



VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING

21 June 2012
Civic Offices, Barry

Present:

Cllr Neil Moore - VoGC	Sonia Reynolds – Welsh Government
Huw Isaac - VoGC	Liane James – South Wales Police
Cerith Thomas – South Wales Police (Item 5)	Glyn Cox – Aberthaw PowerStation
Anne Wei – Cardiff and Vale UHB	John Harrison – Environment Agency
Sharon Hopkins – Cardiff and Vale UHB	Shelley Best – VoGC
Peter Greenhill – Probation Service	Helen Moses – VoGC
	Rob Thomas – VoGC (Item 8)

Apologies:

John Maitland Evans - VoGC
Rachel Connor – Vale Centre for Voluntary Services
Kay Martin - Cardiff & Vale College
Steve Hodgetts – Cardiff Airport

Note:

	Action
<p>1. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Meeting 26 April 2012</u></p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Implementation Group Meeting 10 May 2012</u></p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Learning and Skills Partnership Huw Isaac reported that Kay Martin and Lynette Jones have met to discuss revising the structure of the partnership. Developments will be reported back to the LSB.</p>	



<p>Wyn Campaign</p> <p>There is a stakeholder event planned for 4 July. Details have been circulated and Anne Wei confirmed places are still available.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins confirmed that £3million funding had been successfully secured for stage one of the campaign. Work is ongoing to complete the implementation of phase one and to finalise the bid for stage two funding. The bid for stage two will not be in excess of £6million.</p> <p>Progress will be updated at future meetings.</p>	<p>SH / AW</p>
<p><u>4. Police and Crime Commissioner Presentation – Cerith Thomas, Interim Chief Executive of South Wales Police Authority</u></p> <p>Cerith Thomas explained to the group that the Police Authorities will be abolished in November 2012 and replaced with elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) who will be in post on 22 November 2012, following the elections on 15 November.</p> <p>Cerith informed the group that there are currently two candidates standing for election for the South Wales Police area; They are Peter Morgan, and the Labour party candidate Alun Michael. The Returning Officer for the elections will be Steve Phillips who is the Chief Executive of Neath Port Talbot Council and the deadline for candidates to register is 19 October. Cerith stressed that it was very important for the Police Authority to remain neutral throughout the elections process.</p> <p>There are no additional funds to assist the Police with the transition process and the Authority are currently preparing with weekly planning meetings. From September the Police will be briefing the candidates as to what the post of Police and Crime Commissioner will entail and the agencies they will need to liaise with if elected.</p> <p>Cerith explained that the post covers both Police and crime and that the crime element includes both the criminal justice system and community safety partnerships. The Police Authority will be engaging with the 7 local authorities in the region to gather information and find out the priorities and issues in each area. These should help to inform the Police and Crime Plan that the PCC will need to produce by April 2013. The PCC will need to illustrate they have engaged with the local authorities and have taken on</p>	



board local priorities. Suggestions towards the plan are welcomed in this engagement process as it is important that plans are aligned to the integrated partnership plans. Cerith said it was equally important for the Authority and then the PCC to recognise the commonality between areas as well as the local differences. This will help with the preparation of the plan which will be submitted alongside the budget and the proposed local precept to the new PCC panel on 21 December.

Cerith explained that the panel will hold the Commissioner to account and has the power to veto the precept and chief appointments if necessary. The Home Office has only allocated £53,000 to fund each panel and to date no local authority in South Wales has offered to be the lead organisation for the panel. This has been attributed to concerns over running costs and also that the panels will be more time consuming than is being suggested. Experience in the Metropolitan Police has shown the panels may need to meet monthly.

In the first year a roll forward of current funding arrangements is expected but commissioning is expected to take a bigger role in following years. Cerith said it was understandable that people were concerned about funding streams and his advice to anyone who feels their funding may be impacted in the future was to map out their costs and the outcomes their service generates so that they have a strong evidence base.

A meeting has been scheduled between the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner when elected.

Cerith welcomed thoughts from the LSB.

Huw asked what the effects were likely to be on community safety partnerships (CSPs), which have already been affected by funding cuts. Cerith said that previous Home Office funding will come via the Commissioner and there will still be some funding from Welsh Government. Discussions are ongoing regarding how the funding will be split.

Huw Isaac asked if there could be mergers of CSPs as part of the ongoing review of community safety partnerships and Liane James confirmed this could be a possibility.



<p>Sharon Hopkins said that it was important to note the portfolio for substance misuse is now with the Health Minister not Carl Sargeant. There are also ongoing funding changes in this area and Sharon emphasised it was important to utilise needs assessments and ensure that common information and priorities are being pushed to the forefront of the agenda.</p> <p>Cerith Thomas said it was important that partners have an opportunity to influence the PCC and the Police and Crime Plan and agreed that it has to be joined up to be seen as a success. It is predicted that the PCCs may be given more responsibilities as the role matures.</p> <p>Cerith was thanked for attending the meeting.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Developing the LSB Intelligence Base</u></p> <p>Huw Isaac said this was a timely agenda item in light of Welsh Government guidance on Shared Purpose – Shared Delivery which highlights the requirement of a needs assessment for determining LSB priorities.</p> <p>LSB plans need to be based on intelligence and research. A report was circulated to the group proposing the formation of an LSB Research Group with nominations for representation to come from the partner organisations and a chair to be appointed by the group.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins thought this would help to drive the shared information agenda and agreed with the formation of the group in principle but requested a name change as the term research is used in its scientific context within health. John Harrison seconded this suggestion. It was agreed the group name would be amended.</p> <p>Sharon was also concerned that the Cardiff and Vale UHB already has a close link to Cardiff Council’s business intelligence function and that it could prove difficult for the UHB to resource two separate groups. It was suggested that a joined up approach be explored to make the most efficient use of scarce skills and capacity and recognising that much of the same type of analysis and interrogation of data was required for all areas. Liane James also raised concerns of officers attending a number of these groups.</p> <p>Sonia Reynolds said the report formed a good basis to follow the Shared Purpose - Shared Delivery guidance. Sonia raised that</p>	



