

Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Venue
**The National Park Visitor Centre,
Libanus, Brecon LD3 8ER**

Meeting Date
Thursday, 3 October 2019

Meeting Time
10.30 am

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AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES	
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	MINUTES	
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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 18th July 2019.
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3.	STEP 6 UPDATE	
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To receive an update on Step 6: 'Develop a holistic approach to skills and lifelong learning, which offers a range of formal and informal opportunities, including apprenticeships and traineeships'.

4.	SCRUTINY VIEWS ON PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT	
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To receive comments from PSB Scrutiny Members on the online Public Service Board Annual Report.
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5.	PSB SCRUTINY TRACKER	
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To receive the PSB Tracker and PSB Scrutiny observations on Step 10.

(Pages 15 - 18)

6.	MINUTES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD	
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The minutes from the meeting of the Public Service Board from 6th June 2019 have been published and are attached.

A further meeting of the Public Service Board was held on 19th September 2019. The Vice-Chair and Scrutiny Officer attended this meeting and will provide a short verbal update. The minutes of this meeting will be available in due course.

(Pages 19 - 22)

7.	WORK PROGRAMME	
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Future meetings to be held on the:

- 16th January 2020 – to include training session
- 9th April 2020
- 16th July 2020
- 15th October 2020

The venues to be confirmed.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD AT RHAYADER FIRE STATION, EAST STREET, RHAYADER, POWYS, LD6 5DL ON THURSDAY, 18 JULY 2019

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Thomas (Powys Teaching Health Board). Trish Buchan (Powys Teaching Health Board) attended in his place.

Present: Neil Evans (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service) (Chair), Angela Davies (Powys County Council), Trish Buchan (Powys Teaching Health Board), Owen James (Powys Teaching Health Board), Ann Webb (Brecon Beacons National Park), County Councillor A Williams (Powys County Council) and Ruth Parry-Wright (PAVO).

In attendance:

Nigel Brinn (Corporate Director – Economy and Environment), Bethan Ledger (Strategic Planning, Policy and Performance Manager) and Liz Patterson (Scrutiny Officer)

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Resolved that County Councillor Ange Williams be elected as Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

3. MINUTES

The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th April 2019 as a correct record.

The Scrutiny Officer was instructed to follow up on the request for Scrutiny Training.

4. OUTCOME LETTER AND RESPONSE

The correspondence between PSB Scrutiny and PSB was attached. The Strategic Planning Manager confirmed that the meeting between Stuart Bourne (Powys Teaching Health Board), Nigel Brinn (Powys County Council) and Carl Cooper (PAVO) had taken place and a paper on 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' would be taken to the next PSB meeting in September 2019. It appeared that it was the intention to use the North Powys Well-being Project and an existing PAVO project 'Social Value Forum' to progress this Step.

It appeared there was tension in using the North Powys Well-being Project to meet Step 5. This project is also being used in respect of Steps 11 and 12. It is

both wider than Step 5 in its remit and narrower than Step 5 in its geographical coverage of the county.

Discussion took place regarding what the PSB mean by the word resilience. Scrutiny partners from their different backgrounds would all have different understanding of the word which might be more specific (for example flood resilience, community fire safety etc) or more general (for example communities being resilient from a people perspective rather than physical perspective).

Agreed that Committee would await sight of the paper on Step 5 prepared by Stuart Bourne for the PSB before programming this step for further scrutiny.

5.	RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY FROM POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ON WCCIS
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PSB Scrutiny had been assigned the task of Reviewing the effectiveness of WCCIS by the Joint Chairs and Vice-Chairs Steering Group on 11th September 2018. This had been considered at the meeting of PSB Scrutiny on 20th September 2018.

The meeting on the 20th September 2019 had resulted in a question which was posed to the PSB. On the 28th March 2019 PSB considered the question and concluded:

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.

Members noted the comments that this item sat under the Regional Partnership Board and sought assurance that WCCIS was receiving appropriate scrutiny.

Recommended that the Co-ordinating Committee* note the response from the PSB that the question would have been better directed to the RPB and re-assign the responsibility for scrutiny to WCCIS to an appropriate committee.

*The Co-ordinating Committee is the successor Committee to the Joint Chairs and Vice-Chairs Steering Group.

6.	STEP 10 UPDATE
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The Corporate Director (Economy and Environment) gave a presentation on the Growing Mid Wales (copy filed with signed minutes).

