

## Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee

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Meeting Venue  
**Rhayader Fire Station, East Street,  
Rhayader, Powys, LD6 5DL**

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Meeting Date  
**Thursday, 18 July 2019**

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Meeting Time  
**10.30 am**

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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### AGENDA

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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To receive apologies for absence.

<b>2.</b>	<b>ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR</b>
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To elect a Vice-Chair from the statutory membership of the Committee. (Powys County Council, Powys Teaching Health Board, Natural Resources Wales and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority)

<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.  
(Pages 5 - 10)

<b>4.</b>	<b>OUTCOME LETTER AND RESPONSE</b>
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To receive the outcome letter and response sent to the Chair of the Powys Public Service Board after the April 2019 Powys PSB Scrutiny meeting.

(Pages 11 - 14)

<b>5.</b>	<b>RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY FROM POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ON WCCIS</b>
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To receive a response from the Public Service Board on the following question posed by the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018:

**What action is proposed by the PSB to ensure that common processes are used by Powys County Council and Powys Teaching Health Board utilising the WCCIS system as an enabler to achieve the integration of health and care services?**

At the meeting of the PSB on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Chief Executive of the Powys Teaching Health Board had undertaken to provide this information which was requested for the PSB Scrutiny Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> April but had asked for this to be deferred to the following meeting.

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<b>6.</b>	<b>STEP 10 UPDATE</b>
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To receive an update of Step 10: 'to develop a strong brand to promote and attract inward investment into Powys'.

<b>7.</b>	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT</b>
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To receive an update on the Powys Service Board Annual Report.

<b>8.</b>	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS ACROSS WALES</b>
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To receive a briefing on the Public Service Board Scrutiny arrangements across Wales.

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<b>9.</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS</b>
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To consider the governance relationships between the Powys Public Service Board, the Powys Regional Partnership Board and the Powys Public Service Scrutiny Committee.

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<b>10.</b>	<b>MINUTES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD</b>
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The Powys Public Service Board have met on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The minutes of the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 have been published. The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 have not yet been published.

Agendas and minutes of all Powys Public Service Board meetings can be found at:

<https://powys.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=520>

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<b>11.</b>	<b>WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – Monitoring progress on Delivery Plans

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD  
WELLS, POWYS ON MONDAY, 29 APRIL 2019**

**PRESENT**

Neil Evans (Mid and West Wales Fire Authority) (Chair), County Councillor Jackie Charlton (Powys County Council), Angela Davies (Powys County Council), Owen James (Powys Teaching Health Board), Tony Thomas (Powys Teaching Health Board – Reserve Member) and Revd Ian Charlesworth (PAVO)

In attendance:

H Delonette (Sustainable Futures Officer), D Reynolds (Deputy Head Strategy, Performance and Transformation Programmes) and E Patterson (Scrutiny Officer).

<b>1.</b>	<b>ELECTION OF CHAIR</b>
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**RESOLVED** that Neil Evans from the Mid and West Wales Fire Authority be elected as Chair for the ensuing year.

<b>2.</b>	<b>ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR</b>
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**RESOLVED** that County Councillor Jackie Charlton be elected as Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

<b>3.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Gareth Jones (Powys County Council), Councillor Ann Webb (Brecon Beacons National Park), Ian Rowat (Brecon Beacons National Park) and Councillor Matthew Feakins (Brecon Beacons National Park).

In attendance:

H Delonette (Sustainable Futures Officer), D Reynolds (Deputy Head Strategy, Performance and Transformation Programmes) and E Patterson (Scrutiny Officer).

*What the outcome of the letter had been sent by the Chair after the last meeting had been inquired.*

All organisations had provided names of representatives and reserves. In the case of Powys Teaching Health Board an appointment process was being undertaken in respect of one of the representatives however, a reserve had been appointed and was in attendance.

It appears that the National Park are struggling to appoint representatives who can attend. An appropriate work programme may attract improved attendance and Members consider National Park members to have an important role to play in scrutiny of the Public Service Board (PSB).

It may be that there has been little to attract scrutiny as the PSB in Powys has struggled to get going. Other PSBs have made more progress and it may be beneficial to visit a more active PSB Scrutiny Committee to see what lessons can be learnt. Monmouth PSB was suggested as a potential area to visit.

