

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The Local Service Board has now ceased to exist and has been replaced by the Public Services Board. The Scrutiny Programme Committee received and agreed a report at its meeting in April outlining the changes required to scrutiny as a result of this. Therefore the last meeting of the Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel was held on 25th April.

3. Key Activities

The Panel has met seven times between September and May. During this time it has collected evidence to establish the impact that the LSB has had in delivering its priority objective, Older People's Independence. The Panel decided that it would focus its attention on a specific priority of the LSB in order to in order to extrapolate findings on how well it is working as a whole.

The Panel collected evidence from a range of sources including:

- Briefing on Older People's Independence and the Ageing Well Plan: Chris Sivers (Corporate Director People) and Euros Owen (50 Plus Strategy Co-ordinator).
- Briefing on the Wellbeing & Future Generations Act: Tanya Nash (Sustainable Development Team Leader)
- Cllr Mark Child: Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City. An overview of his portfolio's contribution to the Older People's Independence priority and the links to Healthy Cities.
- Healthy Cities (phase VI 2014-2018 specifically referring to the theme of Older People): Sharon Miller (ABMU)
- Premature mortality rates: Dr Nina Williams (Public Health Wales)
- Cllr Andrea Lewis: Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services. A briefing and overview of the Next Generation Services portfolio contribution to the Older People's Independence and independent living
- Written submissions from Local Service Board members providing their views on the effectiveness and achievements of the Board.

4. Achievements / Impact

Overall the Panel felt that whilst the Local Service Board has been successful in clarifying and promoting the top priorities for Swansea, it has mixed success in delivering these priorities on the ground.

The Panel have made a number of recommendations which it intends to influence the development of the Public Services Board. These were provided to the Chair of the LSB in the form of a Convener's letter, which is reported in

the Committee's agenda today. The Panel has received a response from the Chair of the LSB/PSB which has advised that its recommendations will be considered at the first meeting of the Public Services Board in May. Therefore the Panel anticipates that a more detailed response will be received following this.

5. Future Work Programme

The Panel has agreed that following the recruitment of the new Panel members an induction meeting will take place during June. This will be to ensure that the new membership is fully aware of their role and responsibilities. The Panel intends to invite a representative from the Future Generations Commissioner's Office to provide an overview of the requirements on the Public Services Board and the powers and responsibilities of the scrutiny role.

The Panel intends to meet on a bi-monthly basis in order to follow the meeting schedule for the Public Services Board. Once the work plan of the Public Services Board has been agreed then the Panel will be in a position to develop its own work plan. It is likely to include the following: (this list is not exhaustive and Panel members will have the opportunity for a full work plan discussion)

- Scrutinising the development of the Wellbeing Objectives
- Consideration of the Wellbeing Assessment and Wellbeing Plan
- Consideration of the plans to achieve the Wellbeing objectives, including development of a performance monitoring process.

6. Action required by the Scrutiny Programme Committee

None.