

## 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. Key Activities

The Panel has met twice between April and September and has decided to move to monthly meetings. The Panel work plan for the year will now reflect this. The main activities included:

#### 27 July

- An overview and briefing of the Older People's Independence priority from Chris Sivers, Director of Place and Euro Owen, 50+ Strategy Coordinator.

#### 14 September

- Evidence gathering session and discussion with Councillor Mark Child, Cabinet member for Wellbeing & Healthy City.
- An overview and briefing of the new Wellbeing & Future Generations Act with Tanya Nash, Sustainable Development Team leader.

### 4. Achievements / Impact

- The Panel considered the current strategic context for Older People in Wales and the LSB actions for the priority of Older People's Independence. The Panel discussed key points around the priority and their next steps.
- The Panel agreed that as the LSB work around the Older People's Independence was still a work in progress. The Panel will concentrate

on the gap in premature mortality rates with an emphasis on the difference between east and west of Swansea.

- A number of key issues/questions were raised by the Panel throughout the overview sessions with Cllr Mark Child and Tanya Nash. These have been used to move the scrutiny work of the Panel forward and to highlight their concerns.

## **5. Future Work Programme**

A meeting is planned for October so the Panel can invite Sharon Miller (AMBU), joint coordinator Healthy Cities to attend and give an initial overview briefing on the following topics:

- The current phase of the Healthy Cities (phase VI – 2014-18) specifically referring to the core theme of Older People.
- The gap in premature mortality rates with an emphasis on the difference between east and west of Swansea.

A workshop potentially planned for November which will include a selection of partners, stakeholders and agencies who contribute to and/or are connected to the OPI. The Panel will ask questions and gather evidence.

## **6. Action required by the Scrutiny Programme Committee**

None.