

## Report of the Chair

### Scrutiny Programme Committee – 9 May 2016

#### PROGRESS REPORT – LOCAL SERVICE BOARD (LSB) SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL

<b>Purpose</b>	The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel conveners will attend the committee on a regular basis to provide a progress report, updating the committee on headlines from their Panel's work and impact.
<b>Content</b>	This report focuses on the LSB Scrutiny Performance Panel. Councillor Mary Jones, convener of the Panel, will provide the update.
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure awareness / understanding of the work of the Panel</li><li>• Consider its effectiveness and impact</li><li>• Consider any issues arising and action required</li></ul>
<b>Lead Councillor(s)</b>	Councillor Mary Jones, Convener of the LSB Scrutiny Performance Panel
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The LSB Scrutiny Performance Panel has been one of four Performance Panels that have been established by the committee. Whilst the work of Inquiry Panels leads to the production of a final report with conclusions and recommendations for cabinet based on evidence gathered on a specific issue, the work of Performance Panels represent regular monitoring of particular services.
- 1.2 Performance Panels are expected to have on-going correspondence with relevant cabinet members in order to share views and recommendations, arising from monitoring activities, about services.
- 1.3 The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panels Conveners will therefore provide a regular progress report to the committee to enable a more detailed discussion on the work of each Panel, achievements, effectiveness and impact. The committee may also need to consider any issues arising from Panel activities which may have an impact on

the overall scrutiny work programme. These regular reports ensure awareness amongst the committee as well as visibility across the council and public.

1.4 This report focuses on the LSB Scrutiny Performance Panel. Councillor Mary Jones, convener of the Panel, will provide the final progress report, as the Panel has following discussion at the April committee meeting been re-established as the Public Services Board Scrutiny Performance Panel. To focus the discussion, a short written report is attached as **Appendix 1**. This includes a summary of Panel activities, correspondence between the Panel and Cabinet Members, proposals made and impact.

1.5 The Membership of the Panel (7) has been:

- Chair / Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Programme Committee
- Convener of Service Improvement & Finance Performance Panel
- Convener of Schools Performance Panel
- Convener of Child & Family Services Performance Panel
- Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (Cherrie Bija)
- ABMU Local Health Board (Andrew Davies)
- Police & Crime Panel (Mark Brace)

## **2. Legal Implications**

2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

## **3. Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

Legal Officer: Wendy Parkin

Finance Officer: Paul Cridland