



VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING

26 April 2012
Civic Offices, Barry

Present:

Huw Isaac - VoGC
Dai Walters – Environment Agency
Anne Wei – Cardiff and Vale UHB
Shelley Best – VoGC
Helen Moses – VoGC
Glyn Cox – Aberthaw PowerStation

John Hilton - Cardiff & Vale College
Nisha Shukla – VoGC (for item 6)
Paul James – South Wales Police
Rob Quick (for item 5)
Sonia Reynolds – Welsh
Government

Apologies:

Cllr Gordon Kemp – VoGC
John Maitland Evans - VoGC
Rachel Connor – Vale Centre for
Voluntary Services
Kay Martin - Cardiff & Vale College
Peter Treadwell – Cardiff
Metropolitan University
Peter Greenhill – Probation Service

Julia Attwell – Probation Service
Sharon Hopkins – Cardiff and Vale
UHB
John Harrison – Environment
Agency
Liane James – South Wales Police
Alex Howells – ABM UHB

Note:

Huw Isaac acted as Chair for the meeting.

	Action
<p>1. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Meeting 24 February 2012</u></p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Implementation Group Meeting 8 March 2012</u></p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Changes in membership On behalf of the LSB Huw Isaac welcomed Sonia Reynolds as the new Welsh Government representative. Sonia replaces Ed Bampton</p>	



who has now retired. Glyn Cox, Head of Regulation at Aberthaw PowerStation, was also welcomed to the LSB as a private sector representative. Julia Attwell has moved to a new role within the Probation Service and Peter Greenhill, although unable to attend this meeting, will represent the Probation Service at future LSB meetings.

Asset Management Group

The Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy enables the Council to transfer its assets over to the care of voluntary sector organisations. Penarth Pier Pavilion has been transferred to the management of a community group using this policy. Following discussions at the recent LSB Asset Management Group other partners are now investigating if they have similar policies in operation and will report back to the June meeting.

Probation

The Probation Service has a new structure to reflect the Welsh Government regional footprint of Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Paul James raised concerns over the alignment of probation services with Cardiff as the BCU is Vale and Bridgend. This potentially causes difficulties with the planning and management of services. Paul confirmed that the co-location of probation staff at Barry Police Station will still go ahead and that the Police will continue to work with probation in a positive way. The group reiterated concerns that the footprint would constrain local collaboration options generally

Alcohol Strategy

The Implementation Group requested that the Safer Vale Alcohol Strategy presented at the meeting on 8 March should be re-badged as a Vale Local Service Board Alcohol Strategy as it is a cross-cutting issue that impacts on all the partnerships and would benefit from the raised profile of being an LSB strategy. Helen Moses confirmed that the strategy has been discussed at the recent Public Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

WASPI

Shelley Best confirmed that responses have been received from Cardiff and Vale UHB and South Wales Police and a response was expected from South Wales Fire and Rescue shortly.

Paul James said that South Wales Police were committed to achieving the WASPI standard and that it was a very important



<p>enabler to partnerships who were not previously sharing information. Paul thought it important to strike a balance between having protocols but not making information sharing too difficult so that partnerships stop doing it.</p> <p>LSB Development Grant 2012/15 Helen Moses advised that she had received verbal confirmation that the Vale LSB bid met with the grant criteria and that the grant would be awarded for 2012/15. Helen Moses and Huw Isaac are due to meet with Welsh Government officers shortly to discuss how the grant funding will be used.</p>	<p>HM / HI</p>
<p>4. <u>Performance Management Report – Sustainability</u></p> <p>Helen Moses presented the sustainability report which is one of the four priority outcomes in the Community Strategy for which the LSB takes the lead.</p> <p>Out of the 8 actions, 6 are on track and 2 have slipped.</p> <p>Helen gave an overview of some of the main achievements to date which include the good progress that has been made on Prosiect Gwyrdd. The LSB Asset Management Group has been working on sharing information on carbon reduction and a uniform method of data collection for all partners. The LSB has set a target of 3% annual reduction in carbon emissions and a progress report will be produced later this year when all the data is available.</p> <p>Good progress has also been made on transport improvements with the development of a park and ride facility at Barry Docks train station and an intergenerational event themed around sustainability is being considered for later in 2012.</p> <p>There will be an update on the LDP at a future meeting of the LSB when the consultation responses have been considered. The group discussed how they could raise awareness about sustainability and it was agreed that the Local Service Forum event would be a good opportunity for this. Anne Wei asked if any awareness raising could be undertaken as part of the Eisteddfod. Rob Quick will speak to Rob Thomas, Chair of the Council’s Eisteddfod group, to discuss. Glyn Cox also suggested that it may be possible to link in to their Climate Cops programme which is targeted at local schools. Helen and Glyn to meet to discuss.</p>	<p>RQ</p> <p>HM</p>



