

Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Venue
By Zoom

Meeting Date
Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Meeting Time
3.00 pm

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You are welcome to speak Welsh or English in the meeting. Please inform us of which language you wish to use by noon, two working days before the meeting.

AGENDA

1.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR
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To receive nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair, and:

- i) To elect the Chair.
- ii) To elect the Vice-Chair.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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To receive declarations of interest from Members.

4.	DISCLOSURE OF PARTY WHIPS
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To receive disclosures of prohibited party whips which a Member has been given in relation to the meeting in accordance with Section 78(3) of the Local Government Measure 2011.

(NB: Members are reminded that, under Section 78, Members having been given a prohibited party whip cannot vote on a matter before the Committee.)

5.	TERMS OF REFERENCE
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To receive and consider the Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference.

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6.	GENERAL OVERVIEW OF PSB WELL-BEING PLAN
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8.	EVIDENCE AND INSIGHT
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9.	RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY
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10.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
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POWYS PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

1.1. Powys Public Service Board (Powys PSB) is a statutory board established under the Well-being of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015. The purpose of the Board is to work together to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being within Powys, by bringing together the most appropriate key decision-makers in Powys to improve public services in such a way that it is transparent and meaningful as well as accountable to local people.

1.2. The Powys PSB will contribute to the seven national well-being goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

1.3. The Powys PSB will contribute to the Well-being Goals by:

- Assessing the state of economic, social, health, environmental, and cultural well-being in their areas
- Setting local objectives that are designed to maximise their contribution within their areas to achieving those goals
- Taking of all reasonable steps by statutory members of the Board (in exercising their functions) to meet those objectives

1.4. The Powys PSB will act with due regard to the five sustainable development principles in conducting its business:

- Long Term - Looking to the long term so that we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs
- Integration - Taking an integrated approach so that public bodies look at all the well-being goals in deciding on their well-being objectives
- Collaboration - Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions
- Involvement – Involving a diversity of the population in the decisions that affect them
- Prevention - Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring

1.5. The statutory responsibilities of Powys PSB are:

- To consult on the assessment of Well-being within Powys
- To prepare and publish a local Well-being Assessment for Powys
- To consult on the Powys Well-being Plan
- To prepare and publish a local Well-being Plan for Powys
- To review or amend the local Well-being Plan and to publish an amended local Well-being Plan where required
- To consult on any amendment to the local Well-being Plan as required
- To prepare and publish an annual report that sets out the Powys PSB's progress in meeting the local objectives
- To review and report annually on progress to the public, Welsh Government, democratically elected members, and Powys PSB member organisations

1.6 The functions of the PSB Scrutiny Committee are:

- review or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken by the public services board;
- review or scrutinise the board's governance arrangements
- make reports or recommendations to the board regarding its functions or governance arrangements
- consider matters relating to the board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly
- carry out other functions in relation to the board that are imposed on it by the Act.

The PSB must consult the PSB Scrutiny Committee regarding the preparation of both the assessment of local well-being and its local well-being plan.

2. STRUCTURE

2.1 STATUTORY MEMBERS

Powys County Council	Leader Chief Executive Head of Transformation and Democratic Services
Powys Teaching Health Board	Chair Chief Executive Director of Public Health
Natural Resources Wales	Head of Operations (Mid)
Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Assistant Chief Fire Officer and Director of Operations

2.1.1. Statutory members are collectively and equally responsible for fulfilling the Powys PSB's statutory duties. Therefore, unanimous agreement of the statutory members is needed in relation to fulfilling these duties. However, statutory members will not and cannot work in isolation. Other bodies and organisations in the area have a significant contribution to make.

2.2 INVITED MEMBERS

Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations	Chair Chief Executive
Dyfed Powys OPCC	Police & Crime Commissioner
Dyfed Powys Police	Superintendent
Wales Community Rehabilitation Company	Head of Dyfed Powys Local Delivery Unit
Welsh Government	Welsh Government
Bannau Brycheiniog	Chief Executive
Department of Work and Pensions	
Ministry of Justice	

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Members of the Scrutiny Committee are to comprise of:

- Vice-Chairs of the 3 Scrutiny Committees, plus

V0.1 Terms of Reference – Powys PSB Scrutiny Committee

• 2 additional representatives from each of the Scrutiny Committees (on a politically balanced basis based on a committee of 6).

3.2 Alongside these members, there also three co-opted members of the Committee which can be drawn from any of the Partners within the PSB.

3.3. Any co-opted members cannot be:

- drawn from the “executives” of any of the organisations to ensure that there is a split of responsibilities between those who are the “executive” of the organisation and those who undertake a “scrutiny” function.
- should not include officers from those organisations.
- should not be a Powys County Council representative on those organisations.