**Agreed the Scrutiny Officer to investigate other scrutiny arrangements with a view to visiting an active PSB Scrutiny Committee.**

The Sustainable Development Officer advised that there was a PSB Co-ordinating meeting shortly where details of other scrutiny arrangements can be requested. Powys is in the unusual position of having a PSB and RPB (Regional Partnership Board) with the same footprint. These bodies have different roles but there is some crossover. The Powys PSB has delegated two of the Well-Being steps to the Powys RPB and therefore scrutiny arrangements for these steps need to be clarified.

**Recommended that the PSB Scrutiny Committee consider the governance arrangements of the Powys PSB and Powys RPB together with the terms of reference of the Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee.**

<b>4. MINUTES</b>
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 subject to the following amendments:

Present:

County Councillor Jackie Charlton (Powys County Council), Neil Evans (Mid and West Wales Fire Authority), Owen James (Powys Teaching Health Board), County Councillor David Jones (Powys County Council) and Tony Thomas (Powys Teaching Health Board – Reserve Member)

Change the first Para 5.8 on page 2 of the minutes to Para 5.7.

**Recommended that the Member Development Working Group be asked to provide training and support for the development of PSB scrutiny in Powys.**

*What is the position regarding the scrutiny of Step 10 which was due to come to PSB Scrutiny in January 2019?*

The Sustainable Development Officer explained that the January meeting had not happened as the Lead Officers were at a promotional event at the Senedd. Since then the Lead Officers had changed and the PSB had agreed that Step 10 would be broadly dealt with under the Mid Wales Growth Deal. The Mid Wales Growth Deal had not been in existence when the Well-Being Plan had been conceived but it was a living document which changed over time.

Members expressed several concerns regarding Step 10 and **asked that an update on this be made available to scrutiny either in a meeting, a virtual meeting or by paper.**

It was confirmed that this meeting was quorate but that the changes to the Terms of Reference discussed at the previous meeting should form part of the paper regarding Governance.

<b>5.</b>	<b>RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY FROM POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ON WCCIS</b>
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The response from the Powys Teaching Health Board to the PSB Scrutiny question on WCCIS had not been received as the Chief Executive had been on leave and a request was made that this was deferred to the next scrutiny meeting.

Members expressed concern that a response had not been received and requested that the Powys Teaching Health Board be asked for a response ahead of the next meeting of the PSB on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

<b>6.</b>	<b>VISION 2040 - DELIVERY PLANS</b>
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This item was discussed in conjunction with item 7 on the agenda

The Sustainable Development Officer presented the Delivery Plans which had been included on the last agenda of the PSB on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Delivery Plans relate to a 20 year programme and all require partnership working to an extent beyond business as usual. All the steps are interlinked but are running at a different pace. For example Steps 11 and 12 (North Powys Well-Being Programme) are further ahead than Step 8 (Develop a sustainable environmental strategy) as Step 8 required evidence to be gathered in the first instance.

As this is a 20 year programme it would not be expected that there had been much progression to the delivery stage. At present the focus is on relationship building, understanding how partnership organisations work and collaborative working.

Members made the following observations:

- PSB scrutiny need a better understanding of the process that has led to the current position
- For scrutiny to take place Step Leads will need to be invited to attend to discuss progress. It would be appropriate to invite no more than three Step Leads to a PSB Scrutiny meeting
- Two of the delivery plans have not been completed (Step 1 – Actively engage with residents, communities and key stakeholders to promote, shape and deliver our vision for 2040 and Step 5 – Develop a joint approach to community resilience by co-ordinating existing support and building the skills and capacity within communities helping them to do the things they can do for themselves). Updates were not provided for these Steps either and as the PSB meets quarterly it will be six months between updates on these Steps.
- The update for Step 8 – Develop a sustainable Environmental Strategy includes the following narrative:

Partners/stakeholders involved	The other key partner is PCC however, it has been difficult to engage with PCC on this issue so far
Where are we now	...We now need full engagement from PCC so we can start to see the gaps in PSB member activity and then engage more widely with stakeholders
Barriers	It has been difficult to engage with PCC on this issue so far
Issues for consideration by the PSB	We need to ensure full involvement by PCC

- It would be useful for PSB Scrutiny to have sight of PSB agendas and minutes for monitoring purposes

**RESOLVED that the Chair write to the Chair of the PSB expressing concern that both Delivery Plans and updates were missing from Step 10 and that there appear to be problems with the engagement of PCC in relation to Step 5 and asking what action is the PSB taking in regard to both these issues.**

<b>7. VISION 2040 - STEPS</b>
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This item was discussed under item 6 of the agenda.

