



Report of the Chair of Swansea Public Services Board

To the Public Services Board Scrutiny Performance Panel – 6 February 2019

Monitoring Report (PSB progress, updates and governance)

Purpose:	To brief/update the PSB Scrutiny Performance Panel on progress, updates and governance of the PSB
Content:	A briefing/update on progress, updates and governance
Councillors are being asked to:	Consider the information provided and to forward views to the Chair via a letter from the Panel Convener
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1. PSB Progress

- 1.1. The majority of PSB Objective Delivery Groups are working effectively with the Early Years and Live Well Age Well groups acting as pathfinders and new groups develop.
- 1.2. The work of the Early Years group has been nationally recognised as leading Wales as a Pathfinder by Welsh Government. While a coordinated approach has led to staff being trained across public services resulting in an increasingly dementia friendly city. Green infrastructure work is being undertaken with Welsh Government funding across the region's three PSBs. Engagement has started with Swansea Regeneration to build Stronger Communities and collective work on asset management via the Local Property Board has been boosted by the

ability to gain buy in and the participation of partners following a recent PSB leadership briefing.

2. PSB Risk Tracker

2.1. The PSB's Risk Tracker (See Appendix 1) identifies a variety of risks and issues the majority of which share common root causes in the need for clarity in terms of accountability, resource, communication and focus.

2.2. As a result, a review of governance is viewed as a prerequisite to address key risks and issues facing the PSB. It is acknowledged that action planning, implementation and reporting is time bound however it is felt that it is more effective to address underlying governance issues before formally resolving these areas.

2.3. An assessment has been made and it is felt that sufficient activity is ongoing to ensure that the delay caused by a full review of governance will not prevent basic outcomes from being achieved, e.g. group action planning, implementation work on steps requiring short term action, preparation for basic reporting etc.

2.4. There are acknowledged risks in terms of meeting the PSB's duty to deliver the Local Well-being Plan in the short term while long-term solutions are developed. Action plans have yet to be agreed, some delivery mechanisms have yet to be formalised and statutory Annual Reporting on distance travelled takes place in April 2019.

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3. Governance

3.1. A Governance Steering Group to explore best practice, explore options and prepare draft terms of reference for consideration and consultation has been formed. This group met on December 14th, January 14th and January 30th. Recommendations based on the groups work has been tabled as an item for discussion at the next PSB Core Group Meeting on 14 February and Partnership Meeting on 12 March. The Chair is also engaging the PSB to update them on the process and how to feed into the process.

3.2. It is desirable that the final governance review is adopted at the earliest opportunity allowing for the involvement of partners and key stakeholders including the PSB Scrutiny Panel. However it is noted that the PSB Scrutiny Panel next meets on 3 April followed by PSB Core Group on 11th April 2019. This means that a pre-decision Scrutiny meeting may be necessary.

3.3. This group has benefitted from legal and Corporate Governance experts. In addition, relationships with PSB Leaders in the region have been established to identify areas where areas of overlap, opportunity for learning and collaboration exist.

- 3.4. It is also intended to involve the Regional Partnership Board, Western Bay. This will take account of recent Senedd and Welsh Government work on clarifying the areas of responsibility for each organization.

3. Equality, Legal and Financial Implications

There are no equality, legal or financial implications associated with this report.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Progress Tracker