3.4 The Committee will be supported by a Scrutiny Officer from the County Council.

3.5 The Committee can invite and / or co-opt any other persons with a particular interest / expertise to support the Committee work on an ad-hoc basis.

3.6 The Committee should develop a forward work programme for a 12-month basis. As a minimum this should include:

- To scrutinise the evidence base that underpins the Well-being assessment for Powys;
- To scrutinise the arrangements for the preparation of the Powys Well-being Plan;
- To pre-scrutinise the draft Powys Well-being Plan;
- To pre-scrutinise the Annual Report of the PSB;
- To scrutinise the arrangements for the review and amendment of the Powys Well-being Plan

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE

4.1 The Terms of Reference describe the purpose and structure of the Committee. The Terms of Reference should assist in developing a common understanding of the scope among stakeholders.

4.2 The Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Committee are:

- To provide a ‘critical friend’ challenge to the Public Service Board
- To scrutinise, evaluate and actively promote improvement in work carried out in line with Public Service Board priorities and its terms of reference and not that of those individual constituent organisations represented on the Public Service Board

- To develop and deliver a forward work programme which seeks to contribute to the performance management and governance arrangements of the Public Service Board, and its projects
- To submit reports to the Public Service Board (as appropriate) and make recommendations for consideration and adoption;

5. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

5.1 Election of Chair – The Committee will elect a Chair from the statutory membership of the Committee. Substitute Members will not be eligible for election as the Chair. The Chair will be appointed for an initial 12-month period but can be re-elected.

5.2 Election of Vice-Chair - The Committee will elect a Vice-Chair from the statutory membership of the Committee. Substitute Members will not be eligible for election as the Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair will be appointed for an initial 12-month period but can be re-elected.

5.3 It is suggested that meetings of the Committee will be held on a six-monthly cycle to mirror the cycle of the PSB. However, a degree of flexibility should be incorporated in line with the wishes of the Committee e.g. members may wish to consider issues on an ad-hoc basis.

5.4 The nature of Scrutiny work is such that ad-hoc meetings are also held to consider issues as and when appropriate. For example, the investigative work of the Committee may require the holding of interview sessions, site visits or seminars to discuss individual issues.

5.5 Notes of meetings will usually be brief, containing a summary of discussions, action points and recommendations.

5.6 Persons invited to participate by the Committee will be sent the notes of the meeting to ensure their accuracy.

5.7 The Committee may request any member of the PSB to attend a committee meeting to assist with issues under consideration.

5.8 Initially meetings of the Committee will not be held in public, but this will be kept under review as the work of the Committee develops. If meetings are held in public in future, there may be occasions when the nature of the matters being discussed mean that the Committee will need to move into a private session at which point the press and the public will be excluded from the

6. QUORUM

6.1 The quorum will be 25% of the number of members of the Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with Rule 7.20 of the Constitution.

6.2 During any meeting, if the chair declares that there is not a quorum present, then the meeting will adjourn immediately. Remaining business will be considered at a time and date fixed by the chair. If the chair does not fix a date, the remaining business will be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the PSB Scrutiny Committee.

7. REPORTS BY THE COMMITTEE

7.1 The Committee itself will prepare recommendations based on work undertaken by the Committee as a whole.

7.2 Recommendations once approved by the Committee will be submitted to the PSB for action either by means of a letter from the Chair of Scrutiny or in a formal report. Where a formal report is submitted, a copy will be sent to the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, the Auditor General for Wales and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government.

7.3 Draft recommendations will be circulated to relevant individuals for accuracy before being finalised.

7.4 The PSB will be required to consider the recommendations of the Committee and to provide a written response within 2 weeks of the next meeting of the PSB indicating whether the PSB:

- (a) accepts the recommendations and supplies an action plan; or
- (b) does not accept the recommendations with detailed justification for this decision;

7.5 The Scrutiny Committee will / may:

(a) Where an action plan has been prepared, monitor progress in implementation of the action plan and request periodic updates from the PSB, until such time as the action plan has been completed;

(b) Where recommendations have not been accepted, call representatives of the PSB to discuss

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

8.1 A full member or participant of the Powys PSB who is present at a meeting, which is to consider any matter in which he / she has an interest, either direct or indirect, must disclose that interest. Definitions of direct or indirect interests are listed in Appendix B.