<b>8. PSB ANNUAL REPORT</b>
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The Sustainable Development Officer explained that the Well-Being of Future Generations sets out a timeline for the publication of the PSB Annual Report. This was 14 months from the publication of the Well-Being Plan which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. There is no requirement that this will be a written report and the PSB has agreed to publish a series of short videos interspersed with case studies. Officers have been asked to prepare content based on the work undertaken over the last year.

The scripts will be prepared by early May, the introduction will be filmed for presentation at PSB on 6<sup>th</sup> July and the remainder of the videos will be recorded on the 6<sup>th</sup> July when all PSB members will be present. There is no requirement that the report is sent to the sovereign bodies and therefore it will be edited and published.

*Will the report be available in accessible formats?*

The report will be recorded in English or Welsh depending on the language preference of the Step Lead. The English speaking reports will be subtitled, the Welsh speaking reports will be translated. The introduction will be presented to include British sign language.

The videos will be filmed to the following arrangements:

1. Introduction, Steps 1 and 2 and Brecon Co-location project
2. Step 3
3. Step 4
4. Step 5
5. Step 6
6. Step 7
7. Step 8
8. Steps 9 and 10
9. Steps 11 and 12

**Recommended that**

- **the scrutiny arrangements be referenced in the introduction,**
- **the scripts be made available for scrutiny to have sight of prior to the next meeting of the PSB on 6<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING AND WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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The next schedules of PSB Scrutiny will be hold on the

- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

It was agreed that Members of the Committee would meet at 10.00am for a briefing with the PSB Scrutiny Committee sitting between 10.30am and 1.00pm.

It is the intention that the PSB Scrutiny Committee meets at different locations using partner organisation meeting rooms where available. Offers were made for the use of meeting rooms in Fire Stations, the Health Board and at PAVO.

The Chair advised Committee that the Sustainable Development Officer was leaving shortly. On behalf of the Committee he thanked her for all the work she had undertaken over the years with the PSB and wished her well for the future.

**Chair Neil Evans – Mid and West Wales Fire Authority**

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**POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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Dear Councillor Harris

**Powys Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The PSB Scrutiny Committee met for the second time on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 where there were two main items on the agenda. The first was to receive a response to the question put to the meeting of the Public Service Board on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019. We understand that the Public Service Board considered this question but were of the view that this should have been properly directed to the Regional Partnership Board however the Chief Executive of the Powys Teaching Health Board offered to respond to this question but it had not been possible to provide this ahead of the scrutiny meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April. We have written to the Chief Executive requesting a response ahead of your next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019. We note the comments regarding where this question should have been properly addressed and this has raised some queries regarding the governance arrangements between the PSB, RPB and ourselves and we have requested a paper on the governance arrangements for these three bodies so that we can ensure that we do not make a similar mistake in the future.

The second substantive item that the PSB Scrutiny Committee considered was receipt of the Delivery Plans and Update reports on the 12 Steps that the PSB had received at your meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019. It is noted that within the Delivery Plans two were entirely blank (Steps 1 and 5) and for these two steps there was no update report provided either. It was also noted that the Update Report on Step 8 mentions that 'the other key partner is PCC, however, it has been difficult to engage with PCC on this issue so far' going on to describe this as a barrier and asking for the PSB to consider how to ensure full involvement of PCC.

We welcome your thoughts on the issues raised in our letter and would be grateful if you could respond in writing addressing the following issues by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

1. The absence of completed delivery plans or update reports for Steps 1 and 5.
2. What the PSB considered regarding the difficulties of engaging with PCC described by Step 8.

Yours sincerely,

*Neil Evans*

**Neil Evans - Mid and West Wales Fire Authority**

**Chair Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee**

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Response to the PSB Scrutiny letter from the Strategic Policy and Performance Manager (Transformation) on behalf of County Councillor R Harris, Chair of the Public Service Board.

**Issue:** The absence of completed delivery plans or update reports for Steps 1 and 5.

**Response:**

Regarding Step 1, responsibility will be shared across all partner organisations. The PSB actively engaged with residents, communities and key stakeholders regarding the Well-being Assessment and development of the Well-being Plan and are planning to engage with Town and Community Councils on the afternoon of the next PSB meeting (September 2019).

