

B. Public Services Board Scrutiny Performance Panel Update

1. Remit of the Panel

The overarching purpose of the Public Services Board Scrutiny Performance Panel is to consider “*What difference is Swansea Public Services Board making for citizens?*”

2. Key Activities

The Panel has been successfully established as a multi-agency panel with a core membership of 12, including six scrutiny councillors and four invited non-executives from local partner agencies. The scrutiny councillors are the conveners of the various performance panels along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee. The invited partner non-executives are from the organisations listed in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act as statutory members and statutory invited participants, these include:

- Non-executive Board Member of ABMU – Paul Newman
- Member of the Performance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee, Mid and West Wales Fire Authority – Councillor John Warman (NPT)
- Member of the South Wales Police and Crime Panel – Councillor Paulette Smith
- Swansea Council of Voluntary Services – Cherrie Bija
- The remaining statutory members: Natural Resources Wales declined the invitation to join the Panel and the Probation Service does not have a non-executive arm from which to provide a nominee.

The Panel met for the first time in September and agreed its work plan. It has agreed to focus on the following key issues:

a) Statutory requirements

There are a number of requirements set out in the Act that the Panel will need to fulfil. These include:

- To act as a formal consultee for Assessment of Local Well-being
- To act as a formal consultee for Local Well-Being Plan
- To receive the Annual Progress report which will outline the steps taken to meet the objectives within the Well-being Plan.

b) Q&A sessions with statutory members and invited core members

The Panel will carry out Q&A sessions with the members of the Public Services Board core group, including representatives from the Council, Natural Resources Wales, ABMU Health Board, Wales and West Fire Service, SW Police, SCVS and the Board’s Welsh Government representative. These sessions will follow the established process for Cabinet Member Q&A sessions carried out by the Scrutiny Programme Committee and will focus on the contribution each individual organisation is making to the work of the Public Services Board.

c) Performance monitoring arrangements

Following on from the recommendations made by the former Local Service Board Scrutiny Panel, a key area of scrutiny will be how the Board is ensuring that it is able to effectively demonstrate the difference it is making to the citizens of Swansea. This will involve the Panel looking at the impact the Board is having on the four key priorities it has identified for 2016/17. These are:

- Domestic Abuse

- Independence of Older People
- Economic Development/City Centre
- Good Start in Life

3. Achievements / Impact

The Convener of the Panel has written to the Chair of Swansea Public Services Board (Councillor Rob Stewart) outlining its work plan and a response is expected in due course.

4. Future Work Programme

Meeting Date	Agenda items
Meeting 1 26 September 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Swansea Public Services Board/Scrutiny Process, • Future Generations Commissioner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Role of Commissioner ➢ Role of Scrutiny • Draft work plan discussion
Meeting 2 6 December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Services Board Priorities for 2016/17 Project sponsors and project co-ordinators
Meeting 3 18 January 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A Session with statutory members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Health ➢ Council • Statutory Consultation on Wellbeing Assessment
Meeting 4 15 February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A sessions with Invited Core Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ SW Police ➢ SCVS ➢ Welsh Government representative
Meeting 5 15 March 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Services Board Priorities for 2016/17 – 6 month progress update. Project sponsors and project co-ordinators • Q&A Session with statutory members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Fire Service ➢ Natural Resources Wales
Meeting 6 12 April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Wellbeing Assessment – published version • Annual Review of Panel’s work – to reflect on the year’s work, achievements, experiences, issues, ideas for future scrutiny

5. Action for the Scrutiny Programme Committee

None.