social Isolation” and “Warm Hubs” grants, weekly activity sessions have been made available on each day of the week for older adults aged 50+ with involvement from numerous partners and Council Services involved.

Increased social media coverage of “Ageing Well” sessions and activities as seen a huge increase in sign up to the on-line “Ageing Well” newsletter with over 700 new members signing up as a result of one social media post.

Key Updates this period **Overview of key risks**

- KPI Results**
1. The “Children’s Rights Scheme” has been refreshed in line with the “Right Way Approach”
 2. Mapping of Partners & Public priorities is underway to support the development of a local “Ageing Society Strategy” and wider PSB commitment to Swansea working towards “Age Friendly City” recognition.
 3. Following consultation with Children, Young People (CYP) and their families in relation to developing inclusive engagement mechanisms to ensure their voices are heard and views contribute to local strategy development/service delivery plans etc.... Local priorities have been identified by CYP and engagement opportunities provided through facilitated sessions in schools and within community settings.
 4. Following consultation with people aged 50+ in relation to developing inclusive engagement mechanisms to ensure their voices are heard and views contribute to local strategy development/service delivery plans etc.... Priorities have been identified by people aged 50+ and regular community engagement opportunities have been facilitated and continue to be expanded based on themes identified and communities of need.



1. Risk 1
2. Risk 2
3. Risk 3
4. Risk 4

| KPI description | Result | Target | Comment |
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| <u>CR Scheme Actions Identified</u> | <u>Setting April 2022</u> | <u>To be agreed</u> | <u>Progress made in all areas</u> |
| <u>Priority Mapping for Ageing Society Strategy</u> | <u>As Above</u> | <u>To be agreed</u> | <u>Priority mapping complete and action plan will be developed by Feb/March 2023</u> |
| <u>Inclusive Engagement Opportunities/Mechanisms for CYP</u> | <u>AS Above</u> | <u>To be agreed</u> | <u>Following feedback at the “World Children’s Day” seminar, consideration is being</u> |

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| | | | <p>given to the “Big Conversation” style engagement with schools on a cluster basis. Planning group scheduled for Feb 2023</p> | |
| <p>Inclusive Engagement Opportunities/Mechanisms for People aged 50+</p> | <p>As Above</p> | <p>To be agreed</p> | <p>Weekly engagement sessions are going from strength to strength and consideration is being given to the continuation of weekly face to face sessions linked to the winters warm spaces agenda.</p> | |
| <p>Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight a - Good partnership buy in around this objective • Highlight b - Expanded the knowledge base through existing involvement with wider partners • Highlight c – Reviewed public engagement mechanisms to ensure inclusive and accessible opportunities are facilitated for people to have a say and influence decision making processes that impact their lives. <p>Challenges/ Barriers Area 1 - Not joining up all existing work to make sure the Live Well Age Well Objective adds value and not duplicates business as usual</p> | | | | |

| <p>Area 2 - Not having the right people are around the table to take action and deliver outcomes</p> <p>Area 3 - How to expand the lens and age range of this objective</p> | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Priorities for next period</p> | <p>Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken</p> | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 - Ensuring a partnership approach is taken to encourage wider involvement and delivery of the priorities across the PSB and at all levels. • Priority 2 - Establish a plan for public engagement & consultation | <p>Stakeholders involved include PSB Partners, wider partners outside the PSB, operational leads and citizens across the age range.</p> <p>Communication is ongoing through our forum work with citizens and through our Live Well Age Well partners</p> | | | | | | |
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Project Title: PSB Highlight Report

Workstream: Strong Communities

Project Lead: Roger Thomas

Date: February 2023

Project Overview & Key Success Measures

Links to other workstreams or partners

Description

Strong Communities - To build strong communities that have a sense of pride and belonging, are more cohesive and prosperous, enable individuals to trust each other and support people to feel safe and confident.

Operation Dawns Glaw (Welsh for ‘Rain Dance’)

Operation Dawns Glaw, a multi-agency partnership to reduce deliberate fires across Wales. Fire and Rescue Services in Wales have attended 3230 grass fire incidents over the last five years, which cost the Welsh economy millions of pounds every year, many of which are started deliberately.

A task force was established in 2016 to tackle incidents of deliberately set grass fires across Wales. Whilst the initial focus was on reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour and arson, more recent work has concentrated on assisting farmers and landowners in ensuring the safe execution of their land management plans.