8.2 A full member or participant must make the disclosure of an interest, whether direct or indirect, at the meeting preferably at the commencement of the relevant agenda item of business

8.3 A full member or participant must disclose the interest orally and will be required to leave the room prior to the discussion on the relevant agenda item / topic. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes by the Secretariat

8.4 Declarations of interests to be a standing agenda item

9 ACCOUNTABILITY

9.1 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

9.2 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

9.3 The Powys PSB is accountable to the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and must seek and act on the advice and feedback received from the Commissioner and / or their office

9. EXIT

9.4 Any participant not wishing to continue should give written notice to the Secretariat and PSB Chair. The partner should endeavour to honour any decisions taken and commitments made until a replacement is identified.

10 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

10.1 Terms of Reference are to be reviewed annually by the PSB Scrutiny Committee

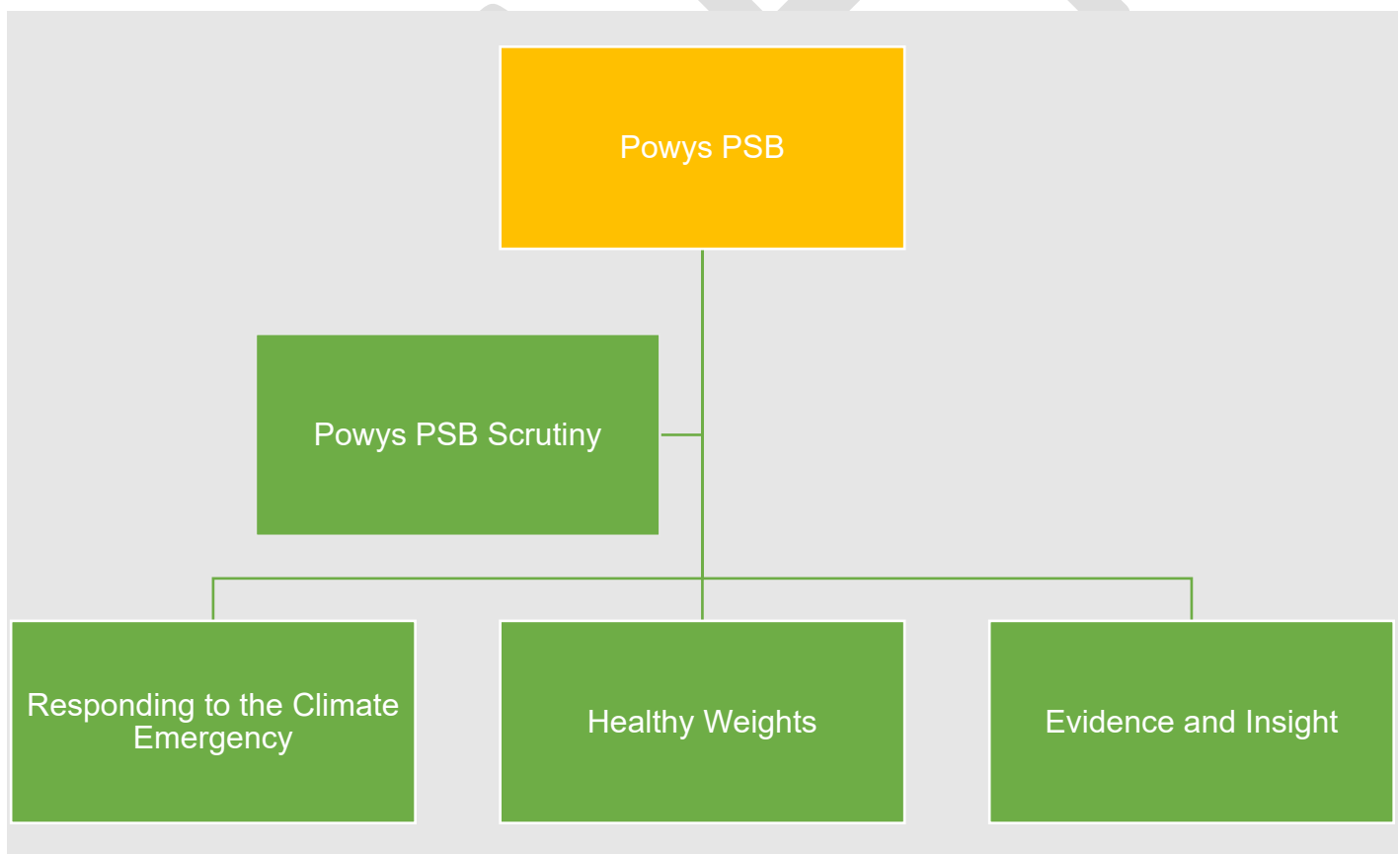
11 KEY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- Shared Purpose; Shared Future 3: Collective Role
- CIPFA International framework: good governance in the public sector
- Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards, Welsh Government

VERSION HISTORY

Version	Name	Comment
0.1	James Langridge-Thomas	Draft produced

APPENDIX A – HIGH LEVEL PSB STRUCTURE



APPENDIX B – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST DEFINITION

A. DIRECT INTEREST

A.1 A direct interest is not defined in absolute terms. A direct interest is one where a full member or alternate has been directly involved with or who has had/will have any pecuniary interest in the successful outcome of the subject/project in question. A member with direct supervisory or line management responsibility over an employee who has such an aforementioned involvement is also considered to have a direct interest.

