

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD HELD BY ZOOM ON  
THURSDAY, 6 JULY 2023**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor James Gibson-Watt (Leader PCC) Chair  
Mererid Bowley (Director of Public Health Powys Teaching Health Board)  
Gavin Bown (NRW)  
Carl Cooper (Chair PTHB)  
Iwan Cray (Deputy Chief Fire Officer)  
Emma Palmer (Director of Corporate Services Powys County Council)  
Wyn Richards (Scrutiny Manager Powys County Council)  
Amy Richmond-Jones (Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service)  
Clair Swales (Chief Executive PAVO)  
Hayley Thomas (Interim Chief Executive Powys Teaching Health Board)

**Supporting:**

Steve Boyd (PCC)  
Carol Davies (PCC Translator)  
Catherine James (PCC)  
James Langridge-Thomas (PCC)  
Felicity Llewelyn (PCC)

<b>1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from Jack Straw, Interim Chief Executive PCC, Dafydd Llewelyn Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, Alison Perry, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

<b>2. STEP VERBAL UPDATE - CLIMATE EMERGENCY</b>
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There was no update from Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority which was the body leading on this step. JLT reported that work had not progressed while they awaited the outcome of the Shared Prosperity Fund bid.

Gavin Bown asked if there was any opportunity to further refine the sub-groups to ensure that the right people were around the table and cross step working. Step leads were asked to review membership of their sub-groups and to report back with details of this and phasing of their action plans to the next meeting.

**ACTION**

Emma Palmer noted that the Climate Emergency was a challenge for each of the partners. She advised that Dr Alan Netherwood had been commissioned to look at what the Council would need to do to reach its target of net zero by 2030. She suggested that his report should be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

She suggested that for the next meeting expectations should be set so there was clarity on the outcomes each step was expected to achieve.

Hayley Thomas noted that while each partner would have their own plans and priorities for tackling climate change, there was value in what could be achieved in partnership, particularly high impact actions such as the charging infrastructure. She would be keen to have a deep dive at the meeting on the work that sits below each step. There was also an opportunity to share learning and information such as Dr Netherwood's report.

### 3. STEP VERBAL UPDATE - HEALTHY WEIGHTS

Mererid Bowley reported on the work of the group and she confirmed that there was good cross partner representation on the group. They were taking a whole systems approach to weight management, mapping the local picture and looking at where there could be the greatest impact. She advised that obesity prevention was very complex, long-term work and would involve multiple layers of action at legislative level and Welsh government level.

With some of the highest obesity rates for children age under 5 in Wales, children and young people, and access to healthy food was identified by partners and stakeholders as the area for focus. The following areas had been identified: breastfeeding, infant feeding, cooking skills and the cost of healthy food. Work has progressed to map the local system to understand what is going on in these key areas. This would inform an action plan to take the work forward.

### 4. STEP VERBAL UPDATE - EVIDENCE AND INSIGHT

During quarter one workshops had been held to identify some common purposes and ensure the right representation to ensure effective working. Mapping had been started to understand what engagement was needed.

The opportunity to work together and share good practice was welcomed. It would be good to have a central depository of information that everyone could draw from. It was suggested that evidence and insight should be shared with the Regional Partnership Board. Hayley Thomas, who chaired the RPB, said that she was happy to pick this up.

### 5. POWYS PSB SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There was agreement that the multi-agency nature of the PSB should be reflected in the scrutiny arrangements. It was proposed that a maximum of three co-opted members should be appointed. This would require a decision by Council in October 2023.

**RESOLVED to recommend to the Council at its meeting in October 2023 to amend the membership of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee to accommodate a maximum of three co-opted Members from other organisations**

- Those co-opted members cannot:
- be drawn from the executive of the organisation.

- be officers from the organisation.
- be Powys County Council representatives on those organisations.

<b>6.</b>	<b>YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT - FOR INFORMATION</b>
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The PSB received the annual report from Ystradgynlais Town Council for 2022/23. Emma Palmer offered to set up a meeting with the Town Council to discuss how their actions could align with the PSB objectives.

<b>7.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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None

<b>8.</b>	<b>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</b>
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The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 June 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

<b>9.</b>	<b>DATES OF FUTURE PSB MEETINGS</b>
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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am – 12.00pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 12.00pm

**County Councillor J Gibson-Watt (Chair)**