There is a strong focus on collaboration, working with a wide range of local and national partners across Wales to deliver common and shared outcomes of reducing the impact of arson on Welsh communities

Coastal
Pobl
SCVS
Family Housing
Public Health Wales
Clase 4 All
Council-Local Area Co-ordination
Regeneration Swansea Council
Swansea Learning Partnership
Poverty Partnership Forum
Regional Partnership Boards (RPB);
Partner agency Procurement staff
GP Cluster Networks
housing and social landlords
West Glamorgan Social Value Forum
Beyond Bricks and Mortar
South Wales Police
Swansea City of Sanctuary and others supporting refugees and asylum seekers (Eyst and others)
Swansea Council,
Community Cohesion
Steering Group (which sits under Safer Swansea Partnership);
City of Culture Steering Group Swansea
Menter Iaith Abertawe

Specialist Arson Reduction and Fire Crime teams have evolved to coordinate arson reduction initiatives and to provide an extensive and specialised range of services. Targeted interventions are provided to vulnerable individuals and communities identified at risk of arson.

Qualitative KPI's associated with the project

Operation Dawns Glaw

- Work together to protect our countryside and our country
- Raise awareness of the consequences of accidental fires in our countryside.
- Land Management - Collaborative work to utilise machinery and skills to reduce fire loading posed by bracken and gorse will progress outside of the Dawns Glaw period, targeting areas of known high risk
- Engagement with Youth Teams and Youth Agencies
- Youth engagement work will be planned as part of arson reduction intervention as this is a proven area of intervention with high-risk groups but the arrangements for delivery will depend on lockdown restrictions and partner agencies
- To provide a coordinated and cohesive partnership response to incidents and is available, to provide advice, guidance, and support about fire safety concerns.
- Driving cultural change - More collaborative work around highlighting wildfire impact – financial, environmental, etc.
- Use of burning as a Management Tool – Improving awareness of coordinated, controlled burning as a valuable natural factor balanced against the impact of uncontrolled use of fire.

Merched Y Wawr
Co-Production Network
Human Rights City group
Women's Aid /multi-agency domestic violence practitioners
Regional Black Minority Ethnic Network
Community Cohesion group

Operation Dawns Glaw

The Service's Corporate Plan 2022-2027 outlines our commitment to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and how our Improvement and Well-being Objectives contribute to the seven Well-being Goals, by demonstrating how each one helps the Service to improve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales.

A prosperous Wales – Deliberate fires are responsible for millions of pounds worth of damage across Wales. By working actively and collaboratively to prevent deliberate fires from occurring and minimising the impact when these fires occur there is an enormous impact on the Welsh economy. Our intervention means that businesses can continue to operate, families can live safely in their homes and crops are safeguarded,

A resilient Wales – The damage caused by deliberate fires causes significant damage to the environment, the local landscape, and the ecosystem and this, in turn, has the potential to negatively impact on the community.

Tackling Poverty

- Swansea Poverty Truth Commission, the first Poverty Truth Commission in Wales, launched on the 20th October 2022.
- Provide bespoke training packages and the offer of related work experience with contractors and employers in Swansea to vulnerable groups such as prison leavers, those on probation and care leavers.

Regeneration Swansea

- Continue to focus on partnership working and making links between regeneration schemes to maximise benefits for Swansea.
- Establish new UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund Programme in Swansea
- Continue to monitor and progress the Swansea Economic Recovery Action Plan with partners.
- Support the Welsh Government Transforming Towns Programme to bring vacant commercial floor space back into use in the City Centre and district centres.

**Safer Swansea Partnership
Hate Crime Awareness Week**

HCAW ‘Movie & Munch’ night took place at Dyfatty Units, with food and a screening of the film ‘Hairspray’, with a strong anti-discrimination message and story of the civil rights movement. Victim Support and Community Safety materials were distributed throughout the event. This took place across the region, with a different film and audience group for each LA. A social media campaign also took place across the week.

A healthier Wales – As well as the obvious risks of fire and smoke on health through burns and smoke inhalation, our work with health agencies has identified that there are real risks to health from being exposed to the by-products of fire. Smoke and flames are visible but other by-products of burning are often not as apparent and can have serious and long-term risks to public health, particularly to those who are young, old or have existing health conditions.

A more equal Wales – Communities can be blighted by the aftermath of deliberately set fires and the visible after-effect of a fire has a negative effect on that community. The damage can often deter potential investors as well as the impact on well-being.

A Wales of cohesive communities – The initiatives that the Service has put in place to reduce the number of deliberately set fires have a strong focus on ensuring that the community plays its part in identifying that this kind of behaviour and the impact arson has is not acceptable. Local community groups are often an essential means of identifying risk and supporting partners in promoting safety messages.