B. INDIRECT INTEREST

B.1 An indirect interest is one where a full member or alternative is an employee or member of an organisation, company or other body, which has a direct interest (membership of a company would include owning shares in the company). This includes an individual who may be representing an organisation on the Powys PSB but is an employee or member of another organisation, which had a direct or indirect interest.

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Agenda Annex

Report Title:	Powys Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee
Lead Officer:	James Langridge-Thomas, Deputy Head of Transformation and Democratic Services

Key Issues in the report highlighted by Lead Officer

- Aim of the session will to be provide an overview of the PSB and its Well-being Plan and progress to date to use this as the basis for Scrutiny

Key Feeders (tick all that apply)

Strategic Risk	✓	Cabinet Work Plan	
Director / Head of Service Key Issue		External / Internal Inspection	
Existing Commitment / Annual Report	✓	Performance / Finance Issue	✓
Suggestion from Public		Referral from Council / Committee	
Corporate Improvement Plan		Impacting Public / other services	✓
Service Integrated Business Plan			
Suggestion from Members			
Partnerships	✓		

Scrutiny Impact (tick all that apply)

Policy Review	✓	Performance	
Informing Policy Development	✓	Evidence Gathering	✓
Risk	✓	Corporate Improvement Plan	
Service Integrated Business Plan		Partnerships	✓
Pre-Decision Scrutiny		Finance / Budget	

Other (please specify)

N/A

Suggested scrutiny activity - Committee's Role:

To review the Step update surrounding the Powys PSB Well-being Plan and ensure that the PSB is maximising its contribution to the [well-being goals and working in a way conducive to the five ways of working](#).

On what specific elements of the report would scrutiny comment add value

- Reviewing the steps delivery plans for 2023/24 and progress to date to provide assurance and scrutiny surrounding direction of travel

Example questions include:

- How likely is it that the actions identified relate to the achievement of the well-being objectives?
- How can it be evidenced that the actions identified represent the maximum agency and influence able to be committed by the PSB working collectively?
- How well are the time frames in which actions are intended to take place specified?
- Does the plan provide for opportunities to review and reflect on whether actions are resulting in desired impact, or whether a change in approach is needed?
- Who is responsible for delivering on the actions leading to the achievement of objectives?

- f. How do the actions identified in the plan link to the actions of partners that are engaged in the work of the PSB?
- g. How will the PSB be able to assess whether identified actions are resulting in measurable change in the short, medium and longer term?
- h. To what extent will user experience be used to determine the impact actions are having upon different aspects of well-being in different parts of the area?
- i. To what extent have intended actions been delivered within the timescales specified?
- j. How much progress has been made towards meeting the well-being objectives? How far have the PSB's expectations been met?
- k. What lessons has the PSB learnt as a result of progress to date? How will these lessons be incorporated into the PSBs planning cycle and how the PSB operates as a partnership?
- l. What have been the resource implications of delivering on the well-being plan?
- m. How has delivering as a collective impacted on the delivery of individual well-being objectives in accordance with the sustainable development principles?
- n. What unintended consequences have arisen from delivering against the well-being plan? What are the main factors that have impacted upon delivery?

