

Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel Update

1. Remit of the Panel

The overarching purpose of the panel is to consider: *What difference is Swansea Local Service Board (LSB) making for citizens?*

The remit of the Panel includes only the activities of the Local Service Board as a partnership and excludes scrutiny of individual partner organisations.

2. Introduction

The LSB is responsible for tackling some of the major problems that impact on the citizens of Swansea, including domestic abuse, adult qualifications, economic inactivity, debt, preventable early deaths, life expectancy, older people's independence.

The LSB includes Swansea's main public service providers as well as representatives of the voluntary and business sectors and a representative of the Welsh Government. Its purpose is to make sure that decision makers work together to tackle the issues that matter for Swansea. It is essential that the LSB is subject to the same level of scrutiny as all other aspects of the Council's work. The aim of the Panel will be to see how much of a difference the LSB is actually making to the well-being of the people who live and work in Swansea. Partnership working on this scale takes a lot of time and effort and relies on goodwill from participating organisations, so the Panel hopes to be able to support and assist this important work by acting as a critical friend and helping to make improvements to the way things are done.

3. Progress so far

The Panel is in its development stage and is using its initial meetings to understand how the LSB works and to understand how the partners are contributing to its objectives. Meetings so far have focussed on understanding the One Swansea Plan and the LSB's Delivery Statement which sets out the 21 priorities that it aims to tackle. The Panel has also had sessions with the Centre for Public Scrutiny to enable them to develop knowledge of current LSB scrutiny principles and practice.

4. Future Work Programme

The Panel is currently meeting on a bi-monthly basis. During its next meetings in July and September the Panel will be meeting with members of the LSB Executive Board (i.e. the statutory partners which include the Council, AMBU Health Board, South Wales Police, Swansea Council for Voluntary Services and the Welsh Government) in order to:

- Develop an understanding of the role of each organisation in delivering the LSB priorities
- Learn about key successes
- Learn about key challenges
- Seek ideas for possible items to include in the Panel's work plan.

Following this the Panel will be in a position to agree its work plan for the rest of the year.

5. Action required by the Scrutiny Programme Committee

None.