



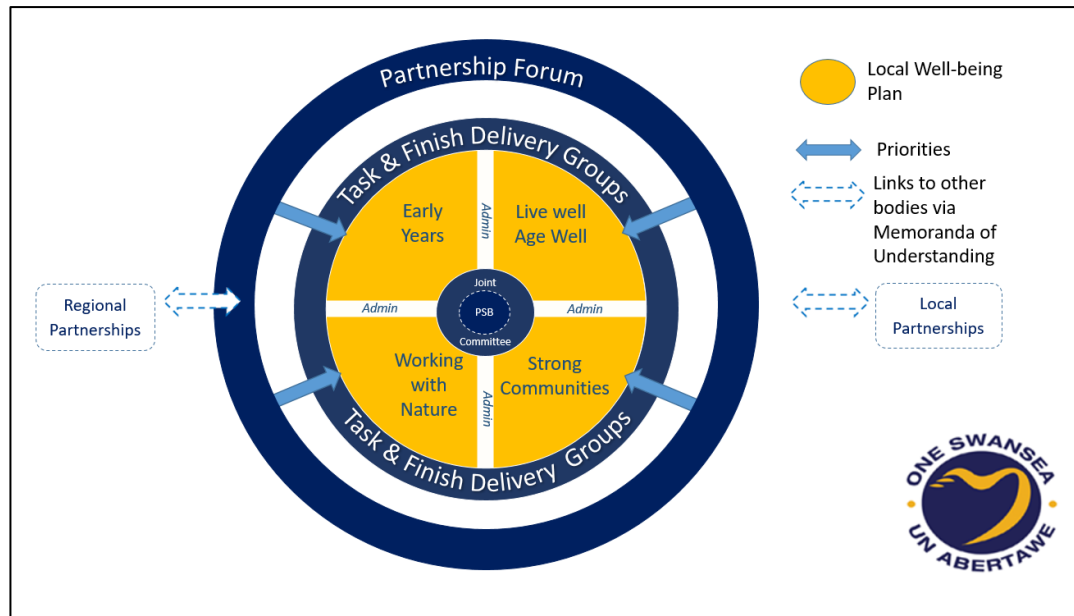
Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee – 21 October 2021

Partnership Forum Options

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| Purpose: | Proposals to stimulate discussion for PSB focus and delivery in response to the pandemic for 2021/22. |
| Link to Well-being Objective: | Cross cutting |
| Recommendation(s): | It is recommended that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) A Virtual Partnership Forum is held in November focusing on Human Rights / Human Rights City.2) A Virtual Partnership Forum is held in January / February 2022 focusing on a City of Well-being and Wildlife.3) A partner with access to Zoom and experience technically host the above event.4) An in person Partnership Forum is held in June 2022 focusing on Culture of Communities and future work programme.5) The number of invitees is open to all the Partnership Forum members6) Partners commit to contributing volunteer breakout room facilitators. |

1. Background

- 1.1 Swansea PSB Governance sets out the importance of the wider Partnership Forum and its diverse, broad membership which meets every six months.
- 1.2 Over 100 community and groups voluntary groups, public services, businesses and citizens met in October 2019. Due to the pandemic, the Forum did not meet as planned in Spring 2020 and has not been able to meet since, due to pressures on the partners and ongoing response to Covid.



2. Format Options and Resource requirements

- 2.1 The event is recommended to take place virtually given relatively high levels of Covid in Swansea, moving to an in person format next year.
- 2.2 The number of attendees can be set from 20, 40 to over 100 and can be based on open invitation or selection based on past involvement. The suggestions being as the event is virtual it is open to everyone.
- 2.3 Many partners and citizens prefer Zoom to Teams but several partners including the Council are unable to host an event using this platform for security reasons. Ideally a partner with access to Zoom might technically facilitate the virtual event. If no partners is willing to do this we will need to use MS Teams.
- 2.4 Volunteers will also be needed from across partners to help facilitate including a Welsh language break out if possible (1 volunteer per break out room of 8).

3. Content Options and Timing

- 3.1 The PSB has responded to the pandemic by narrowing its short term focus to four emerging themes.
 - **A Human Rights City**
 - **A City for Well-being and Wildlife**
 - **A Culture of Community** (subject to development following Possibilities for People feedback)
 - **Mental Health** (subject to development following Possibilities for People feedback)

- 3.2 It should be noted that the impact of Covid is still significant in its direct impact on Health, Social Care, Education and indirect impact other public services in Swansea.
- 3.2.1 As a result, Health and Social Care related resource is not available to support the Partnership Forum until Spring 2022.
- 3.3 Resource is available to focus on a 'Human Rights City' theme for the Partnership Forum if held in November. This would enable the Forum to feed directly into the developing Statement of Intent. Break out groups could focus on a vision for human rights city, ideas for an action plan and areas of focus, what difference the initiative should make. The Break out groups should also identify how these can be personalised, giving examples of how the actions affect the individual resident. The aim would be to encourage attendees to support and sign a Human Rights City Pledge and be an active member of the Human Rights action plan implementation group.
- 3.4 'A City for Well-being and Wildlife' is another potential focus for a January / February Event. Resource issues linked to COP 26 etc. may impact an earlier focus.
- 3.5 A further theme in January / February might be:
- 'Playing our part in the Recovery'**
This would focus on the PSB role in recovery and focus on work stream focus for next 18 months, giving participants opportunity to respond and help shape post lockdown work streams as well as support work streams on Human Rights City and City for Well-being and Wildlife focusing on what part they can play and how they can contribute.

Appendices: None