WHOLE SYSTEM APPROACH TO HEALTHY WEIGHT IN POWYS - HIGH LEVEL DELIVERY PLAN

STEP 1: SET UP AND BUY IN						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
1	Establishing senior level support and governance structures					
1.1	Engage with PSB, RPB and sub-groups	Powys Public Health Team (PPHT)		Apr-22	Ongoing	Presented Whole System Approach to Health Weight (WSA) work to PSB, Start Well and Live Well groups. WSA to Healthy Weight has become a PSB priority area. Workstream will report to PSB on a quarterly basis.
1.2	Engage with senior level stakeholders within PCC, PAVO and PTHB.	PPHT		Apr-22	Ongoing	Number of 1.1 meetings held to introduce the WSA approach to key individuals. Individuals invited to initial WSA engagement events held in October 2022 and January 2023.
1.3	Establish local governance structures.	PPHT		Dec-23	Oct-23	The WSA workstream will report to the PSB on a quarterly basis. The WSA workstream is built into PTHB's IMTP and progress will be reported on quarterly basis.
1.4	Attend national WSA System Lead meetings and workshops organised by Public Health Wales (PHW). Continue to report into national structure and provide local updates.	PPHT		Apr-22	Ongoing	Powys Public Health Team representative attends national meeting every 2 months. Progress and shared learning are discussed. Reporting to Public Health Wales and Welsh Government is submitted quarterly (qualitative reports and financial reports)
STEP 2: DEFINING AND MAPPING THE SYSTEM						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
2	Understanding local system, identifying which partnerships and organisations to engage with					
2.1	Conduct mapping exercise to identify key individuals and organisations, strategic groups, priorities and key strategic plans in Powys.	PPHT		Jul-22	Sep-22	Mapping exercise conducted. Maps produced using KUMU software and presented at WSA engagement events in October 2022 for stakeholders to review. Following comments received, the mapping was finalised ahead of the second engagement event in January 2023.
2.2	Based on mapping, identify strengths and gaps in current system including existing and potential links to obesity prevention. This should include potential levers and opportunities as well as issues and conflicting priorities.	PPHT		Oct-22	Feb-23	Maps were presented at our engagement event in October 2022 to support the discussions at the engagement events. Stakeholders were able to examine the maps and identify potential areas of focus for the WSA in Powys.
STEP 3: Creating a System Change Narrative						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
3	Develop narrative of why obesity matters and how obesity is currently being addressed locally					
3.1	Develop a narrative of the local healthy weight system	PPHT		Jul-22	Sep-22	Local and national evidence has been collated and reviewed to inform an in-depth narrative of the current picture of overweight and obesity in Powys. The narrative was taken to our engagement events in October 2022 for stakeholders to review.
STEP 4: SYSTEM ENGAGEMENT						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
4	Engaging with key stakeholders, collectively identify priority areas					
4.1	Based on mapping exercise engage with key stakeholders to gain their support for local systems approach.	PPHT		Apr-22	Sep-22	Stakeholders identified via the mapping process were invited to attend to half day stakeholder engagement events. Collectively they represented a range of organisations from across Powys.
4.2	Organise workshop(s) in Powys to bring key stakeholders together to develop a shared understanding of task and agree initial priorities for action	PPHT		Apr-22	Sep-22	Two half day workshops, chaired by Kirsty Williams (Vice Chair of PTHB) were held in October 2022 and January 2023. Stakeholders from a range of organisations across Powys attended the events. Based on the information presented at the first event, the stakeholders present were able to identify five potential areas of focus for the WSA workstream. The local public health team produced evidence briefings for these five areas which were presented and discussed at the second event held in January. Following the discussions at the workshop, stakeholders ranked the 5 areas in order of priority. The agreed area of focus was confirmed as 'Children, Families and Access to Healthy Food'.
4.3	Develop a Padlet Board to keep stakeholders updated with progress	PPHT		Apr-22	Sep-22	A padlet board has been created and has been shared with delegates who attended the stakeholder engagement events.
STEP 5: PRIORITIES AND GOALS						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
5	Agree priority area and conduct detailed mapping					
5.1	Agree priority area.	PPHT		Oct-22	Mar-23	Based on engagement with stakeholders, and existing evidence and research, the area of focus for the WSA to Healthy Weight in Powys work has been confirmed as 'Children, Families and Access to Healthy Food'.
5.2	Identify the key partnerships, organisations and plans that are part of the chosen area.	PPHT		Mar-23	May-23	Mapping exercise conducted focusing on the area of 'Children, Families and Access to Healthy Food'. Key organisations, individuals, activities, projects and plans have been identified and mapped using Excel.
5.3	Undertake more detailed systems and asset mapping in line with priority areas.	PPHT		Mar-23	May-23	Mapping has enabled the team to identify key stakeholders to invite to engagement events in May 2023.
STEP 6: DETAILED NETWORK ANALYSIS						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
6	Understanding connections, strengths and gaps in identified priority area(s)					
6.1	Bring identified stakeholders together to review mapping	PPHT		Mar-23	May-23	Two planning sessions were held on different days and at different locations in May 2023. Stakeholders reviewed the information collated to date and began to identify areas of focus within the area of children, families and access to healthy food. Key areas identified included cooking skills, introduction to solids, breastfeeding and affordability of healthy food.
6.2	Identify connections, assets, gaps in the sub-system	PPHT		May-23	Sep-23	Based on the areas identified at the planning sessions, the local public health team have produced evidence briefings on the four focus areas to identify connections, assets, gaps and potential areas to intervene.
6.3	Produce systems map to detail connections in sub-system	PPHT		Oct-22	Sep-23	A systems map for Children, Families and Access to Healthy Food has been produced following the planning sessions in May. Further maps for infant feeding, breastfeeding, affordability of healthy food and cooking skills have also been produced.
STEP 7: ACTION PLANNING						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
7	Develop shared action plan					
7.1	Develop shared action plan to mobilise work in relation to identified priority area.	PPHT	To be completed	Sep-23	Nov-23	A Strategic Delivery Plan will be developed based on the mapping carried out in step 6. The Strategic Steering group will have oversight of this plan. The actions within this plan will be developed in partnership with stakeholders at workshops scheduled for November and December 2023.
7.2	Establish a multi-agency Strategic Steering Group to oversee WSA in Powys	PPHT	On-going	Aug-23	Oct-23	Series of workshops have been held over the last year to engage partners. An over-arching steering group meets periodically (every 2 months)
STEP 8: MOBILISE AND MANAGE						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
8	Plan, Implement, Review					
8.1	Set up regular meetings to allow stakeholders to come together to review progress against shared action plan.	PPHT		Aug-23	Oct-23	A series of workshops have been held along with individual meetings with stakeholders. Next Strategic Meeting is scheduled for January 2024. Stakeholder engagement workshops planned for November 2023 and December 2023. These workshops will inform the development of the Strategic Delivery Plan. Task and finish groups to support actions within the delivery plan to be coordinated (e.g. Healthy Start Task and Finish Group).
8.2	Develop communications plan.	PPHT	To be completed	Oct-23	Dec-23	This will be completed following the agreement of our strategic delivery plan.
STEP 9: REVIEW						
Ref	Actions	Lead	Rag Rating	Plan Start	Plan Finish	Progress
9	Plan, Implement, Review					
9.1	Agree robust evaluation method	Strategic Steering Group	To be completed	Oct-23	Dec-23	
9.2	Review progress regularly	Strategic Steering Group	On-going	Sep-23	Ongoing	
9.3	Identify where change is needed and plan for next phase of action	Strategic Steering Group	On-going	Dec-24	Ongoing	