Regarding Step 5, Stuart Bourne (PTHB) has offered to lead on this step. Bethan Ledger (Strategic Planning, Policy and Performance Manager) has offered to facilitate a discussion with Stuart Bourne (PTHB) and Carl Cooper (PAVO) to progress this.

**Issue** What the PSB considered regarding the difficulties of engaging with PCC described by Step 8.

**Response:** PCC has now identified an EMT and SLT lead across all steps. For Step 8 the EMT and SLT leads are Nigel Brinn and Gwilym Davies respectively.

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## Response to Public Service Board Scrutiny

Question:

What action is proposed by the PSB to ensure that common processes are used by Powys County Council and Powys Teaching Local Health Board utilising the WCCIS system as an enabler to achieve the integration of health and care services?

Response:

The Public Service Board considered the question and determined that it was not an area which the PSB has direct oversight of. The WCCIS as a potential enabler for integration has greater alignment into the Regional Partnership Board remit.

WCCIS is very much a system that can be an enabler to achieve the integration of Health and Social Care Services. This is currently demonstrable in the North Community Mental Health Teams (Welshpool and Newtown), where both Social Workers, Community Health Nurses and supporting staff work off the same referral for each patient. Work with both Service Leads, as well as other relevant departments in both Health and Social Care are actively taking forward this system and way of working. The plan is for the system to be rolled out to all the Community Mental Health Teams in Powys following the refinement of some issues/learning from earlier stages of implementation.

We have also agreed between Health and Social Care the information sharing access in Adults, and this is working effectively, one of the biggest benefits realised to date is the ability of being able to access information from other services. This has not yet been agreed within Childrens Services, however the matter has been escalated to the relevant Directors to help progress.

The project team are happy to continue to demonstrate the ability of WCCIS supporting integrated working between Health and Social Care. Key learning stems from the need to work differently and this will take broad commitment and leadership. The question that the Scrutiny Committee ask is key, and the project team has suggested that this be put to teams as a core prompt for improving joined up care, through common processes to truly allow WCCIS to act as an enabler to achieve the integration of Health and Social Care Services.

Strategically, a new Executive Board is being established between the health board and local authority (Digital First Board) and this will provide strategic leadership and direction in transforming services. The Board would welcome an opportunity to further share its work.

Response approved by:

Carol Shillabeer, Chair of Powys Regional Partnership Board

10 July 2019

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## **PSB Scrutiny Committee**

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

### **Scrutiny briefing: PSB scrutiny arrangements across Wales**

#### **Reason for report:**

At the last PSB Scrutiny meeting Members agreed that the Scrutiny Officer would investigate other Scrutiny arrangements with a view to visiting an active PSB Scrutiny Committee.

A desk top investigation of the information available on-line is outlined below.

#### **Joint Anglesey and Gwynedd**

No details of scrutiny arrangements online.

#### **Blaenau Gwent**

PSB Scrutiny Committee (Chairs and Vice-Chairs from all the scrutiny cttees plus and independent to make it politically balanced)

Meetings have been held on the:

- 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Minutes are published online but agendas are unavailable.

[http://democracy.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/aksblaenau\\_gwent/users/public/admin/kab71.pl?cmte=PSB](http://democracy.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/aksblaenau_gwent/users/public/admin/kab71.pl?cmte=PSB)

## **Bridgend**

Appear to be setting up a PSB Overview and Scrutiny Committee (July 18) but no Committee papers available online.

<https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s16367/2%20-%2018%2007%2012%20-%20Item%205%20-%20Nomination%20of%20Members%20to%20PSB%20Scrutiny%20Panel.pdf>

Possible had a PSB Scrutiny before but not met since mid 2017.

## **Caerphilly**

Partnership Scrutiny Committee – meets twice yearly to echo the PSB meetings.

<https://democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=495&LLL=0>

## **Cardiff**

The Council's Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee has formal responsibility for scrutinising the Cardiff Public Services Board. However, each of the other **Council scrutiny committees** can scrutinise specific Public Services Board issues falling under its terms of reference. Papers can be found [here](#)

## **Carmarthenshire**

### **The Scrutiny Committees**

#### **Policy & Resources**

This is the main overarching committee which has a key responsibility for monitoring authority-wide policy and performance issues and is the designated Scrutiny Committee for scrutinising the Carmarthenshire Public Service Board. It also monitors topics such as Finance, Council Property, Information Technology, Communications, Customer Services, Procurement and Human Resources.