Powys County Council and Ceredigion County Council are working together on Growing Mid Wales. These areas face similar challenges one of which is the

lowest GVA in Wales at £16,910 some £9,268 less than the UK, share a similar geography and either have a lengthy coastline or border with England.

This is the fourth development deal in Wales following on from the Cardiff City Region Deal, Swansea Bay City Deal and North Wales Growth Deal. There are pros and cons of going last not least that lessons can be learnt from the other City and Growth Deals which include the importance of getting the governance right. Whilst the speed of progress may appear frustrating much work has been ongoing behind the scenes to ensure that the governance is correct. It is not intended to limit ambition and the aim is to provide a series of interventions which link to objectives rather than projects which have more invested in them.

An Inter Authority Agreement has been signed and a Joint Committee set up supported by an Economic Strategy Group, Regional Learning and Skills Partnership and Partnership Forum. A series of regional sub-groups exist below the main forums which can cross over into other areas (such as the transport sub-group which covers part of south Gwynedd).

Does the transport group link to the aims of Step 3 'work with an influence others to improve our transport infrastructure, our existing transport links and develop a sustainable and integrated approach for planning and delivery'?

These link to an extent.

Transport issues are of high importance to the Powys Teaching Health Board as access to health appointments for patients can be challenging.

Opportunities exist here for co-ordination of bus funding and infrastructure improvements.

The key points for this programme are that it is over a 15 year period, unique to this area and intends to grow the foundation economy. This will need a skilled workforce and the right infrastructure. There has been engagement with the private sector as it is important that this is not too public sector orientated.

Will the education and skills programme include skills needed for all sectors including the health sector?

The education and skills programme will focus on meeting the skills gap locally.

Will the education and skills programme include school age children and offer a path locally so that young people can continue their education without having to leave the area to attend university where they tend not to return.

This is an issue and it is understood that the Mid Wales region produce proportionally more university level entrants who are not then retained.

A number of ambitions have been expressed including:

- Radio spectrum
- Food innovation
- Agriculture and grassland innovation
- Skills
- Tourism

which are supported by the following business ambitions:

- Broadening the economic base
- Strengthening the economic base

- Connecting our economy

The aim is to increase GVA by 5% as the Mid Wales region has the lowest GVA nationally. The region has a high employment rate but many of the jobs are low paid or part time.

Scrutiny Members noted the report notes a declining working population due to outmigration and a target of 23,000 skilled full-time jobs to increase the GVA. This gap affects both the working population and volunteer workforce due to changes in the pension age.

Step 10 with its focus on branding to promote and attract inward investment to Powys is not an appropriate step. The additional information contained within the Growth Deal papers show that a more ambitious step should have been agreed.

It is accepted that this is narrow definition.

The information provided is concerning as it appears there is a disconnect between the baseline for the Growth Deal and what is currently on the ground.

Welsh Government are taking an interesting stance with a focus on achieving a good foundation economy from which there will be opportunities to grow. There is space within the programme for all concepts and whilst other programmes within Wales are further ahead than the Mid Wales Growth Deal the other programmes are yet to spend any money.

If the private sector are involved there will be some realism within the programme and there are innovative firms in the region. The programme should build on these at an appropriate pace to succeed.

This is intended. For example there is a lack of available property in the north of the region but a simply property programme would not work under the Growth Deal. It is intended to link this to the infrastructure, low carbon and digital programmes. The process is iterative and it will be necessary to get support from Welsh Government and Westminster. The area would not want to be left behind whilst other regions are supported in their City and Growth deals.,

Powys is known as a county of SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) and the self employed. Is this a sufficient base from which to develop the economy as described?

It was acknowledged that Powys is a county of small businesses.

Does the programme know what skills existing employers need?

Comments relating to the connection with other steps within the PSB arena are welcomed.

What milestones and goals are defined in the intention to increase the GVA?

The PSB have a working group arranged for August which will populate the milestones for the steps.

Outcome:

- **That observations and recommendations are produced and provided to the Lead Officer in respect of Step 10**

7. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Strategic Planning, Policy and Performance Manager confirmed that 8 two minute videos had been filmed covering the various steps of the Well-being Plan as the first Annual Report of the PSB. These videos will be uploaded to the Councils Youtube site and will be shared with partners for publishing and promoting. The videos are a mix of English and Welsh language with subtitles.