A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language – The Service we provide is available bilingually and we welcome and promote engagement using the Welsh Language. Sport has been used as a means of engaging

Interfaith Week

An online photo competition took place for Interfaith Week, on the theme of 'A place where you feel the most connected to your faith'. Winners of the competition were announced during the Interfaith Forum celebratory event and via social media, with a re-post of the top 4 photo submissions.

Online Hate Training

The Community Cohesion Team have arranged training around online hate and creating safe spaces online for online group administrators. Training will be delivered by Victim Support and include guidance on establishing community guidelines, terms of reference, and how to identify and safely report hateful language.

Swansea Art in the City

This is a project aimed at young people and managed by Swansea Community Engagement Coordinator. Please see attached the report containing what happened at the Oxford Street site last week and some of the key points that were raised in conversation, direct quotes from the participants, and some of the plans for the future of the Art in The City project <https://create.piktochart.com/output/d79f3f6a1a30-session-review>

Ukraine Crisis

LA specific working groups to respond to ongoing enquiries from residents in regard to the Ukraine crisis and to monitor tensions, i.e., how to apply to the scheme, anti-Russian and pro-Russian

with young people by providing diversionary activities that have a strong safety message as well as being fun to attend.

A globally responsible Wales – Preventing deliberate fires from occurring and improving prospects for those communities who suffer this kind of crime helps all our partners achieve their well-being objectives and makes us stronger as a nation

Priorities

Collaboration – The coordinated approach delivered through the multi-agency Strategic Arson Reduction Board and the Joint Arson Group has seen far greater ownership and partnership working to tackle deliberate grass fires.

Improving our Service Delivery – By adapting our intervention and reducing the risk of deliberate fires we will better meet the needs of our communities.
Improving our assets and use of resources – Greater use has been made of our crews in areas of high risk to undertake patrols to proactively engage with the community to highlight the risks of deliberate grassland fires.

Sustainability – A reduction in the number of deliberate fires, particularly large grassland fires reduces the detrimental impact on the environment and the devastating effect this can have on communities.

Delivery against the Wales Arson Reduction Strategy (WARS4). The Strategic Arson Board's delivery plan is in its

rhetoric, risks involved with the Homes for Ukraine Scheme etc.
Relevant information accessible on the Council webpages

Western Bay Community Cohesion Small Grant Fund

The Community Cohesion team have established a Small Grant Fund for community groups that have faced barriers to funding and require more support in their development. The grant is aimed at groups that create inclusive initiatives to tackle loneliness, integration issues, promote community cohesion, identify and mitigate tensions, provide safe spaces for our diverse communities and raise awareness of important times of the year such as Hate Crime Awareness Week, LGBTQ+ History Month, and Disability Awareness Week etc. Applications will be available via the Councils website from 9th December

Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS)

- Continue to utilise formal and informal volunteering opportunities to ensure that communities remain resilient.
- Support individuals referred by social services through the Interact volunteer project.
- Continue to support people with mental ill-health needs in community settings.
- Continue to support refugees and asylum seekers and looked after children through the A Better Welcome to Swansea and Healthy Living Wellbeing Group and Wassup.

fourth iteration and the multi-agency board's priorities to reduce arson in Wales have been agreed upon as: -

- Protecting our communities
- Educating our communities
- Improving land management across Wales
- Share consistent and meaningful information
- Marketing our work and communicating with our communities

Quantitative KPIs associated with the project

Operation Dawns Glaw

- Reduction in the number of deliberate fires in 2022/23, against the five-year average
- Reduction in the number of deliberate grass fires in 2022/23, against the five-year average
- Reduction in the number of deliberate refuse fires in 2022/23, against the five-year average
- Increase in controlled burning notifications to Fire Control from Land Managers

Tackling Poverty

- Increase in the number of Lifelong Learning Service enrolments to a range of courses to improve health and wellbeing and increase skills and accreditation levels and job prospects.
- CfW and CfW+ teams assist people to enrol on the programmes and improve access to job opportunities.
- Increased number of CfW and CfW+ referrals and numbers of people entering into employment as a result of the support received.

Regeneration Swansea

- Quantitative KPIs will be developed in line with the new Well-being Plan.

Safer Swansea Partnership

- Quantitative KPIs will be developed in line with the new Well-being Plan.