<http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=170>

## **Ceredigion**

PSB Scrutiny is undertaken at the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee (held in public).

<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-committees/committees/coordinating/>

## **Conwy and Denbighshire PSB Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

A Joint Committee with appointments made but no public record of having met.  
Trained Feb 2019 – first meeting due to be May 2019.

## **Flintshire**

No details of PSB Scrutiny or PSB committee papers online.

## **Monmouthshire**

PSB Scrutiny undertaken in PSB Scrutiny Select Committee

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=260>

## **Neath Port Talbot**

No details of scrutiny arrangements online

## **Newport**

Has a Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships that also covers EAS  
(Regional Education Consortia)

<https://democracy.newport.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=447>

## **Pembrokeshire**

### **Partnerships Committee**

The role of the Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to review and scrutinise activity where the Council works in partnership or collaboratively with other agencies.

The Committee will act as the committee designated with responsibility for scrutinising the activity of the Public Services Board (PSB) as required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Committee will also scrutinise, where appropriate, where the Council works in partnership to deliver or commission services. It will also provide oversight where the Council works collaboratively with partners at a regional or national level. This is also the designated Committee for Crime and Disorder matters in accordance with section 19(1) of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

The remit and scope of the Committee in relation to PSB and other scrutiny is as follows;

## PSB

- Development and production of a local Well-being Assessment
- Development and production of a Well-being Plan
- PSB Annual Plan
- PSB activity and progress in delivering priorities
- Requiring any member or invited participant of the PSB to attend and give evidence (but only in relation to the exercise of joint functions undertaken by them as members of the PSB)

This was in place until May 2019. It is not clear online what has replaced it but it is understood that the scrutiny of the PSB will be undertaken in a Partnership Panel which will report to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee which will meet twice a year and will be held in public.

### **Joint RCT and Merthyr Tydfil (Cwm Taff PSB Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee)**

a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been established comprising elected Members of both Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councils to scrutinise Cwm Taf Public Services Board.

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/CouncillorsCommitteesandMeetings/Committees/CwmTafPublicServicesBoardJointOverviewandScrutinyCommittee.aspx>

## **Swansea**

Scrutinised by the PSB Scrutiny Board Panel.

<https://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=592&Year=0&LLL=0>

## **Torfaen**

Have a Public Services Board Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Have been meeting annually but have had 2 meetings this year to date.

<http://moderngov.torfaen.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=372>

## **Vale of Glamorgan**

The work of the board is scrutinised by the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/Council-Structure/minutes\\_agendas\\_and\\_reports/agendas/Scrutiny-CPR/Scrutiny-Corporate-Resources-and-Performance.aspx](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes_agendas_and_reports/agendas/Scrutiny-CPR/Scrutiny-Corporate-Resources-and-Performance.aspx)

## **Wrexham**

PSB Scrutiny is undertaken in the:

Customers, Performance, Resources & Governance Scrutiny Committee  
(Organisation) 13 Councillors

To ensure that we are customer focussed and innovative, soundly organised, resourced and governed, in order to deliver the best possible outcomes for the people of Wrexham. To scrutinise the activity of the Public Service Board (PSB) as required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

<http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=138>

## **Summary**

The authorities with the most similar scrutiny arrangements for PSB (in that there are dedicated PSB scrutiny arrangements) are:

- Monmouthshire
- RCT and Merthyr Tydfil (as Cwm Taff PSB Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
- Swansea
- Torfaen

## **Monmouthshire**

First met in June 2016 when they looked at Governance arrangements. Consists solely of County Councillors. Have met with the Chair of PSB, scrutinised the draft Well-being assessment, had updates on the Well-being plan and examined measuring well-being. Have quarterly meetings in the diary but have cancelled a couple for reasons unknown.

Monmouthshire broadcast some meetings:

10<sup>th</sup> October 2018:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e\\_CCVsWWNpc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_CCVsWWNpc)

9<sup>th</sup> January 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BBRtVJ954M>

Monmouthshire PSB Select Committee hold a pre-meeting.