The meeting viewed three videos: the overview, one covering transport and one covering skills and lifelong learning.

It had been intended to publish the Annual Report at the Royal Welsh Show but this had not been possible as the County Council was in purdah until 2nd August. It is intended to publish the videos by the end of the week.

Resolved that, on publication the Scrutiny Officer circulate the link to the Youtube videos. Committee Members view the Annual Report from the perspective of critical friend and return any comments to the Scrutiny Officer for compilation.

8. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS ACROSS WALES

The Scrutiny Officer presented a paper outlining the different scrutiny arrangements for PSB across Wales.

Scrutiny Members were asked to keep updated on the arrangements for other PSB Scrutiny Committees to identify any good practice which the Powys PSB Scrutiny may choose to use.

9. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Scrutiny Officer presented the paper on Governance Arrangements explaining that this paper had been considered at the meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee at Powys County Council which has the role of assigning scrutiny work across the Scrutiny Committees of the authority.

The Co-ordinating Committee had requested further detail and for the information to be presented schematically.

Concern was expressed that the PSB appeared to be delegating the delivery of certain Well-Being Steps to existing projects with separate governance arrangements. Whilst the challenge of delivery of such projects remains the responsibility of the PSB this delegation complicates matters in two respects

- The governance of such projects is separate from the PSB and in the case of the North Powys Well-Being Programme governance is undertaken within the Regional Partnership Board (to which there appears to be no defined scrutiny), and in the case of the Mid Wales Growth Deal it appears there is an intention to set up specific Joint Scrutiny arrangements. There is little sense in undertaking scrutiny in multiple

arenas but it is also important that all areas receive an appropriate level of scrutiny.

- By using existing projects to deliver a Well-being Step it maybe that the project is much wider than the Step in remit and potentially narrower (North Powys Well-being Programme), or wider (Mid Wales Growth Deal) than the Step geographically

The Co-ordinating Committee have been tasked to examine this issue and it is **recommended that the PSB Scrutiny Committee Chair attend the next meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee to take part in discussions which affect the remit of PSB Scrutiny.**

10. MINUTES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
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The minutes from the meeting of the PSB held on the 28th March 2019 were noted. The draft minutes from the meeting of the PSB held on the 6th June 2019 were yet to be published.

Members expressed concern that the draft minutes from the meeting on the 6th June 2019 were not available some six weeks after the meeting and **resolved to query the timeframe for publication of minutes with the PSB.**

11. WORK PROGRAMME

The date of the next meeting clashed with a meeting of the Powys Teaching Health Board and it was agreed to meet on Thursday 3rd October at 10.30am with a briefing at 10.00am.

Items for consideration to include:

- Monitoring progress on Delivery Plans
- Detailed scrutiny of Step 6

Neil Evans Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Observations on PSB Annual Report 2019

General

- The format was received positively which in some cases had been unexpected, it was felt to be progressive
- The videos are very good, clear and concise
- There was particular support for the Lead Members presenting each video clip – it was an opportunity to put a face to a name, was considered to be less corporate and, if watching all videos in one go added variety
- The different method of uploading the videos was queried (clicking the links directs to either the Powys County Council website or Youtube)
- The videos on the Powys County Council website had both subtitles and the transcript which was preferred to the Youtube site which just had subtitles
- The mix of presentations in Welsh and English was welcomed
- The ability to view the videos is limited by access to quality broadband which is not universally available across Powys
- It was difficult to navigate between the different presentations when viewing on an iPad

Specific

- Step 2 – given the long term goals a clear performance framework (a baseline, milestones and intermediate indicators and progress reports) are needed for **each step** to allow tracking
- Step 5 – is missing
- There is no reference in the Annual Report to the progress made on the Brecon Joint Services Hub (agreement that this would be overseen by the Powys Public Service Board in their minutes of 28th March 2019)
- It would be helpful to have a shared understanding and agreement by partners of language used in the report – for example what exactly is meant by ‘resilience’
- The overall narrative from the PSB should be clearer in identifying that the PSB is independent of any of the constituent organisations and is an entity itself with all key stakeholders involved in decision making and working together for the benefit of Powys as a whole.

Contents of PSB Annual Report 2019

Steps 1 and 2 (on YouTube)

Cllr R Harris – Leader of Powys County Council and Chair of PSB. As part of this Annual Report it is quite important that we explain to you how the PSB works. There are 4 statutory members - the County Council, the Health Board, Natural Resource Wales and the Fire Authority. We invite other bodies to the meetings, The Police, the BBNP, others will have a contribution to make.