<p>creating the report and a draft would come to the July meeting of the Implementation Group for approval with the final document being produced in August.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins said it was important that the report should reference baseline performance. Helen Moses said that in some instances this exercise has been valuable in flagging up to partnerships where there are issues around the ability to quantify their outcomes. It has also highlighted where there are gaps in data. Helen explained that the report is in preparation for the Welsh Government request for annual reports commencing from 2012/13 and so there is time for adjustments to be made.</p> <p>Neil Moore said in some instances the data may be the best there is available but that the intelligence group should be able to assist with finding the best data to use.</p> <p>Helen to also revisit the Unified Needs Assessment and to include some updated data where available.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>7. <u>Communities First Update</u></p> <p>Rob Thomas, Director of Development Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council gave a presentation to the group regarding the Barry Communities First Cluster Application.</p> <p>The Cluster programme is based on the most deprived 20% of Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Wales. The Barry proposal covers a population of around 15,000 residents and Rob circulated a map of the proposed cluster area and population data.</p> <p>Rob explained that the proposal was being submitted on 29 June with a start date of October 2012. There will be a transition period that runs until January 2013 to ensure a smooth change over for both staff and residents.</p> <p>The links with Regeneration are strong due to the already established Barry Regeneration Area and Housing Renewal Area. Communities First also now sits within the Development Services Directorate, which further strengthens links. Rob explained it is important to establish synergies and ensure residents in the Communities First Cluster benefit from the potential employment opportunities associated with the Barry Waterfront development.</p>	



<p>The Vale of Glamorgan Council is the lead body for the bid. There is a strong focus on the story behind the baseline and the development of an evidence base.</p> <p>Rob explained that Welsh Government have identified three themes with which the cluster bid must align: Learning Communities, Prosperous Communities and Healthy Communities. Performance indicators have been identified to sit below each of the outcomes.</p> <p>Rob said it was key to take advantage of the economies of scale created by the cluster and work with all agencies to avoid duplication. There is an opportunity to link Communities First with areas it hasn't traditionally had links with such as transport e.g. to investigate the potential for a Communities First transport initiative.</p> <p>Twelve posts have been identified and will be prioritised in the bid for Welsh Government, who are expected to ask for more detailed information on the bid following the initial submission in June.</p> <p>Liane James asked if it would enhance the bid if she could confirm additional PCSOs for the Communities First cluster area. Rob welcomed this support and said that although community safety is not one of the three main themes as specified by Welsh Government it has clear linkages. Liane James said she would like to create a cluster policing team to rotate around the cluster. Rob and Liane to liaise on this.</p> <p>Rob asked for the LSB to support the bid; updates would come to future meetings. Anne Wei asked for the links to the Community Strategy objectives to be made clear in the bid.</p> <p>The group asked what help partners could provide. Rob said that although the three themes are set, there should be scope to include some cross cutting actions.</p> <p>Huw Isaac suggested that although the Council was the lead body in respect of the bid, there could be the potential for some of the 12 posts applied for to be situated within partner organisations. Rob agreed.</p> <p>The group endorsed the bid and requested it be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	<p>LJ / RT</p> <p>SB / RT</p>
<p><u>8. Welsh Government Consultation Proposed Sustainable Development Bill</u></p>	



<p>Huw Isaac explained that the proposals for a Sustainable Development Bill put a sustainable development duty on all organisations delivering public services in Wales.</p> <p>While endorsing the principles behind the proposed Bill, the group agreed there should be caution to ensure it is not overly bureaucratic or burdensome and that wherever possible existing mechanisms are utilised.</p> <p>John Harrison said he would be attending a workshop with colleagues to discuss the Bill and would report back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>9. <u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>“Shared Purpose - Shared Delivery”</p> <p>The final WG statutory guidance has now been issued. The main focus is still on integrated strategies, rationalisation of partnerships and strategic needs assessments, and Huw Isaac said he was confident that the work of the Vale LSB is in alignment with this and moving in the right direction. Sonia Reynolds said there was an increasing focus on integration. All LSBs have to produce an integrated plan by April 2013.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins raised the issue of how closely aligned the corporate plans and budgets of partner organisations are with the Community Strategy. A discussion took place regarding of whether greater alignment could be achieved and if this is a potential piece of review work for the LSB.</p> <p>It was agreed that the 10 Priority Outcomes from the Community Strategy would be discussed at the next LSB meeting to enable partners to discuss alignment with corporate plans and budgets.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 16 August 10am – 12.00 pm, Cadoxton House, Barry</p>	

