

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD HELD AT BY TEAMS
ON THURSDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2022**

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance:

County Councillor Rosemarie Harris (PCC) (In the Chair)

Yasmin Bell (Citizens Advice Powys)

Stuart Bourne (Director of Public Health PTHB)

Gavin Bown (NRW)

Nigel Brinn (Executive Director Economy and Environment PCC)

Councillor Kelvyn Curry (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority)

Vince Hanly (PCC)

Vivienne Harpwood (PTHB)

Chief Inspector Jacqui Lovatt (Dyfed Powys Police)

Hugh Pattrick (One Voice Wales)

Amy Richmond-Jones (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service)

Craig Thomas (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service)

Caroline Turner (Chief Executive PCC)

Ann Watkin (Welsh Government)

Supporting:

Steve Boyd (PCC)

Catherine James (PCC)

James Langridge-Thomas (PCC)

Emma Palmer (PCC)

Apologies

Carl Cooper (Chief Executive PAVO)

Assistant Chief Fire Officer Iwan Cray (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service)

Superintendent Steve Davies (Dyfed Powys Police)

Duncan Hamer (Welsh Government)

Catherine Mealing-Jones (Brecon Beacons National Park Authority)

Derrick Pugh (One Voice Wales)

Carol Shillabeer (Chief Executive PTHB)

2. PROCUREMENT: WHAT CAN WE DO TOGETHER (VINCENT HANLY)
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Vince Hanly the Professional Lead – Commercial Services for Powys County Council gave a presentation on opportunities for collaboration and joint procurement amongst public sector partners.

There was support for this approach, particularly for the savings which could accrue from public bodies sharing sites and buildings.

The Board supported the establishment of a Procurement Sub-Forum made up of key partners across participating organisations with support from agencies reporting to the PSB. Vince Hanly would set up the initial meeting.

3.	WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT (EMMA PALMER; CATHERINE JAMES)
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The Board received an update on the Well-being Assessment. The PSB Scrutiny Committee would consider it on 9th March and the PSB would be asked to approve it at a meeting on 17th March. The Assessment would be signed off by the PCC Cabinet and by full Council and it was suggested that it would be good practice for each of the partners on the PSB to seek similar approval. A workshop would be organised later in the year to consider the assessment and to assess the priorities identified. Three main priorities were emerging and it whilst it would be for the Board to determine, there was support for the number of priorities to be reduced from 12 to 3.

It was confirmed that the process to approve the Population Assessment was following a similar timeline, although that would be approved by the Regional Partnership Board.

4.	POVERTY ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE (CLLR ROSEMARIE HARRIS; EMMA PALMER)
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The Leader reported that PCC staff had raised almost £1,100 in the Foodbank Fortnight appeal. The money had been distributed to foodbanks in the county.

The Leader reminded colleagues about the Working Together to Build Stronger Communities briefing by the DWP and Powys Citizens Advice arranged for members on 4th February to which members of the PSB were also invited.

5.	WELL-BEING STEPS - QUARTER 3 2021-22 HIGHLIGHT REPORTS
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The Board received updates for the Well-being steps. The Brecon Beacons National Park Authority had given notice that they were not in a position to make progress on Step 2, the performance framework. The Board discussed how this could be progressed and agreed that the steps needed to be reset to make the workload more manageable. This would be discussed at the workshop to be arranged to consider the Well-being Assessment.

6.	PSB SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS
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The Board received the minutes of the PSB Scrutiny Committee held on 1st November 2021. The Scrutiny Committee had made a recommendation that the development of a consistent performance framework should be progressed as a matter of urgency. Emma Palmer would respond to the Scrutiny Committee explaining that the Board had decided to look again at the Steps.

In response to comments made by the Scrutiny Committee that Step 6 was largely focussed on County Council activities, further references on work with partners had been added.

7.	MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING
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The minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd November 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Board received the letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys asking for support in achieving official recognition of Mid and West Wales as a Living Wage region.

There was support in principle but also recognition that each body would be bound by national pay scales and structures. The County Council was looking at the implications of signing up to it and it was suggested that each partner should do the same.

Gavin Bown advised that Natural Resources Wales would be launching a national conversation on nature and development later in the month. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the meeting on 17 March.

The Leader noted that this would be the last meeting of the PSB that Stuart Bourne, the Director of Public Health at Powys Teaching Health Board would be attending before he left for another post. She thanked him for his contribution to the PSB and for all his work.

9. DATES OF FUTURE PSB MEETINGS
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The dates of the meetings for the rest of the year were noted.

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)