Dr C Turner – Chief Executive Powys County Council – the purpose of the PSB is to bring most of the partners together across Powys to make sure that we work together to identify what the needs of the county are and that we then work together to deliver tangible projects.

M Cox – Head of Operations – Natural Resources Wales – PSBs represent a real opportunity – it provides a fantastic way to work across the public sector to ensure we aren't just working on our own agendas.

P Davies – Welsh Government – to really think about the type of Powys that we want to work towards. So not simply living in the present but how we want Powys to look in 10 and 20 years time.

Cllr Harris – we have developed the Well-being Plan which is part of the Future Generations Act. There are 12 steps each of those will be taken forward by one of the bodies involved in the PSB

Steps 1 and 2 about how the PSB works – we will be engaging with communities – we may have already consulted with you as part of our Plan Towards 2040. There will be scrutiny of everything going forward. We are developing a performance management framework which will help us and our scrutiny team and you know we are doing the correct thing. I feel that we could provide better services by working together.

Step 3

Iwan Cray, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire Service

Powys PSB Well-being Plan, Step 3 - Work with and influence others to improve our transport infrastructure, our existing transport links and develop a sustainable and integrated approach for planning and delivery.

The rural nature of Powys means that frequent travel is inevitable whether for work or leisure and being able to get around Powys and beyond, easily and safely underpins the 2040 vision. There are public routes and bus services available across the county

however, they are not as connected, convenient or safe as they could be, and people can find themselves isolated because they are no longer able to drive.

The Public Service Board Step 3 is designed to enable all partners to work together to ensure that a cohesive and long-term approach is taken to tackle issues such as road safety, improving road engineering and signage, loneliness and isolation and sustainable infrastructures.

The Public Service Board representatives on the Transportation and Sustainable Implementation Group are working in an inclusive way to understand the challenges facing young and old, together with communities and businesses, to look at how we can improve roads, and bus and train timetabling.

The group is also looking at the most suitable locations for the siting of electric charging points for those living in Powys, and those using the county as a business or holiday location. Work is progressing, and hopefully you'll be able to see the change in your communities during the next few years.

Step 4

Ness Young – Corporate Director Transformation – Powys County Council – Step 4 is about working with and influencing others to improve digital infrastructure across Powys. The way we work and live today is changing and having a big impact on daily life. The PSB is seeking to work with Government, businesses, communities and individuals to improve our access to digital infrastructure and technologies. Over last year efforts focused on developing digital connectivity with our communities and exploring the next generation of broadband internet service called Gigabit Internet. We've been working with Welsh Government also to understand the rollout. The PSB has also been supporting the development of community schemes. The Yscir Community Scheme has been completed and a number of other community schemes across the county are being considered. The PSB has also taken a key interest in the development of the Mid Wales Growth Deal recognising the opportunities that the deal could provide to us in terms of supporting digital businesses and improving the speed at which we can rollout the latest digital infrastructure across the county. We are now developing an ambitious digital transformation programme for the Council and we are working closely with PSB colleagues to ensure that together we have the digital leadership to ensure that Powys can have the digital infrastructure that it deserves

Step 5

Preparatory meetings have been held, led by Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) to determine the scope and content of this step.

PSB partners are now looking at plans to progress this step.

Step 6

Dr Caroline Turner, Chief Executive, Powys County Council

The purpose of the step six is to ensure that adequate and appropriate attention is given to lifelong learning needs and skills across the whole of Powys. And that is important in relation to ensuring that local people have the skills, training and experience for obtaining jobs locally so that they can continue to live in their communities. But it is also important in relation to employers in order to ensure adequate numbers of individuals with the appropriate experience and skills are employed locally.

One of the big events we organised this year and for the third time was the Careers Fair held in March. Hundreds of young people from across the county assembled there to converse with employers and with training providers in order to see the opportunities available to them. But we are not only considering young people we do consider people who currently work locally in Powys in order to reinforce their skills. As well as people of all ages, because learning new skills benefits an individual's wellbeing and lessens loneliness.

There are all important elements in relation to the lifelong learning and skills agenda. We have a draft strategy that needs to be completed and adopted. We also want to accomplish further work to identify what kind of gaps exist in relation to skills locally and there are opportunities here to collaborate on a Growth Framework for Mid Wales.

