



Minutes of the Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS

Teams

Thursday, 1 December 2022 at 3.00 pm

Present: A S Lewis (Chair) Presided

Martyn Evans, Natural Resources Wales
Daniel Jones, Police & Crime Commissioners Office
Allison Lowe, Swansea Council
Gary Mahoney, Swansea Council
Deanne Martin, HM Prison & Probation Service
Trudi Meyrick, South Wales Police
Keith Reid, Public Health, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Suzy Richards, Swansea Council
Amy Richmond-Jones, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Roger Thomas, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Mark Wade, Health & Housing Group
Ness Young, Interim Director of Corporate Services

Apologies for Absence

Maggie Berry, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Amanda Carr, Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
Sian Harrop-Griffiths, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Professor Chris Jones, Welsh Government
Martin Nicholls, Swansea Council
Karen Stapleton, Swansea Bay University Health Board
Rob Stewart, Swansea Council

31 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interest.

No declarations were made.

32 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee held on 20 October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

33 Public Question Time.

There were no public questions.

34 Early Years Maturity Maternity Matrix. (Verbal)

Gary Mahoney, Early Years Programme Co-ordinator, Swansea Council outlined the Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) maternity and early years maturity matrix which had been developed to support local areas to take a system-wide approach to improving outcomes for children and families. He explained it was a self-assessment tool to support local partners to understand the position on early childhood intervention, identify areas for improvement and work together to deliver positive change.

The request for Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee was to identify a strategic sponsor for the matrix in order to drive the work forward.

Actions:

- 1) The initial report be circulated to the Joint Committee;
- 2) Partners identify a senior strategic sponsorship lead from each organisation for the matrix;
- 3) An update be provided to the Joint Committee in due course.

35 Local Well-being Plan Update & Office of Future Generations Commissioners Advice.

Suzy Richards, Sustainable Policy Officer provided an update on progress to date in respect of the development of the Local Well-being Plan. She explained that the advice contained in the letter from the Future Generations Commissioner was extremely positive and they had been working very closely with the Future Generations Commissioners team and some of the actions had already been implemented prior to receiving the advice. A table of issues and potential responses relating to the specific actions within the letter would be developed in the next week or so.

The Committee discussed the issues highlighted and noted the many positive things contained within the draft plan. They acknowledged that the challenges identified were not unfamiliar and they noted the requirement to be more explicit about how the wellbeing assessment had led us to this point and the need to demonstrate how all the work would be integrated. They agreed it would be beneficial to meet sooner rather than later, in order to align the objectives. Suzy Richards explained that the objective leads were due to meet next week in order to respond to and deal with the issues outlined in the letter. This work would progress alongside the consultation process.

36 Swansea Public Services Board Joint Committee Ways of Working. (Discussion)

The Chair enquired whether they could improve the way the Swansea PSB worked in order to add value.

The Committee discussed previous conversations regarding merging with Neath Port Talbot PSB and the opportunity to align or join up the positive work already ongoing with other partners in order to avoid working in silo.

It was noted that Audit Wales had already identified the number of strategic partnerships in Wales which resulted in duplication and not enough sharing of best practice.

The Committee agreed that it was worth re-establishing previous conversations to enquire whether there were opportunities to work more closely together as a collective and attempt to capitalise on the good relationships and positive discussions that already existed between those involved in the operational delivery in order to focus on common outcomes.

Actions:

- 1) The Committee agreed to meet more frequently on a face to face informal basis to identify the specific issues within the wellbeing plan in order to build relationships and solutions around them;
- 2) Roger Thomas would re-commence discussions with Neath Port Talbot PSB next week;
- 3) The Chair would commence the political element discussions.

37 Engagement / Consultation. (Discussion)

Suzy Richards, Sustainable Policy Officer explained that there was a small budget available from regional funding in relation to the consultation, engagement and publication of the Well-being Plan. She enquired with the partners present whether there were any specific formats or requirements that would need to be considered in relation to its publication.

Action:

An online, fully accessible version of the Local Wellbeing Plan be produced, to include a video with audio / subtitles.

38 Performance Framework / Highlight Reports from the 4 Workstreams.

For information.

39 Future Work Programme:

For information.

The meeting ended at 4.01 pm

Chair