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Powys Public Services Board

Friday 15th December 2023

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Report Name:

Step Update – Evidence and Insight

“Shaping the future by improving our understanding of what matters to the people of Powys through evidence and insight”

Author: James Langridge-Thomas, Deputy Head of Transformation and Democratic Services, Powys County Council

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide the Public Service's Board with an update of activity undertaken by this step so far, an assessment of progress, future activity related to the step and highlight areas for the Board's attention. The overall RAG status of this Step for Quarter 3 2023/24 is **GREEN**. The report identifies what has been delivered with in the quarter, what is due to be delivered, whilst providing an overview of risk, assurance, and resources.

The supporting action plan to complement this update is available in Appendix A.

What activity has been undertaken in Quarters 3 2023/24?

General

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- i. Memorandum of Understanding drafted and agreed with information compliance leads to facilitate the sharing of information
- ii. The first Scrutiny session is planned to be undertaken, including member development beforehand to ensure effective engagement with the process
- iii. Step lead attended Powys Food Partnership Strategy event to understand opportunities to align the work of the PSB to this work, and identify any opportunities for collaboration from an engagement perspective
- iv. A shared digital file and calendar solution has been devised but not all Partners are able to access. This has been escalated to ICT accordingly
- v. As part of a workshop planning the work of "Responding to the Climate Emergency" workstream, the step has supported this workstream with stakeholder analysis ahead of further engagement planning

Engagement

- i. A revised Powys engagement plan, aligning the work of the PSB and Regional Partnership Board into a singular Powys Well-being Engagement Plan is being developed

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- ii. Preparatory work continues to develop a PSB website, establishing the Partnership's identity. This is being considered jointly with the RPB as they are undertaking a similar exercise and will be framed around "Powys Well-being". Once options have been further appraised, an update will be provided to the PSB, including details of any resources required.
- iii. A bid was submitted to Welsh Government Democratic to host a Climate Conversation as part of Welsh Climate Week, and to use this as a learning base for future deliberative engagement models
- iv. Initial preparations have commenced for an event with all Town and Community Councils in February 2024 to advise around the work of the PSB and how they can get involved to help improve well-being in Powys.

