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POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
23rd April 2015

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Barry Thomas, Leader

SUBJECT: DRAFT One Powys Plan Update 2015

REPORT FOR: Approval

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the draft One Powys Plan (“OPP”) UPDATE 2015 for consideration and approval which is found at Appendix A.

2. Background and additional information

2.2 The One Powys Plan 2014-17 (Single Integrated Plan) was recommended by members of the Powys Local Service Board and agreed by Powys County Council on 30th April 2014. The plan outlines the priorities for multi-agency working which support and respond to clearly evidenced local needs of the community of Powys.

2.3 Whilst the integration of strategic plans makes sense, the production of a single integrated plan was a statutory requirement under the Shared Purpose; Shared Delivery guidance from Welsh Government.

2.4 Powys County Council is required to produce an annual improvement plan under statutory duties placed upon it under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, Part 1. The council took the unique decision to incorporate its improvement plan (formerly known as the Powys Change Plan) into the One Powys Plan 2014-17. This decision was made with the acknowledgement that significant change to service provision and outcomes for citizens of Powys is best achieved through working in partnership.

2.5 The unique course taken by the LSB and Powys County Council has been favourably received by both Welsh Government officials and the Wales Audit Office as ‘a step in the right direction’.

2.6 The requirement for the One Powys Plan is for a 3 - 4 year period and the next full plan is not due until 2017. However, the statutory duty for the council to produce an annual improvement plan remains in place. In its leadership role, the council has held discussions with both WG and WAO to find a balance between recognising that the OPP is a 3 year plan and the council meeting its statutory duty.

2.7 LSB, Transformation Board and council Management Team indicated their wish to apply a proportionate level of resource and effort to reviewing the OPP following the extensive work undertaken to bring together the original plan in 2014.

2.8 The council discussed the potential for producing an annual update to the OPP 2014-17 and WG and WAO have indicated their support for this approach. However, there is still a need to ensure that key requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure

2009, Part 1 are met and we are reasonably confident that the annual update 2015-16 meets these duties.

2.9 To inform the 2015 review of the One Powys Plan 2014-17, a revised Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was developed. This built on the existing JSNA that was published in 2013 and looked more closely at the impact of poverty across different areas of Powys. The findings of the revised JSNA were analysed at a partnership workshop on 7th November 2014.

2.10 The workshop helped to prioritise the issues which are considered most important to help tackle poverty in Powys. A number of actions to tackle these issues were identified and considered by programme boards, sponsors and managers. Following further cross referencing work it was clear that the issues raised were largely already being addressed by the work that is planned across each of the five programmes and no further commitments to tackle poverty were necessary at this stage.

2.11 Since publishing the One Powys Plan last year, the programmes have been further defining and planning the work that needs to be done to deliver the priorities and commitments. This has led to some changes in our plans. Some new commitments and measures of success have been added and some have been removed to help strengthen our plan and ensure it remains focussed on citizen needs.

2.12 The draft update has been considered by the following:

- 19th February 2015 - Transformation Board
- 20th February 2015 - PCC Joint Chairs and Vice Chairs Steering Group
 - Scrutiny members made 13 recommendations/challenges to improve the quality of information in the One Powys Plan update. Of the 13 recommendations, nine (69%) have resulted in appropriate changes being made to the plan. Reasons for not making changes in response to 4 of the recommendations have been provided and will be fed back to scrutiny members.
 - Scrutiny also raised a number of questions and more general comments concerning the One Powys Plan and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Responses to these questions have been collated and will be fed back as a matter of course. These comments will be valuable as part of the continued development and progress of the plan.
- 5th March 2015 – Local Service Board
- 11th March 2015 - PCC Management Team – Final Draft
- 24th March 2015 – PCC Cabinet

Where appropriate, amendments have been made to the document, agreed with the relevant programme sponsor where applicable.

3. Proposal

3.1 That County Council consider and approve the One Powys Plan Update 2015. In considering the update, County Council should ensure that the proposals align with the work being delivered through the designated OPP Programmes.

4. One Powys Plan

4.1 The purpose of this report is to present an update of the One Powys Plan 2014-17 agreed in April 2014. Further detail is outlined in the body of the report.

5. Options Considered/Available

5.1 N/A

6. Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc.

6.1 In developing the One Powys Plan we have paid attention to the Welsh Governments forthcoming Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Bill. The One Powys Plan also picks up issues in relation to our statutory requirements.

6.2 The Guiding principles in the Plan state that we are committed to treating the Welsh and English languages on a basis of equality when providing services to the public, as we contribute to the creation of a truly prosperous, inclusive and bilingual Wales.

7. Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

7.1 The One Powys Plan and the governance arrangements pick up our statutory requirements around Safeguarding and Wellbeing. In particular the Children Act 2004 and the Children and Families Measure 2010.

8. Local Member(s)

8.1 The One Powys Plan Update impacts with equal force across the whole County.

9. Other Front Line Services

9.1 N/A

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, BPU)

10.1 Finance - The Service Accountant commented: There are no budgetary implications as far as this paper is concerned.

10.2 Legal – The recommendation can be approved from a legal point of view.

11. Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc.

11.1 The LSB partners have been key stakeholders in the One Powys Plan review process and will approve the update for 2015. The following outline timetable applies to the formal sign-off of the One Powys Plan Update 2015-16:

- 5th March - LSB
- 11th March - PCC Management Team – Final Draft
- 24th March - PCC Cabinet Sign Off
- March (TBC) - PtHB Executive
- 22nd April - PtHB Board
- 29th April - PCC Full Council
- Dates for both PAVO and Dyfed Powys Police need to be confirmed and included.

12. Communications

12.1 Both Welsh Government and WAO have indicated the importance of presentation of these key documents as it gives a strong message regarding the importance and value attached to the plan and the priorities identified within. The update will need to continue the precedence set in publishing the OPP 2014-217.

- An editing process has been undertaken which involved the editing of language and grammar to ensure that the final document is truly customer friendly.
- The document will be professionally designed and prepared for publication in both electronic and hard copy formats
- The update will be published bilingually whilst large print, braille and audiotape versions will be made available upon request, in line with PCC policy.

13. Statutory Officers

13.1 Comment from the Strategic Director Resources (S151 officer): The Strategic Director Resources (S151 Officer) notes the comments made by finance.

13.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer): "I have nothing to add to the report."

14. Members' Interests

14.1 The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
That the background is noted and the OPP Update 2015-16 in Appendix A to the report is approved for publication.	To ensure that the council meets its statutory obligations as outlined in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (Part 1 and 2).

Relevant Policy (ies):	One Powys Plan 2014 - 17		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	24 th March 2015

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

- One Powys Plan 2014 – 17
- Shared Purpose Shared Delivery – Welsh Government December 2012
- Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009