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| <p>Project Outcomes/ Milestones</p> | |
| <p>Operation Dawns Glaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land management activities to create firebreaks will benefit the engagement work with Landowner and Commoners Associations and with community partners The creation of these fire breaks will be accelerated with the hire and purchase of an i-cut machine within MAWWFRS, which will complement similar arrangements within SWFRS. Dawns Glaw activities for 2022 formally launched on 1st March 2022, marking the seventh year for this high-profile multi-agency intervention. Intervention and engagement work will continue to consider multi-agency adaptations due to Covid-19 and the usual school education and youth intervention will be reliant on arrangements for schools. Virtual engagement will be utilised where requested. Working with local authorities and other partners to advise on the fire risk posed by vacant and derelict premises and land. Using Farm Liaison Officers to improve engagement with agricultural communities The Swansea Rural group continues to collaborate to assist in dealing with the issues that deliberate fire setting has on the Gower Common areas. This group will look to build on the success the Swansea Public Services Board had in 2021 in securing £8,000 worth of grant funding from Natural Resources Wales, which enabled the Service's Arson Team to identify | |

areas of high risk within Swansea that would benefit from the provision of fire breaks

Tackling Poverty

- Community hubs re-opened with mentors meeting clients and offering drop-in sessions. Quadrant Employment Hub launched.
- The Local Area Coordination Team expanded to cover all communities across Swansea so they have access to a coordinator and are walking alongside many people in a preventative and strength-based way, helping them to be more confident and connected.
- The Tackling Poverty Service and its partner Swansea Council for Voluntary Service contributed to the Community Calling campaign in Swansea in partnership with Hubbub and O2, which will see around 700 donated phones distributed to people who are digitally excluded in Swansea.
- Swansea Spaces (Warm Hubs) directory launched November 2022 www.swansea.gov.uk/swanseaspaces

Regeneration Swansea

- Investment plan approved by UK Government.
- Anchor projects and open call for projects due to be launched February 2023.
- £752,000 worth of funding approved under Transforming Towns programme.

Safer Swansea Partnership

- Safer Swansea Partnership Strategy 2023-26 - The Partnership has started work on developing the new strategy. A meeting was held on 24th August with core members to scope priorities and start the process.

- A first draft will be shared with the Partnership over the coming weeks with a view to a wider public and stakeholder consultation, including the Scrutiny Committee.

Community Safety

- On-going management of 20 hot spot cameras.
- Weekly City Centre student drop-in sessions. Partnership officers available at the three main City Centre student accommodations to answer any queries and concerns students may have. Finished end of June for the summer break.
- Organisation and delivering Safer Swansea community engagement events throughout Swansea during summer 2022.
- Development of four community / partnership units in Dyfatty.
- Attendance at 4 monthly PSG partnership meetings
- Attendance at fortnightly CMET meetings.
- Weekly target hardening surveys.
- Environmental design out work (City Centre – Gorseinon – Blaenymaes – Civic Centre -Clydach).
- Autocrime campaign within City Centre car parks.
- PTA and Primary school assembly talks.
- Crucial Crew safety fortnight delivered to Primary Schools.
- Annual Emergency Services engagement day.
- Student ‘Freshers’ safety campaign and design of student safety booklet.
- Support and advice to Street Pastors to enable effective ENTE work as well as Help Point support.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- 1 Mediation referral received, involving 2 parties to help resolve a neighbour dispute. 2 individual sessions and 1 joint session were carried out which to date has resulted in a successful process.
- 40 Stage 1 First Warning letters issued
- 18 Stage 1 Final Warning letters issued
- 1 Stage 2 Final Warning letter issued
- 3 Stage 2 joint visits with YJS carried out
- We currently have 12 YP's on Stage 2 interventions 2 of which breached their Stage 2.
- Tender process of the new £1 million Monitoring Centre to replace the current CCTV system completed and tender has been awarded to the successful contractor.
- PSPO: Since June we have carried out a total of over 220 engagements which have resulted in 25 warnings, 6 FPN's and 3 arrests.
- Street Vulnerability MARAC currently supporting 9 individuals who are begging, homeless and/or have issues with substance mis-use. Some are in breach of the City PSPO.

Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS)

- Case studies are included for information.

Key Updates this period

Overview of key risks

KPI Results (Operation Dawns Glaw) It is pleasing to report the figures are below target within two of the three areas in MAWWFRS.