Data

- i. The data officer's group have continued undertaking a gap analysis of the Well-being Information Bank and Well-being Assessment, with the intention of seeking to address these gaps a fundamental aim of their workplan.
- ii. Work has commenced to ensure that there are robust governance arrangements such as GDPR requirements and information sharing protocols that satisfies all Partners in meeting their legislative requirements. Through Information Governance leads, it has been established that a Data Protection Impact Assessment or Information Sharing Protocol is not required at this time.

What activity is planned to be undertaken in Quarter 4 2023/24?

Specific longer-term activities are contained within the action plan (appendix A); examples include:

- i. Authorisation of Memorandum of Understanding by PSB leaders
- ii. Explore commissioning an easy read version of the Well-being Plan
- iii. Holding an event with Town and Community Council's to develop their understanding of Powys Public Service's Board and the Well-being Plan, and to further develop their role in delivery of the plan
- iv. Holding a Climate Conversation event with the people of Powys

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- v. To further identify and bid for funding to support the delivery of this Step's activity
- vi. To further develop alignment of workstream with the work of other steps, *A Whole System Approach to Healthy Weight and Responding to the Climate Emergency*

What are the risks to delivery?

- i. IF additional funding is not identified to deliver the work of this step, THEN this step will not be fully resourced to be able to support the aspirations of the Public Services Board
- ii. IF data sharing agreements agreed and implemented in a timely manner THEN the data stream will be limited in its effectiveness to support the Public Service Board and it's understanding of the people of Powys
- iii. IF Partners are not engaged within the work of this step and actively contributing THEN the work of the Public Service's Board may not be as effective as possible

What assurance activity has been undertaken?

- i. <This will be updated following scrutiny>

Resources

- i. This step is currently operating with no attached funding for specific activity.
- ii. There is pending agreement from PSB surrounding the procurement of an easy read version of the well-being plan, and the distribution of the associated cost.

- iii. This step is currently resources from existing people from Partner organisations, who are participating in this workstream alongside their business-as-usual requirements. It is critical that as this workstream develops further and funding is secured, that people's capacity can be released to support this work.

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Powys PSB Board Climate Emergency Step update

Liz Hutchins, Powys PSB Climate Working Group Convenor
28 November 2023

Summary

The aim of the Powys PSB Climate Emergency step is to drive a step-change in the scale and pace of action.

We have made good progress since the last PSB Board meeting and are on track with our project to develop a Powys-wide climate action plan, including:

- Finalising the SPF Funding Agreement
- Recruitment
- Project initiation
- Methodology assessment
- Alignment with Mid-Wales
- Alignment with Wales-wide Race to Zero

The October Board meeting requested information about the work PSB members are undertaking in relation to their own operations and services. This information is summarised below.

Aims

The aim of Powys PSB's Climate Emergency Step is to drive action. The research and analysis will result in a pipeline of projects that are credible and attractive to funders. We are working to model how a PSB can align climate action with the Well-being of Future Generation Act *Globally Responsible Wales* goal, whilst maximising the well-being of people and nature. We are setting Powys on a path to:

- Decarbonise in line with our fair share of global emissions
- Draw carbon down from the atmosphere at very large scale by restoring nature
- Enable people and nature to be more resilient to the climate impacts that cannot be avoided.

Powys-wide climate action planning

SPF Funding

We have been working towards signing a Funding Agreement with the Shared Prosperity Fund for the £199,931 grant. There have been delays due to the complexity of the project and staff illnesses. We expect the agreement to be finalised imminently and before the PSB Board meeting.

We have been briefed about the terms of the grant and have incorporated the reporting requirements into our planning.

Project initiation

We had a well-attended Climate Working Group workshop on 9 November to set up the project. The discussion included:

- Aims and objectives
- Values
- Ways of working
- SWOT analysis
- Stakeholder mapping

A write-up of the session is [here](#).

Recruitment

Two roles, paid for by the SPF grant, have been advertised: Climate Policy Officer, Climate Project Coordinator.

At the time of writing shortlisting has been completed with several strong candidates on paper. Interviews are scheduled for 1 and 4 December. The posts are due to commence on 1 February.

Methodology

We have explored a wide range of methodologies available for us to draw on for the main elements of research relating to:

Decarbonisation

- The carbon footprint of Powys
- A Powys science-based (fair share) target to reach net zero

- A Decarbonisation Action Plan for Powys to reach net zero

Sequestration

- Carbon sequestration opportunities for Powys
- A Powys Sequestration Action Plan

Adaptation

- A climate risk and vulnerability assessment (for people and nature)
- A Powys Climate Resilience Action Plan (for people and nature)

The PSB Climate Working Group met with NRW colleagues to hear about a new Climate Risk Framework, and to give feedback. This is very timely and addresses exactly the PSB's needs: to assess the risk to Powys as a whole not just to public services, and to address the climate risk to nature as well as people.