### **Cwm Taff PSB Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

First met February 2017. Membership comprises of 10 Elected Members (5 from each authority) plus 5 Co-opted Members (Local Health Board, Community Health Council, Citizen Reps (one from each local authority) and Ambulance Service).

Have looked at the Draft Well-being Plan, interviewed the Chair of PSB and received updates on progress.

### **Swansea**

Minutes and agendas listed from August 2017. Have received briefing on Well-being Assessment, briefings on workstreams, updates on the Well-being Plan, a report on governance arrangements, a Q and A with the Future Generations Commissioner, had Q and As with Statutory bodies of PSB and monitored progress on work streams. Have had 10 meetings in diary since August 2017 and cancelled one. Membership includes 2 Co-opted Members

### **Torfaen**

First met January 2017. Have met 5 times since then. Membership entirely from Torfaen County Councillors. Have examined draft Well-Being assessment, draft Well-being Plan, Well-being Plan, Progress report and PSB Annual Report.

Torfaen webcast the Public Services Board Overview and Scrutiny Committee which can be accessed at:

<https://torfaen.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcasts>

### Recommendation

The PSB Scrutiny Committee consider the information provided and identify what further action may be required.

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## PSB Scrutiny Committee

18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Scrutiny briefing: Governance of the PSB, PRB and PSB Scrutiny Committee**

### Reason for report:

The PSB Scrutiny Committee had experienced some uncertainty regarding to whom queries should be addressed, in particular with regard to the following two matters:

1. A request at the meeting of PSB Scrutiny on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 namely 'What action is proposed by the PSB to ensure that common processes are used by Powys County Council and Powys Teaching Health Board utilising WCCIS system as an enabler to achieve the integration of health and care services'.

This was considered at the meeting of the PSB on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 with the following minute noted: *'Carol Shillabeer as the officer responsible for the roll out of WCISS in Wales offered to respond the Scrutiny questions. It was noted that the questions would have been better directed to the RPB as the PSB was not responsible for the implementation on WCCIS. HD would raise this with the Scrutiny Manager at PCC.'*

2. The governance for Steps 11 and 12 of the Well-being Plan which appear to be using a project (the North Powys Well-being Project) to deliver the Steps with the body responsible for delivering this project being the Regional Partnership Board. The minutes of the PSB meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 note: *'The ambition set out in steps 11 and 12 fits closely with the aims of the North Powys project to develop a new integrated model of care being overseen by the RPB. Further work was required to ensure the aims set out in the two steps can be properly achieved through this alignment, and that PSB members can feel assured regarding oversight and delivery. Similarly, RPB*

*members need to be in support of any changes to the objectives set out in the new model of care.'*

The PSB acknowledge the need for a clarification of the arrangements between the PSB and RPB with the following minute: *'PSB asked for the arrangements for sharing information with the RPB to be formalised with reports and minutes being shared.'*

The issues outlined above may also apply to Step 10 which it is understood is being undertaken by way of the Mid Wales Growth Deal. The Mid Wales Growth Deal is a partnership between Powys County Council and Ceredigion County Council and the inter-authority agreement has recently been signed. Scrutiny agreements are under discussion for the Mid Wales Growth Deal with current arrangements being undertaken within the two separate authorities but discussion is being held regarding the appetite for setting up joint scrutiny arrangements.

## **Legislative background**

### Public Service Board

The PSB is a statutory board established under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 which also included arrangements for the scrutiny of the PSB.

Section 35 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 states the following:

#### **35 Overview and scrutiny committee of local authority**

(1) Executive arrangements by a local authority under Part 2 of the [Local Government Act 2000 \(c. 22\)](#) must ensure that its overview and scrutiny committee has power—

(a) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the public services board for the local authority area in the exercise of its functions;

(b) to review or scrutinise the board's governance arrangements;

(c) to make reports or recommendations to the board with respect to the board's functions or governance arrangements;

(d) to consider such matters relating to the board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and to report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly;

(e) to carry out such other functions in relation to the board as are imposed on it by this Act.

(2) An overview and scrutiny committee must send a copy of any report or recommendation made under subsection (1)(c) to—

(a) the Welsh Ministers;

(b)the Commissioner;

(c)the Auditor General for Wales.

(3)An overview and scrutiny committee may, for the purpose of exercising a power mentioned in subsection (1), require one or more of the persons who may attend a meeting of the public services board (see paragraph 7 of Schedule 3), or anyone designated by such a person, to attend a meeting of the committee and provide it with explanations of such matters as it may specify.

