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Summary: This is a letter from the Local Service Board Performance Panel to the Chair of the Local Service Board following the meeting of the Panel on the 26 January 2015. It is about the Panel's work plan and older people's independence.

Dear Councillor Stewart,

**Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel
26 January 2015**

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the Local Service Board in order to advise you of the panel's intentions to take forward its scrutiny of the LSB. Thank you for attending our Panel meeting on 26 January and engaging in an interesting and productive discussion.

As you are aware this panel was established in May 2014 in order to undertake scrutiny of Swansea's Local Service Board.

During the initial months we have been meeting on a bi-monthly basis and have developed our understanding of the LSB. We have spoken to the members of the LSB Executive Board and undertaken a number of evidence gathering activities such as observing a meeting of the LSB, receiving a presentation on the One Swansea Plan, discussions on best practice with the Centre for Public Scrutiny and consideration of approaches to LSB scrutiny undertaken by other local authorities in Wales.

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We are now at the stage that we are ready to undertake more in-depth scrutiny of the work of the LSB. We have agreed that our preferred approach is to select a LSB challenge to look at in-depth in order to extrapolate findings and conclusions on the effectiveness of the LSB overall. We have selected a topic from the LSB's 8 annual priorities for 2014/15 – Older People's Independence.

The overarching question that the panel is seeking to address is "*What difference is Swansea's Local Service Board making for citizens?*" Some of the key questions that we will explore in order to assist us in answering this question, (within the context of the LSBs contribution to addressing the challenge of Older Peoples' Independence) include:

- Has the LSB succeeded in shifting the focus from processes and output to the impact of services on the well-being of people and communities? How would we know this?
- To what extent has the LSB ensured that this priority focuses on prevention and early intervention?
- Has the LSB encouraged deeper integration across service providers in this area and has this resulted in better experiences for service users?
- Has the LSB ensured the best use of resources by maximising shared delivery opportunities and minimising the risk of wasteful duplication?
- What evidence is there to show that commissioning is strategic and clearly linked to evidence of need?

We will contact Chris Sivers, Director of Place, as lead officer for the priority of Older People's Independence, to ask her to provide the panel with an initial briefing, in order to enable us to develop a detailed work plan to take this work forward.

We will keep you up-dated at appropriate intervals regarding the progress of our work.

Your Response

While we hope that you find the contents of this letter useful and would welcome any further comments **we do not expect you to provide a response**

Yours sincerely,



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