

Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 12 October 2015

PROGRESS REPORT – LOCAL SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL

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| Purpose | The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel conveners will attend the committee on a regular basis to provide a progress report, updating the committee on headlines from their Panel's work and impact. |
| Content | This report focuses on the Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel. Councillor Mary Jones, convener of the Panel, will provide the update. |
| Councillors are being asked to | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure awareness / understanding of the work of the Panel• Consider its effectiveness and impact• Consider any issues arising and action required |
| Lead Councillor(s) | Councillor Mary Jones, Convener of the Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel |
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Services Board Scrutiny Performance Panel is one of four Performance Panels that have been established by the committee. Whilst the work of Inquiry Panels leads to the production of a final report with conclusions and recommendations for cabinet based on evidence gathered on a specific issue, the work of Performance Panels represent regular monitoring of particular services.
- 1.2 Performance Panels are expected to have on-going correspondence with relevant cabinet members in order to share views and recommendations, arising from monitoring activities, about services.
- 1.3 The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panels Conveners will therefore attend the committee throughout the year to provide a progress report to enable a more detailed discussion on the work of each Panel, achievements, effectiveness and impact. The committee may also need to consider any issues arising from Panel activities which may

have an impact on the overall scrutiny work programme. These regular reports ensure awareness amongst the committee as well as visibility across the council and public.

- 1.4 This report focuses on the Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel. Councillor Mary Jones, convener of the Panel, will provide a progress report. To focus the discussion, a short written report is attached as **Appendix 1**. This includes a summary of Panel activities, correspondence between the Panel and Cabinet Members, proposals made and impact.
- 1.5 The Membership of the Panel (11) is as follows:
 - Chair / Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Programme Committee
 - Convener of Service Improvement & Finance Performance Panel
 - Convener of Schools Performance Panel
 - Convener of Child & Family Services Performance Panel
 - Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (Cherrie Galvin)
 - ABMU Health Board (Andrew Davies)
 - Police & Crime Panel (Mark Brace)

2. Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

Legal Officer: Wendy Parkin

Finance Officer: Carl Billingsley