(4)Where a local authority has more than one overview and scrutiny committee, the references in this Part to its overview and scrutiny committee are to the committee that the local authority designates for the purposes of this section.

The Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee has been set up to fulfil the scrutiny function in this regard.

The Public Service Board Terms of Reference include the following references to scrutiny:

- **MEMBERS AND INVITED PARTICIPANTS: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** - To ensure that the work of the Board is available for **scrutiny**
- **CLERK / SECRETARIAT: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** - Support the preparation of evidence for **scrutiny**
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** - The decision made by the Powys PSB, actions taken and its governance arrangements are subject to **scrutiny** by a bespoke Powys County Council **Scrutiny** Committee
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** - The **Scrutiny** Committee will scrutinise, evaluate and actively promote improvement in work carried out in line with Powys PSB priorities as identified through its Wellbeing Assessment; Well-being Plan and its Terms of Reference and not that of those individual constituent organisations represented on the Powys PSB.

### Regional Partnership Board

The RPB is a statutory board established under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (Part 9) and the Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2015.

This legislation contains no explicit reference to scrutiny arrangements for this Board.

Across Wales there are seven Regional Partnership Boards demonstrating a variable approach to transparency:

- North Wales Regional Partnership Board – minutes online
- Western Bay Regional Partnership Board – agendas and minutes online
- West Wales Regional Partnership Board – agendas and minutes online

- Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership – one agenda and set of minutes appear online from October 2018
- Cwm Taf Social Services and Wellbeing Partnership Board – agendas and minutes online
- Gwent Regional Partnership Board - one agenda and set of minutes appear online from October 2018
- Powys Regional Partnership Board – key documents and minutes appear covering the period April 2016 – April 2017 only

### Mid Wales Growth Deal

A draft Inter Authority Agreement was approved under Section 20 of the Local Government Act 2000 between Ceredigion County Council and Powys County Council by Powys Cabinet on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 which allows for the joint exercise of functions.

Joint Scrutiny arrangements for the Mid Wales Growth Deal Board, if the two authorities choose to make such formal arrangements, would be arranged under the Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013. Less formal arrangements could also be considered.

At present the Co-ordinating Committee has assigned scrutiny of the Mid Wales Growth Deal in Powys to the Economy, Regeneration, Communities and Governance Scrutiny Committee.

The Co-ordinating Committee has asked for a further paper on Governance arrangements to try to ensure that scrutiny of individual projects takes place in the most appropriate arena and is not duplicated.

### Issues

The Powys PSB appear to have delegated the implementation of Steps 11 and 12 to the Regional Partnership Board for which no scrutiny arrangements are prescribed.

The Powys PSB have acknowledged the need for a clarification of the information sharing arrangements between the PSB and RPB.

The Powys PSB appear to be using the Mid Wales Growth Deal to implement Step 10. Separate governance including scrutiny arrangements are being discussed in respect of the Mid Wales Growth Deal.

Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee are tasked with scrutinising the work of the Powys PSB but separate governance arrangements appear to be in place to a greater or lesser extent for some of the Steps.

### Recommendation

The PSB Scrutiny Committee consider the issues outlined above and identify what further action may be required.

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**MINUTES**  
**28 March 2019 at 14.00**  
**Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Offices, Brecon**

<b>1.</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
	<p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Rosemarie Harris (PCC) (In the Chair)</li> <li>• Julian Atkins (Brecon Beacons National Park Authority)</li> <li>• Stuart Bourne (PTHB)</li> <li>• Martin Cox (NRW)</li> <li>• Iwan Cray (MWWFRS)</li> <li>• Vivienne Harpwood (PTHB)</li> <li>• Kevin Jones (MWWFRS)</li> <li>• Jacqui Lovatt (Dyfed Powys Police)</li> <li>• Emma Palmer (PCC)</li> <li>• Amy Richmond-Jones (MWWFRS)</li> <li>• Carol Shillabeer (PTHB)</li> <li>• Caroline Turner (PCC)</li> <li>• Vanessa Young (PCC)</li> </ul> <p>Supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Delonnette (PCC)</li> <li>• Diane Reynolds (PCC)</li> <li>• Steve Boyd (PCC)</li> <li>• Sarah Page (PCC) for item 9</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>
	<p>The Chair welcomed Caroline Turner the new Chief Executive of Powys County Council, Vanessa Young, who had just taken up the post of Corporate Director Transformation at PCC and Iwan Cray from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Rowland Rees Evans, Alan Sherman (MWWFRS) and Carl Cooper PAVO.</p>