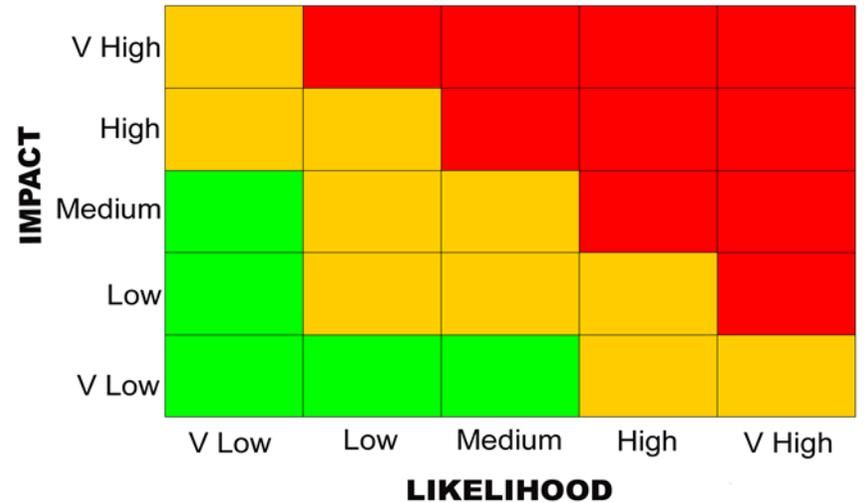
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| <u>Number of deliberate fires</u> | <u>1243</u>  | <u>1273</u> | <u>These figures are from April 22 to Dec 22.</u> |
| <u>Number of deliberate grass fires</u> | <u>515</u>  | <u>469</u> | <u>These figures are from April 22 to Dec 22.</u> |
| <u>Number of deliberate refuse fires</u> | <u>387</u>  | <u>448</u> | <u>These figures are from April 22 to Dec 22.</u> |

Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes

Operation Dawns Glaw

- In 2022, the three Welsh Fire and Rescue Services dealt with 4510 deliberate fires which was a decrease from the 4608 deliberate fires they attended in 2021.
- Fire break cutting will be accelerated with the successful Welsh Government grant application for the purchase of an i-cut machine within MAWWFRS.
- Plans are now in place to create firebreaks using the machine within the Gower and other Swansea areas for 2023.

Risk Matrix (RAG Status)



1. Risk 1, Amber, low likelihood but high impact. - Lack of community engagement,
2. Risk 2, Red, medium likelihood but high impact. - Extended land burning outside of the Heather and Grass Burning Code.

Tackling Poverty

- 2459 people were supported to find employability and training provided by the single referral pathway. (April to December 2022)
- Lifelong Learning Service had 735 enrolments on to a range of courses to improve health and wellbeing. (April to December 2022)
- CfW and CfW+ teams helped 298 people to work and 516 people enrolled on the programmes. (April to December 2022)
- The Welfare Rights Team raised £929,971.80 in Welfare Benefits for the residents of Swansea and addressed £117,481.10 of debt. (April to December 2022)
- Over £327,000 in grants for Men's Sheds, Food Poverty, Period Dignity in Communities and Warm Huubs (Swansea Spaces) has been awarded to support projects in Swansea. (April to December 2022)

Regeneration Swansea

- Shared Prosperity Fund Regional Investment Plan approved
- £752,000 allocated to bring vacant space back into use under the Transforming Towns grants programme.

Safer Swansea Partnership

- **Community Cohesion Initiatives** – The Cohesion Officer in Swansea has completed a Positive Messages Project, which aimed to combat the increase in far-right graffiti and stickering in Swansea. These positive counter-narrative messages were placed in areas of heavy footfall across Swansea and are designed to be uplifting and create unity and engagement. We worked closely with the transport department to get the

messages displayed on digital screens in bus stations and shelters, as well as on the side of vehicles.

- **Community Rail** – Community Rail will arrange a day out on the ‘Heart of Wales’ rail line, which includes a scenic rail journey to a town in West/Mid Wales, family friendly activities, a visit to a museum or heritage centre and lunch. The project will focus on delivering these activities for Refugees and Asylum Seekers across Western Bay. Officers are supporting the Cohesion Officer in identifying potential families that are interested in taking part. The project has been developed as a result of feedback from communities that wish to expand their support networks across neighbouring local authorities.
- **Refugee Week 2022** – Officers organised training for staff and key partners across Western Bay during Refugee Week. This was delivered by Displaced People in Action. Purpose of the training was to help staff better understand the definitions and differences of immigration status, the barriers facing refugees and asylum seekers and ways staff can support. A speaker with first-hand experience of being a refugee in Swansea helped deliver the training. 35 members of staff in attendance.
- **Telegram Training** – Cohesion Officers across Western Bay and Carmarthenshire will take part in training of the Telegram App, in order to monitor the rise of Far-Right group activity across the regions. This will be delivered by the Head of Criminology at Swansea University
- **Smart Partnership Application** – The Cohesion Team have supported Swansea University in completing their Smart Partnership funding application, to support the prototype of a graffiti reporting App following the rise of extremist related graffiti across the region. The App will allow data to be collected in one

place and will help the finder of the graffiti/stickering to identify and report its location. The application has now been submitted to Welsh Government and awaiting the outcome.