Thank you very much for watching this video that presents our annual report.

Step 7

Prys Davies – until April 2019 responsible for Powys PSB’s Step 7 which is around developing a carbon positive strategy with a focus on green energy production. The whole purpose of the plan is to develop a bottom up view of the type of Powys we want – a decarbonise, low carbon energy Powys by 2040 with the input of people from across the local authority area. Since establishing the step we’ve formed a group across the members of the PSB to consider how we want to develop this carbon positive strategy. Powys is in a pretty good place in terms of its carbon emissions, per head it’s probably got some of the lowest carbon emissions across Wales but there was a real recognition amongst the PSB that we need to be best in class in terms of Wales and beyond. That we really need to look at the opportunity to drive this agenda which is going to be really about the future economy that Wales is going to have. So as part of thinking about how we develop that work we decided to procure some external support which will help us work across the organisation but with the general public as well, to think about the steps that we need to take across Powys to reduce emissions. It will cover how we generate energy, how we travel, the type of food we produce and eat and how we heat our homes. All issues across how we function as a society.

Step 8

Martin Cox – Natural Resources Wales. In the Powys Well-being Plan one of the key steps is the development of a sustainable environmental strategy to work across the public sector and beyond. We have developed 5 key themes to this strategy. The first one is about connecting people with nature. When people experience the environment and they understand its importance to their well-being then they value it and support the protection of it. The second theme is about reducing our impact from pollution, waste and climate change. Our third theme is around improving our ecological and climate change resilience, both for the environment and the communities of Powys. The fourth theme focuses on the sustainable use of natural resources. In Powys our environment is crucial to our economy, and we need to be able to meet the needs of today, without compromising the needs of future generations. Our last theme is about recognising and building on all the fantastic work that’s been done. There is a lot of fantastic work going on but we need to pull together and co-ordinate all these strategies so we make the best use of resources to deliver the maximum benefits. We also need to try and identify any gaps where perhaps nobody is working and we need to do more. We also want to identify those real opportunities where we can deliver tangible, significant benefits for the environment and for people. So please support us in this work going forward, we need to protect and enhance our natural environment because it is so important to the well-being of the present and future generations of Powys.

Steps 9 and 10

Nigel Brinn – Corporate Director for Economy and Environment Powys County Council. Step 9 is to undertake market research and establish an effective

infrastructure to support active enjoyment of the environment and adventure tourism. Step 10 is to develop a strong brand to promote and attract inward investment in to Powys. Both steps have in effect been picked up by the Mid Wales Growth Deal programme which is a collaboration between ourselves, Westminster Government, Cardiff Government and our nearby partners Ceredigion County Council. We will be covering all the activities identified by the steps as part of the overall programme of works associated with the growth deal and we are now working on developing the programme into actual projects.

Steps 11 and 12

Stuart Bourne – Director of Public Health – Powys Teaching Health Board. Steps 11 and 12 are firstly to implement more effective structures and processes that enable a multi agency, community focused response to well-being, early help and support. Step 12 is develop all our organisations' capacity to improve emotional health and well-being within all our communities. A decision was made in 2018/19 to merge steps 11 and 12 with a programme that was being developed through the Regional Partnership Board. That programme is called the North Powys Well-being Programme which aims to design a new model of care with citizens from the ground up using insights and experiences of what health and care means to people today and also what people would like to see more of in the future. It also provides a focus on well-being, to keep citizens healthy, enable to participate fully in their neighbourhood and community. Finally the programme aims to tackle the big 4 causes of ill health and poor well-being in Powys, which are mental health, circulatory disease, cancer and respiratory illness. The vision for a multi agency campus has been developed, a preferred site has been agreed in principle in the centre of Newtown. This will accommodate health, social care, education, supported living and it will have key links to leisure services. And finally a transformation bid to Welsh Government has been approved to support the first phase of the programme. It is intended that this work will serve as a model for how we create the capacity to improve the emotional health and well-being of communities throughout Powys in the years to come.

Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee Tracker - Actions Outstanding

Reference (date of meeting and recommendation number)	Recommendation	Action	Outcome
20.09.18 - 03	That the use of external facilitators be investigated to support the development of the PSB Scrutiny Committee in Powys.	No budget for external facilitators	See Ref 29.04.19 - 08
29.04.19 - 07	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.	Paper provided to July 2019 meeting	Amended as per Ref 18.09.19 - 17
29.04.19 - 08	Recommended that the Member Development Working Group be asked to provide training and support for the development of PSB scrutiny in Powys.	Internal Training to be provided at a future meeting	To be arranged for 16th January 2020
18.07.19 - 13	Agreed that Committee would await sight of the paper on Step 5 prepared by Stuart Bourne for the PSB before programming this step for further scrutiny	Expected to be included in PSB Sept meeting	Was included on PSB agenda. Vice-Chair observed and will report back to PSB scrutiny then decide any further action
18.07.19 - 14	Recommended that the Co-ordinating Committee* note the response from the PSB that the question would have been better directed to the RPB and re-assign the responsibility for scrutiny to WCCIS to an appropriate committee	Email to Head of Democratic Services requesting inclusion on Co-ordinating Cttee agenda. Reminder sent 25.09.19	
18.07.19 - 15	That observations and recommendations are produced and provided to the Lead Officer in respect of Step 10	Observations shared with Chair and Vice-Chair	
18.07.19 - 16	Resolved that, on publication the Scrutiny Officer circulate the link to the Youtube videos. Committee Members view the Annual Report from the perspective of critical friend and return any comments to the Scrutiny Officer for compilation.	Link circulated and comments requested. Reminder sent	Comments collated for October PSB Scrutiny agenda
18.07.19 - 17	recommended that the PSB Scrutiny Committee Chair attend the next meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee to take part in discussions which affect the remit of PSB Scrutiny	Chair invited to attend Co-ordinating Cttee in Sept 2019	Further work was needed on this item. Chair invited to October meeting of Co-ordinating Committee
18.07.19 - 18	resolved to query the timeframe for publication of minutes with the PSB.	Queried with Clerk to PSB	Advised publication of minutes is dependent on how promptly PSB partners provide comment on draft minutes

Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee Tracker - Completed Actions

Reference (date of meeting and recommendation number)	Recommendation	Action	Outcome
20.09.18 - 01	That the interim chair write to those organisations not present at the meeting and to stress that without there being a quorate meeting the scrutiny of statutory organisations cannot happen	Interim Chair sent letter 08.10.18 January 2019 meeting cancelled. Step 10 raised in April 2019 meeting - see Ref 24.04.19 - 09	Member organisations have appointed representatives and reserves Step 10 considered in July 2019 meeting.
20.09.18 - 02	That the Committee considers Step 10 as a starting point and looks at how it is developing and what it is trying to achieve at the January 2019 meeting	Scrutiny Observations and question sent to PSB with request that response made available ahead of April 2019 meetin - see Ref 29.04.19 - 10	Response provided to July 2019 meeting
20.09.18 - 04	Question to the PSB: "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"	Included pending outcome of Ref 20.09.18 - 04	Amended as per Ref 18.09.19 - 14
20.09.18 - 05	That a further review of the implementation of WCCIS be included in the Forward Work Programme	Paper provided to July 2019 meeting	Members agreed to view a sample of webcast PSB meetings
29.04.19 - 06	The Scrutiny Officer to investigate other scrutiny arrangements with a view to visiting an active PSB Scrutiny Committee	Paper requested	Step 10 Lead attended July 2019 meeting
29.04.19 - 09	asked that an update on this (Step 10) be made available to scrutiny either in a meeting, a virtual meeting or by paper.	Further reminders for response sent	Response provided to July 2019 meeting
29.04.19 - 10	requested that the Powys Teaching Health Board be asked for a response ahead of the next meeting of the PSB on the 6th June 2019		
29.04.19 - 11	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.	Letter sent 10.06.19	Response provided to July 2019 meeting
18.07.19 - 12	Recommended in respect of the PSB Annual Report that <input type="checkbox"/> the scrutiny arrangements be referenced in the introduction, <input type="checkbox"/> the scripts be made available for scrutiny to have sight of prior to the next meeting of the PSB on 6th June		Scrutiny confirmed to be referenced in introduction.



Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Observations to the Lead Officer and Chair of Powys PSB regarding progress on Step 10:

The Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee met on the 18th July 2019 and considered the following documents:

- PSB Scrutiny Mid Wales Growth Deal
- Mid Wales Growth Deal – Ambition Workshops update

The Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee thank Nigel Brinn, Corporate Director Economy and Environment for attending scrutiny.

