



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Poverty Reduction Policy Development Committee**

Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 18 July 2019 at 3.30 pm

Present: Councillor M Sherwood (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
D W Helliwell
D Phillips

Councillor(s)
E T Kirchner

Councillor(s)
H M Morris

Co-opted Member(s)
Andrew Davies

Officer(s)

Craig Davies
Joanne Portwood
Anthony Richards

Lawyer
Strategy and Policy Officer
Poverty and Prevention Strategy and Development
Manager
Democratic Services Officer

Samantha Woon

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C R Doyle and L R Jones

9 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

10 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Poverty Reduction Policy Development Committee held on 26 June, 2019, be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to an amendment in minute 8 (6) the invitation to Andrew Davies, former Chair of Swansea Bay University Board, be extended for either one topic only (Poverty) or for the entirety of the year. Mr Davies to determine the basis of his co-option based on his commitments.

11 Co-option of Andrew Davies.

The Chair referred to the minutes of the meeting on 26 June, 2019, in which it was agreed that Andrew Davies, former Chair of Swansea Bay University Health Board,

be co-opted to the Committee for either one specific item (Poverty) or for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

Resolved that Andrew Davies, former Chair of Swansea Bay University Health Board, be co-opted to the Committee for the entirety of the 2019/2020 Municipal Year.

12 Update on Poverty Truth Commission.

The Poverty and Prevention Officer stated that Cabinet had met on 20 June, 2019, and approved the Council's involvement in the Poverty Truth Commission.

He stated that the first meeting of task and finish group had taken place. The role of the task and finish group was to establish the Swansea Poverty Truth Commission in Swansea and to discuss issues around roles and responsibilities, officer support, etc, with the view to organising a public launch within 6-9 months. He detailed the membership of the group which included the Leader, Cabinet Member for Better Communities and representatives from the third sector.

Members' raised issues regarding: the necessity of receiving written reports in advance of the meeting in order that full consideration could be given to the topic; governance and reporting arrangements; need to ensure independence from the Council; Mr A Gravell's advice regarding best practice.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his informative presentation.

Resolved that:

1. The Democratic Services Officer circulate the report to Cabinet on 20 June, 2019;
2. The Democratic Services Officer to circulate the original Scrutiny Inquiry Report; and
3. Whilst the Swansea Poverty Truth Commission was not a topic identified for the Work Plan, Members would like to receive regular updates for information.

13 Presentation - Green Infrastructure and its Links with Health - Fran Rolfe, Natural Resources Wales.

Fran Rolfe, Natural Resources Wales, provided a presentation on the Green Infrastructure and its links with Health.

The presentation detailed:

- Explanation of Green Infrastructure.
- Nove Fronteiras Planetarias.
- Swansea Urban Challenges.
- Green Infrastructure Ecosystem Services.
- Business as usual.
- Biodiversity
- Green Principles.

- SUDS.
- Feasibility Study – Art of the Possible.
- Urban Green Space and Health.

Members' discussions included: the lack of green space within Castle Ward; the evidence to support that people recovering from ill health benefit from green spaces; the difference between a commitment versus a policy; encouraging tree planting within communities across Swansea, in particular deprived communities; the roles of other PDC's when examining Green Infrastructure; examining the role of partners in assisting the Council with the strategy.

The Chair thanked Fran Rolfe for her informative presentation.

Resolved that the report be noted.

14 Feedback from the Internal Poverty Forum.

The Chair stated that the Forum had met and refocussed in order to make the objectives 'SMART'.

15 Dates and Times of Future Meetings.

The Chair referred to previous discussions and stated that the most convenient time and day for the meeting was 3.30 on a Monday or Thursday.

Resolved that:

- 1) The next meeting take place on Monday, 30 September at 3.30.
- 2) The Democratic Services Officer liaise with the Chair regarding a schedule of dates for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

16 Work Plan 2019-2020.

The Chair stated that she would liaise with the Democratic Services Officer regarding timetabling the topics for the Municipal Year.

The meeting ended at 5.30 pm

Chair