



Minutes of the **Swansea Public Services Board**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 3.00 pm

Present: A S Lewis (Chair) Presided

Leanne Ahern, Swansea Council
Marie Davies, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Laura Dunn, HM Prison & Probation Service
Abigail Harris, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Stephen Jones, South Wales Police
Allison Lowe, Swansea Council
Huwel Manley, Natural Resources Wales
Amy Richmond-Jones, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Jane Richmond, Swansea Council
Karen Stapleton, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Roger Thomas, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Mark Wade, Health & Housing Group
Ness Young, Swansea Council

Apologies for Absence

Amanda Carr, Swansea Council for Voluntary Service

18 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

19 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Swansea Public Services Board held on 10 October 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

20 Public Question Time.

There were no public questions.

21 Updates on the 8 Steps in our Public Services Board (PSB) Action Plan 2024/25.

Each of the partners provided both a written and verbal update on the 8 steps in the PSB Action Plan 2024/25:

- Transforming early years' services across Swansea.
(Karen Stapleton, SBUHB)

- Building on Swansea as a Human Rights City.
(Ness Young, Swansea Council)
- Working towards Swansea's net zero target and nature recovery.
(Jane Richmond, Swansea Council)
- Making Swansea safer, more cohesive, and prosperous
(Roger Thomas, MAWWFRS)
- Developing Swansea's integrated cultural offer
(Mark Wade, Swansea Council)
- Influencing and connecting with other governance arrangements across the Swansea Bay region
(Ness Young, Swansea Council)
- Improving data quality and accessibility across the Swansea Bay region
(Ness Young, Swansea Council)
- Developing Swansea PSB performance management arrangements
(Ness Young, Swansea Council)

Resolved that Swansea Public Services Board:

- 1) Notes the updates.

22 Swansea Public Services Board Review of Partnership Governance.

Ness Young, Swansea Council explained that the Chair had written to the chairs of other partnerships in the region, seeking their comments on a report entitled "Swansea PSB Review of Partnership Governance" that looked at how various partnerships were working together across the Swansea Bay region.

The report examined the governance of key partnerships, including the Swansea Public Services Board (PSB), Regional Partnership Board (RPB), Area Planning Board (APB), and Safer Swansea Partnership (SSP), identifying governance roles, collaboration opportunities, and areas of duplication or gaps, particularly in health, well-being, community safety, and substance misuse.

Responses were expected shortly from the RPB and the SSP, both of which were expected to be positive in principle.

Resolved that, subject to formal endorsement from each of the partners, the recommendations outlined in the report be pursued with the other partnerships in the region.

23 Walking in our Shoes. (Verbal)

Natural Resources Wales would host the next "Walking in our Shoes" event. Hywel Manley suggested that the event be scheduled for some time in May 2025 and focus

on water quality monitoring in the lab at Singleton, Swansea together with estate management.

Further details would be circulated in due course.

24 Public Services Board Annual Report 2024/25. (Verbal)

Ness Young, Swansea Council reminded partners that the Annual Report was scheduled to be drafted for 2024/2025. The report include the updates provided at today's meeting with further input from strategic leads. She proposed that an initial draft be presented to the informal PSB on 17 March and then to the next formal PSB meeting on 10 April 2025.

She asked partners to consider whether a video should be developed as per the 2023/2024 report, as well as considering ways of improving accessibility to the report.

25 Feedback letter from Scrutiny Programme Committee & Response.

A "For information" report outlining the letter from the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee to the PSB Chair following the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 19 November 2024 was presented to the PSB, together with advice on how the points raised in the letter were being addressed.

Resolved that:

- 1) Leanne Ahern send the date of the next Scrutiny Programme Committee meeting with the PSB to all the statutory partners;
- 2) Members of the Scrutiny Programme Committee be invited to future PSB events in order to promote collaborative working.

The meeting ended at 4.02 pm

Chair