- **Online Hate Training** – The Cohesion Officer has arranged training around online hate and creating safe spaces online for online group administrators. Training will be delivered by Victim Support.

Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS)

- Interact (volunteer project supporting people referred by social services) 54 people were supported by a 1-1 volunteer over the phone, with some attending group sessions.
- Transcend (mental health peer monitoring volunteering project) 29 referrals matched.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing (supporting community members with enduring mental health needs in community settings) 81 individuals were supported via 1-1 telephone calls and virtual coffee groups.
- A Better Welcome to Swansea & Healthy Living Wellbeing group (supporting refugees and asylum seekers) 268 participants signposted for support/advice and guidance.
- Wassup (supporting looked after children – providing an independent visitor service) 19 matches.

Challenges/ Barriers

Operation Dawns Glaw

- Continued good weather, will see continued burning of land outside of the permitted times (15th of March for lowlands and 31st of March for highlands) set out within The Heather and Grass Burning Code
- Current research models suggest that weather conducive to ignition and spread of fires are becoming more common in Wales. Predicted warmer, wetter winters and the resulting longer growing season will see more vegetation. Frequent, longer lasting heatwaves will also lead to drier vegetation and more fuel available to burn across Wales. Additionally, climate driven vegetation shifts predicts that we could see an increase in woody fuels at the expense of grassy fields. It's also predicted that Wales could see a **30%** increase in fuel loads
- The previous three years have seen the largest number of fires and burned area over the past 10 years.
- Continued good weather, will see continued burning of land outside of the permitted times (15th of March for lowlands and 31st of March for highlands) set out within The Heather and Grass Burning Code
- Impact of continued good weather affecting incidence of grass fires.
- Difficulties with progress being measured against short term measurements instead of medium to long term measurements. The reported figures for incidence of grass fires can be affected by matters out of MAWWFRS and partners' control, such as periods of good weather.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfortunately, the Service's bid for £45k funding via NRW's 'Resilient Communities' grant was unsuccessful. Bids were submitted for 70x 'NoFence' Technology (livestock) collars and extensive firebreak cutting within the Swansea area. Cutting arrangement will still be implemented in collaboration with Swansea Council (Environmental), albeit to a lesser scale than planned. | |
| Priorities for next period | Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken |
| <p>Operation Dawns Glaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to engage with our communities on a multi-agency basis to highlight the impact of deliberate fires. Continue with the collaborative work in cutting fire breaks to protect areas of SSRI as well as areas with high economic value, such as newly planted trees, crops, and property. Supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation through ecosystem approaches and learning from others e.g., academia and organisational research. Support sustainable grazing, landscape access development, community ownership programmes for areas vulnerable to wildfire. Green space enhancement supporting recreation and wellbeing – combination of wildfire prevention and public right of way. Rural / Urban interface – expansion, housing development (approx. 20k in next 5 years – new and affordable in Wales) influence of wildfire threat. Support the development of multi-functional localised rural groups that contribute to an All-Wales map and toolkit. | <p>Operation Dawns Glaw</p> <p>The multi-agency taskforce, set-up to bring a dedicated focus on deliberate and accidental grass fires across Wales (Operation Dawns Glaw). This multi-agency taskforce including partners from Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the four Welsh Police Forces, Local Authorities.</p> <p>Opportunities for direct multi-agency engagement with the agricultural community at events such as the Royal Welsh Show and the 2022 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol at Tregaron, as well as local shows</p> |

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Project Title: PSB Highlight Report

Workstream: Working With Nature

Project Lead: NRW & SEF

Date: 30/01/2023

Project Overview & Key Success Measures

Links to other workstreams or partners

Description

To improve health, enhance biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.

Qualitative KPI's associated with the project

- **Green Infrastructure (GI):**
 - produce county-wide strategy and ensure implementation, and SPG guidance for city centre developments.
 - support the Penderi GI project
- **Nature Recovery:**
 - develop Local Nature Recovery action plan
- **Tree planting:**
 - identify suitable/useable land
 - support community schemes
 - develop and promote good practice guidance for tree planting
- **Green Spaces:**
 - Enhance and support community use of and involvement with green spaces for multiple benefits including food growing, health, and community cohesion
- **Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel:**
 - develop Healthy Travel Charter for Swansea Bay (Swansea & NPT)

Partners / Stakeholders involved:

Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
Swansea Environmental Forum
Swansea Council
Swansea University
Swansea Local Nature Partnership
Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue
Swansea Bay University Health Board
Low Carbon Swansea Bay network
The Environment Centre
Swansea Community Green Spaces Project
Swansea Community Growing Network
Welsh Government
Green Infrastructure Consultancy
Pobl
4theRegion
University of Wales Trinity St David's
Swansea Climate Action Network
Bwyd Abertawe

- deliver a SW regional conference and follow-up activities / actions
- **Carbon Reduction and Climate Adaptation:**
 - develop and promote Climate and Nature Charter for Swansea
 - support climate / net zero plans
- **Deliver a SW regional food conference**
- **Community Engagement:** deliver a programme of events run by SEF, Environment Centre, LCSB, etc.

Quantitative KPIs associated with the project

Quantitative KPIs will be developed in line with the new Well-being Plan.

Project Outcomes/ Milestones

Green Infrastructure (GI):

- Action Plan for the Swansea Central Area has been completed and implementation of strategic objectives is ongoing
- Public engagement for the county-wide GI strategy is ongoing
- CRF funded training packages for businesses (SMEs) and community groups are being delivered to end Dec 2022
- NRW bid for a 3-year extension to the GI Senior Officer post was successful and will be dedicated to developing and supporting GI across Swansea & NPT, and SW Wales
- GI Supplementary Planning Guidance has been completed
- Support to development and delivery of Penderi Masterplan GI project is ongoing, with a number of successes to date
- The on-street GI outside the EC that continues to develop

Nature Recovery:

- First section of Local Nature Recovery Action Plan has been drafted and out to consultation with the LNP
- £1.2m grant aid was secured for 22/23

Green spaces:

- This work has been continuing with dozens of projects across Swansea being supported

Transport and Active / Sustainable Travel:

- The Swansea Bay Healthy Travel Charter now has 14 signed-up partners and all are making progress – some have already submitted three monitoring reports and there have been two quarterly meetings of the Sustainable Travel Planning group since the HTC launch
- The Community-led Sustainable Transport Solutions project has been completed with nine pilot projects supported and an extensive toolkit published on the SCVS website with 16 ‘how to’ guides, 5 project case studies and videos, and a routemap for future work. An initial meeting has also taken place with key partners to discuss the next steps to follow up on the project recommendations.

Carbon Reduction and Climate Adaptation:

- The climate change and nature recovery charter signatories group has met for the first time to explore opportunities for collaborative work

Food

- A third regional food conference, led by 4theRegion, took place in January with a focus on: marketing of local food / collaborating on a "buy local" campaign to put local food on everyone's agenda; connecting schools and farms - getting more local produce into school meals - and connecting kids with farming and local food; access to land - how we can unlock access to underused land for growing; and, hospitality and local food - how we can encourage more connections between local growers/producers and local cafes, restaurants etc. Around 60 participants made up of individuals and diverse groups on both days.
- Bwyd Abertawe recruited a coordinator in October and has since secured £97k from Food Poverty Alleviation Fund. Will launch a small grants scheme in April.

Key Updates this period**Overview of key risks**

KPI Results

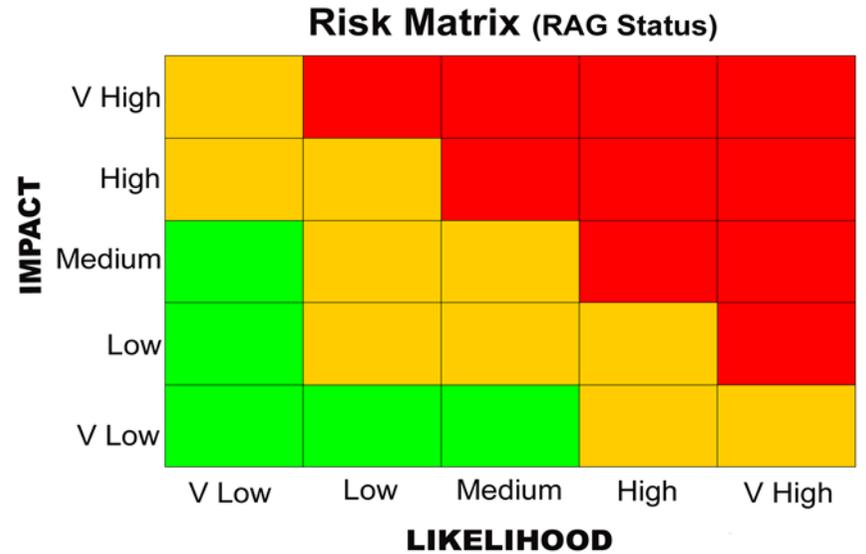
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Highlights – Achievements / Outcomes