Scrutiny make the following observations:

Step 10 of the Powys Well-Being Plan is defined as ‘Develop a strong brand to promote and attract inward investment into Powys’. This is a narrow aim and it will be necessary to be far more ambitious than simply ‘developing a strong brand’ to promote and attract inward investment. It is understood that the Well-being Steps are effectively set, and it would not be possible to amend them without repeating the original process by which they were agreed. Therefore, scrutiny welcome the use of the Mid Wales Growth Deal as the vehicle to deliver Step 10 given that this widens the scope for economic growth considerably, however, would make the following cautionary remarks:

1. That the Mid Wales Growth Deal is not Powys specific but necessarily covers a region that extends beyond the county boundary. PSB scrutiny are interested specifically in the actions that are taken in respect of Powys and will wish to see specifically the impacts the Mid Wales Growth Deal is having on the local economy.
2. It is understood that the reason for the existence of the Public Service Board with its long term vision and partnership working is to enable steps to be taken for the benefit of the community by closer working which goes beyond what is currently taking place. The delegation of Step 10 to the Mid Wales Growth Deal whilst welcomed in the widening of the remit of Step 10 as outlined above does raise concerns that existing joint working is being utilised rather than the PSB being a lever to facilitate new joint working. This is not to say that scrutiny believe that in relation to Step 10 it would be inappropriate to use the Mid Wales Growth Deal. However, scrutiny are mindful that, if for some reason the Mid Wales Growth Deal does not proceed as expected it will be necessary for there to be alternative arrangements to achieve Step 10. Scrutiny will also be attentive to the extent that existing joint working is being used to fulfil some or any of the other Well-being Steps.

The work to date on the Mid Wales Growth Deal was noted together with the forward plan including with reference to the progress of the other City/Growth Deals in Wales.

The Mid Wales Growth Deal links to:

- Step 3 of the Well-being Plan 'Work with and influence others to improve our transport infrastructure, our existing transport links and develop a sustainable and integrated approach for planning and delivery', and
- Step 6 of the Well-being Plan 'Develop a holistic approach to skills and lifelong learning, which offers a range of formal and informal opportunities, including apprenticeships and traineeships'
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And the Mid Wales Growth Deal has a not dissimilar time frame to that which the PSB are working to:

- 15 years for the Mid Wales Growth Deal and Towards 2040 for the Well-being Plan

These links are noted and scrutiny urge that appropriate links are made between the Mid Wales Growth Deal and the work undertaken for the Powys PSB Steps to ensure that any duplication and potentially conflicting work is avoided.

Scrutiny expressed concern regarding the forecasts for a declining working age population due to outmigration and the expressed target of 23,000 skilled full-time jobs to increase GVA. There is an urgent need to progress the learning and skills proposals for both the Mid Wales Growth Deal and Step 6 of the Well-being Plan to both help retain working age people in Powys and to help raise the GVA of the region.

It is imperative that the Mid Wales Growth Deal work with the private sector to ensure a degree of realism within the programme. The role of the public sector is to enable the private sector to flourish. The proposals to support a foundation economy are welcomed without which there will be no opportunity to grow.

Recommended that:

- **The Step 10 Lead has regard to the observations outlined above**
- **That PSB Scrutiny request an update on Step 10 Spring/Summer 2020 including comments on the observations outlined above**

Membership of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee on 18th July 2019:
Neil Evans (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service) (Chair), Angela Davies (Powys County Council), Trish Buchan (Powys Teaching Health Board), Owen James (Powys Teaching Health Board), Ann Webb (Brecon Beacons National Park), County Councillor A Williams (Powys County Council) and Ruth Parry-Wright (PAVO).



**POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
MINUTES
6 June 2019 at 10.00
County Hall, Llandrindod Wells**

1.	ATTENDANCE
	<p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Rosemarie Harris (PCC) (In the Chair) • Stuart Bourne (PTHB) • Nigel Brinn (PCC) • Ifan Charles (Dyfed Powys Police) • Carl Cooper (PAVO) • Martin Cox (NRW) • Stephen Gray (BBNPA) • Vivienne Harpwood (PTHB) • Mydrian Harries (MWWFRS) • John Lloyd Jones (National Infrastructure Commission for Wales) • Emma Palmer (PCC) • Caroline Turner (PCC) <p>Supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Delonnette (PCC) • Bethan Ledger (PCC) • Steve Boyd (PCC) • Jayne Bevan (PCC) for item 4
2.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
	<p>The Chair welcomed John Lloyd Jones, the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales, Superintendent Ifan Charles representing Dyfed Powys Police and Mydrian Harries representing Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Rowland Rees Evans and Assistant Chief Fire Officer Iwan Cray (MWWFRS), Carol Shillabeer (PTHB), Chief Inspector Stuart Bell and Chief Inspector Jacqui Lovatt (Dyfed Powys Police, Alison Perry (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) and Julian Atkins (BBNPA).</p>