We are seeking 'critical friend' advice from a range of technical experts to make sure we are aware of all the tools and support available and are using the most appropriate ones for this project.

Methodology in relation to public stakeholder engagement is still being explored in coordination with the Data and Insights Step.

Alignment with Mid Wales

The previous PSB Board considered the merits of this climate analysis and action planning being conducted at a region-wide level. This was put to Mid Wales CJC CEO Eifion Evans. The feedback was that Eifion acknowledges the importance of identifying all cross-cutting themes in time, including climate strategy. However, the CJC is currently in process of establishing principles and working practises and it is too early to include this at this stage. It is likely the CJC will consider it in future.

Powys PSB PSB Climate Working Group has been acting to ensure there is effective Mid Wales-wide communication in the interim:

- Gillian Perry, NRW, who chairs the Ceredigion PSB Climate Working Group attended the 9 November workshop.
- Gemma Delafield, who leads the Mid Wales energy strategy and Local Area Energy Planning is invited to Powys PSB Climate Working Group meetings.

Alignment with Wales-wide Race to Zero

Powys PSB Well-Being Plan says "Powys PSB will work towards joining the United Nations-backed Race to Zero. This global initiative supports public bodies and organisations to take action aligned to the Paris Agreement, and to build a fairer, more resilient future. Powys PSB's work will be shaped by the five membership criteria of Race to Zero."

- The [Partnership Council for Wales](#), which brings together Welsh Government Ministers with leaders from the 22 local authorities, met on 8 November. Race to Zero was on the agenda and Climate Minister Julie James said she supports members joining the leadership initiative. Future Generations Commissioner was represented at the meeting and Derek Walker's support for Race to Zero was expressed. He wants to see how it can be used as a framework for Public Services Boards and Corporate Joint Committees.
- The Future Generations Commission's Cymru Can strategy was published in November including a climate and nature [mission](#): 'We will challenge and advise public bodies to deliver against their climate targets and forge a pathway to a net zero public sector by 2030; to be leaders in the reduction of territorial emissions'.

Operational climate action by Powys PSB members

Powys PSB members have shared the work they are doing in relation to their own operations and services. A summary is below. The full detail is in [this](#) Excel spreadsheet.

Some next steps have been identified. It is likely that these will be picked up in the next financial year because the focus needs to be on the SPF-funded project for now.

Area of action	Work undertaken by PSB members	Next steps
Decarbonisation of operations and services	<p>All PSB members are working towards the public sector net zero by 2030 goal.</p> <p>Overall substantial progress has been made in public sector decarbonisation but the sector is not on track for 2030.</p> <p>There are sector-specific programmes supporting decarbonisation in health, police and fire and rescue, and national parks. WLGA has an active programme to support local authorities decarbonise.</p>	<p>The 9 November workshop opened a conversation about how Powys-wide climate action can assist individual PSB organisations in their operational and service-level climate action.</p> <p>There is a big net-zero skills and capacity gap in the local economy to support the transition needed.</p> <p>We will be exploring the main barriers and how collective efforts can help overcome them.</p>
Carbon sequestration (drawing down carbon from the atmosphere) of land owned by the PSB member	<p>NRW has a sequestration plan. BBNPA is working with other national parks to model sequestration opportunities in each national park including on land owned by the national park. NRW and BBNPA are undertaking significant peatland restoration.</p> <p>PCC intends to consider sequestration as part of the wider Powys Nature Partnership's Nature Recovery Action Plan.</p>	<p>We will be looking for opportunities for the public sector to act at scale in a way that can help drive the systems changes needed, for example towards sustainable food production and consumption.</p>
Adaptation and resilience in relation to unavoidable climate impacts	<p>NRW is the only organisation with a baseline understanding of risk and is close to finalising a plan. PCC and BBNPA intend to develop an action plan in the next year.</p>	
Public engagement about the climate emergency	<p>There is very uneven and as yet uncoordinated public engagement about the climate emergency across PSB members. The PSB Climate Working Group is working with colleagues leading the Data and Insight step in relation to public engagement.</p>	<p>Recommendations for joint initiatives may be brought to future PSB Board meetings.</p>
Carbon literacy training for PSB member employees	<p>There is also significant carbon literacy knowledge and skills gap within PSB member organisations.</p> <p>NRW recently worked with Cynnal Cymru on tailored carbon literacy training for their staff.</p>	<p>The PSB Climate Working Group will explore developing a carbon literacy recommendation for the PSB Board to consider.</p>