<b>3.</b>	<b>NORTH POWYS WELLBEING PROGRAMME (STEPS 11 &amp; 12)</b>
	<p>Carol Shillabeer gave a presentation on the North Powys Wellbeing Programme. The project would bring together health, care and schools on a multi-agency wellbeing campus in Newtown. The project was looking to test new ways of working and was about integrating rather than just co-locating services. A business case had been submitted to Welsh Government and a decision on funding was awaited.</p> <p>Further details were provided in the documentation for Steps 11 and 12.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>DIGITISATION (STEP 4)</b>
	<p>Emma Palmer and Diane Reynolds gave a presentation on Step 4, Improving the digital infrastructure for Powys. They were seeking to gauge the appetite for a joint digital strategy. PSB discussed and agreed a number of themes; supporting vulnerable people through data sharing, environmental remote sensing which Julian Atkins offered to assist on and improving the digital infrastructure.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>
	<p>The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 December 2018 as a correct record.</p> <p>It was noted that Prys Davies who had been the Welsh Government's representative on the PSB was joining NRW and it was agreed to send him a letter thanking him for his contribution to the PSB. HD was asked to establish who Welsh Government would be sending to PSB in future.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>TOWARDS 2040 DELIVERY PLANS</b>
	<p>PSB discussed whether all of the steps needed to be delivered at the same time or if efforts should be concentrated on delivering a smaller number. It was agreed that EP would programme plan the steps so they were phased without overlapping.</p> <p>The delivery plans were agreed for inclusion in the annual report.</p>



<b>7.</b>	<b>ANNUAL REPORT</b>
	<p>The annual report had to be published by 3 July. The annual report needed to focus on what had been achieved in the last 12 months and what was happening next. HD confirmed that publication could be on partner bodies websites and that it could be in a digital/video format.</p> <p>EP offered to take the lead on producing the annual report in a common format if colleagues submitted details for the steps they were leading on. PSB would look at the content at its next meeting on 6 June. It was suggested that it could be publicised alongside the launch of the Growth Deal at the Royal Welsh Show and the Future Generation Commissioner invited.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>
	<p>The PSB terms of reference were considered. It was agreed to list members by post rather than name and to amend section 19.1 to say</p> <p>“The work of the Powys PSB will have due regard to legislation including the following:”</p> <p>Subject to these amendments the PSB Terms of Reference were approved.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>BRECON JOINT SERVICES HUB</b>
	<p>Sarah Page gave a presentation on plans to develop a joint services hub in Brecon for the Council, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Ambulance Service, Brecon Mountain Rescue and Dyfed-Powys Police. The outline business case would be considered by PCC Cabinet on 21 May and the police would need to know by then what option the Council would proceed with otherwise they would have to proceed with plans for their own building. CS noted that if the Penlan site was developed it would be adjacent to, and connect well, with the War Memorial hospital site. PSB also discussed the possibility of co-locating Probation on the site and establish a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub. Sarah Page agreed to follow up on this point.</p> <p>There was agreement that the project should be overseen by the PSB.</p>



<b>10.</b>	<b>FEEDBACK</b>
	The Chair reported back on the PSB training event she had attended in Merthyr Tydfil in the morning. Carol Shillabeer and Kevin Jones reported back on the conference held in Cardiff the previous week to discuss RPB/PSB relationships.
<b>11.</b>	<b>SCRUTINY QUESTION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD</b>
	Carol Shillabeer as the officer responsible for the roll out of WCISS in Wales offered to respond the Scrutiny questions. It was noted that the questions would have been better directed to the RPB as the PSB was not responsible for the implementation on WCCIS. HD would raise this with the Scrutiny Manager at PCC.
<b>12.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
	The Chair noted that Kevin Jones was attending his final meeting of the Powys PSB and thanked him for all his support.
<b>13.</b>	<b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b>
	The dates of meetings in 2019 were noted.
<b>14.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>
	The correspondence was noted.

**County Councillor Rosemarie Harris  
Chair**