	The Rev. Ian Charlesworth had been appointed Chair of PAVO and would be invited to future meetings.
3.	ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATES
	<p>The annual report would take the form of a series of videos on each of the steps and the PSB had sight of the points that would be covered in the videos. PAVO advised that recent funding cuts had resulted in compulsory redundancies of roles that were leading the PSB work. Consequently, there is insufficient capacity to lead on steps within the Well Being Plan. PTHB offered to lead on Step 5 given the links with Steps 11 and 12 and it was agreed that PTHB and PCC would meet PAVO to see how best to progress it.</p> <p>The Annual report had to be published by 3 July. Step 7 may not be ready but this would not prevent the publication of the rest of the report. It did not require approval by each of the partners but should be reported to them for information and given prominent publicity.</p>
4.	DELIVERING TOWARDS 2040
	<p>PSB Reporting (Schema) This was deferred to the September meeting when Julian Atkins would be available to present.</p> <p>Carbon Positive Strategy The Welsh Government Energy Policy Team had written setting out a proposal to support the development of a carbon positive strategy sharing the costs proportionately between partners. PCC had confirmed their commitment, but a number of other partners needed to check their governance and procurement rules before committing to contributing to the costs. It was agreed that PCC would co-ordinate a collective response with partners asked to confirm their views by the end of June.</p> <p>Learning and Skills Jayne Bevan gave a presentation on PCC's approach to Learning and Skills highlighting the very successful annual careers festival and links with adult community learning and the Growing Mid Wales Partnership. The Council's Cabinet was committed to providing young people with the skills sets employers were looking for. It was suggested that links could be developed with the agencies providing training for health and with Black Mountain College and Jayne asked for details to be forwarded to her so they could be shared with young people.</p>
5.	NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION FOR WALES
	John Lloyd Jones, the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission for

	<p>Wales, outlined the role of the Commission. He explained that he and his fellow commissioners had been tasked by Welsh Government to identify Wales' future infrastructure needs for the next 5 - 30 years and to provide independent reports to inform the government's approach to building a strong, inclusive economy. The Commission was due to produce its first annual report in November. Mr Lloyd Jones identified rurality as the main issue affecting Powys from the challenge of delivering services in widely dispersed communities, to the impacts of meeting Welsh Government renewable energy targets on communities that may not directly benefit from them. He also noted that despite the issue of rurality, Powys had amongst the highest level of small business start-ups in Wales and that this was worth looking into to see what attracted them to the county.</p> <p>The Leader thanked Mr Lloyd Jones for his presentation and acknowledged the importance of infrastructure in maintaining viable and dynamic rural communities.</p>
6.	ENGAGEMENT WITH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS
	<p>PSB considered ways in which to engage with Town and Community Councils, particularly the 5 Town Councils required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act to take all reasonable steps towards meeting local objectives including the local well-being plan. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Town and Community Councils following the PSB meeting scheduled for September with PCC Taking the lead in making the arrangements.</p>
7.	MINUTES
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting held on 28th March 2019 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Publication of the Annual Report Emma Palmer agreed to discuss with the PCC Comms Team publicising the PSB Annual Report at the Royal Welsh Show and invite the Future Generations Commissioner.</p>
8.	DATES OF FUTURE PSB MEETINGS
	<p>19th September – Brecon Beacons National Park offices, Brecon 19th December – Llandrindod Fire Station</p> <p>It may be necessary to move the 19th September meeting to Llandrindod</p>

	Wells if representatives of Town and Community Councils were going to be invited.
9.	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
	<p>Items for future meetings were noted. It was agreed to focus on two steps per meeting.</p> <p>The Leader noted that it was Heather Delonnette's last meeting before she left the council. She thanked Heather for all her work on behalf of the PSB and wished her well for the future.</p>

**County Councillor Rosemarie Harris
Chair**