- Healthy Travel Charter signatories increased to 14

Challenges/ Barriers

- Integration of well-being topics (ref emerging 2023 Well-being Plan) and collaborative working / delivery across task groups e.g. preventative health and equality of access to green / blue space
- Resourcing / funding of project delivery / activities
- Lack of data evidence in some areas
- Opportunity for more regional working S’sea / NPT and / or SW region



1. Insufficient cross-sectoral engagement with this project
2. Uncertainty of longer-term funding for SEF and other priority projects

Both above are medium likelihood and high impact = RED

Priorities for next period

Stakeholders Involved & Communication undertaken

- Continue developing and delivering against the projects listed above, including identifying and securing funds for longer-term delivery.
- Continue with the process of Well-being Planning and actions / Annual Plan

| Any Actions for PSB: (Please tick as appropriate) | Note | Action | Decision |
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| N/A at this time | | | |

Report Prepared by: Helen Grey



Y Grŵp Addysg a Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus
Education and Public Services Group

To Councillor Andrea Lewis
Chair of Swansea Public Services Board

Cllr.Andrea.Lewis@swansea.gov.uk

Date: 24 January 2023

Dear Chair

Support for Public Services Boards 2023-24 to 2025-26

The Minister for Finance and Local Government, Rebecca Evans MS, recently approved funding on a regional basis in connection with Public Services Boards for 2023-24 to 2025-26. The Minister also indicated that the grant funding is available for a three-year period.

This support will be mainly to assist Public Services Boards to strengthen community engagement and involvement as you begin the next cycle of your local well-being plans.

The funding is once again being offered on a broader footprint mirroring the Local Health Board areas, encouraging the adoption of consistent approaches and reducing duplication of effort across PSBs.

The support available will be up to a **maximum of £58,440 for the Western Bay region** per financial year for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. You are required to submit a proposal form in February prior to the start of a new financial year, the form with the criteria will be issued in January each year. The funding will only be paid in respect of activities which have been approved as described in the criteria in the attached Annex 1.

The documents relating to the funding are set out in the attached enclosures:

- Annex 1 sets out the purposes for which the funding can and cannot be used.
- Annex 2 is the Funding Proposal Form.

Public Services Boards who wish to access this funding will need to identify a lead authority to submit the bid and complete the proposal form at **Annex 2 by Friday 24th February 2023**, based on the criteria set out in the attached Annex 1. Proposals received after this date will not be accepted.



If you have any queries on the funding available and the criteria relating to it, please contact Hilary Maggs and Judith Davies in the Local Government Partnerships Team, (LGPartnerships@gov.wales).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Griffiths', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Griffiths
Head of Local Government Partnerships

Criteria

The criteria relates to support funding offered to Public Services Boards (PSBs) for the financial year 2023-24.

Proposals for support funding must demonstrate how the group of PSBs would be enabled to build their strategic capacity and capability to support the delivery of well-being plans.

The funding will be available for the following purposes and can be used for one or more of the criteria set out below:

- Strengthen community engagement and involvement. Effective engagement with communities continues to be an important aspect of the work of PSBs and this will aim to encourage the coordinated ongoing approach to community engagement with individuals and all organisations within the local area.
- Support PSB in the maintaining of an existing data portal until a Wales PSB data portal is available.

Monitoring and payment arrangements:

- The Support Funding Recipient must monitor the progress of the work funded to ensure that the money is being spent as required and that financial controls are adequate.
- The Support Funding Recipient must submit to the Welsh Government on a six-monthly basis a Progress Report which must demonstrate the extent to which the agreed objectives in the Support Funding Proposal are being met and must describe how the work which the support funding is being used for relates to PSBs more generally.
- The Support Funding Recipient must submit proposals by **Friday 24th February 2023** on the proposal form at Annex 2.
- The funding period will be from 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 with the funding being paid in two instalments on completion of a satisfactory claim form.

Ineligible Activities:

Proposals which do not demonstrate how they will engage and involve communities. This means, for example we would not be able to fund the following activities:

- Development/Delivery of or maintaining specific well-being plan projects chosen by the PSBs.
- Monitoring and evaluation activity to evidence outcomes and track progress over time (except for data portal maintenance).
- General partnership support.
- Funding of permanent salaried posts (i.e. funded only through this support grant).

Upon receipt of a satisfactory Proposal Form which meets the criteria set out above, the Welsh Government will issue an award letter together with terms and conditions of the funding.