<p>Any further suggestions were welcome and could be sent to Helen Moses.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Performance Management Report – Regeneration</u></p> <p>Rob Quick explained that there were two Priority Outcomes within the Community Strategy for which Regeneration took the lead.</p> <p>Priority Outcome 7 focuses on the underlying causes of deprivation and is concerned with improving opportunities for businesses and the built environment without causing harm or detriment to the environment. Priority Outcome 8 focuses on maximising the potential of the Vale’s location in the region to attract businesses, visitors and investment. Rob reported that overall progress on both outcomes has been very positive with 95% of actions completed or on track.</p> <p>Rural Developments</p> <p>Major achievements included significant work in the rural Vale with Creative Rural Communities investing £4million of grant money to grow local businesses and enable residents to gain skills for employment. There have also been major developments and opportunities for employment and the partnership have successfully worked to target housing developments and secure employment opportunities for local young people. Rob informed the group that there is now a planning requirement to provide training facilities for young people. Another success has been securing high speed broadband for the area.</p> <p>Business and Employment</p> <p>An Enterprise Zone has been established at St Athan. This zone will incorporate the airport and create opportunities for both the Vale and the wider region. There is also an employment proposal adjacent to Cardiff Airport which could potentially be a big employment opportunity for the area.</p> <p>Rob informed the group that Community Wellbeing Coaches had been appointed to work in the Communities First areas to help families lead healthier lifestyles. These coaches are being funded by the Barry Regeneration grant.</p> <p>Green Lung</p> <p>The all Wales coastal path will be formally launched next week and Wales will be one of the first countries in Europe with a complete</p>	



<p>coastal path. The Vale section runs from Cardiff Bay to Ogmore.</p> <p>Dyffryn House Rob confirmed that the National Trust will be taking responsibility of Dyffryn House during the summer of 2012. The National Trust has been keen to acquire more properties in Wales. The Council has already invested £600,000 into the restoration of the house which has been part Lottery Funding and part CADW funding and are pleased to hand over responsibility to an organisation which has the expertise to continue the restoration of the property. The plan will be to restore the ground floor for public access and events including weddings and functions. Following this the upper floors will be restored with the view to being converted to office space.</p> <p>Penarth Pier Pavilion Rob explained that the management of Penarth Pier Pavilion has been transferred to a community group using the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy. The group will lease the Pavilion from the Council and the Council will retain responsibility for the Pier itself.</p> <p>Of those actions which have slipped Rob informed the group that there were no real issues and that they were expected to be back on track shortly.</p> <p>If anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the report in further detail they can contact Rob Quick.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Performance Management Report – Learning and Skills</u></p> <p>Nisha Shukla, Learning and Skills Partnership Officer, explained to the group that out of the 35 actions the Learning and Skills Partnership leads on, 28 were on track and 4 were achieved with only 3 that have slipped.</p> <p>Recent achievements have been the hosting of a successful stakeholder event which included guest speakers from Cardiff and Vale College and Welsh Government. A Learners Guide is produced twice yearly and the Careers Wales online data base has been established.</p> <p>Nisha also explained that there are good working relationships between the NEETs groups and that they work together closely on issues.</p>	



Of those actions which are slipped, Nisha explained that it has not been possible to progress action 2.5 (monitoring of performance standards) to date but that it was due to be discussed at the next partnership meeting and that action 5.5 (best practice in regeneration areas) has not progressed due to a long term staff sickness absence.

John Hilton spoke to the group about the achievements in partnership working which Cardiff and Vale College have been involved in. He explained that significant achievements included the shared facilities between providers, including several schools utilising Cardiff and Vale College facilities and staff to provide more varied education options to pupils.

Cardiff and Vale College has formed a strategic alliance with St David's College to improve A-Level provision. Although this is located in Cardiff there will be benefits for the Vale.

Cardiff and Vale College are working with every secondary school in the Vale to improve education provision in the Vale. Schools in the Vale have expressed concerns that the focus of resources will shift towards Cardiff following the merger however the college will work hard to ensure this is not the case.

John Hilton said that Mike James, the newly appointed Principal of Cardiff and Vale College, is keen to focus on employment and employability and hopes to engage with local employers to share resources for the benefit of learners. Courses need to have a sharper focus to ensure relevance and employability and must reflect the needs of the Welsh economy.

Sonia Reynolds said the College's direction sounded in line with the reviews planned within Welsh Government. Guidance will be produced by WG before the end of 2012 so care should be taken if planning reviews before this time.

Sonia spoke of the benefits of Learning and Skills and Regeneration Partnerships working more closely together. Nisha explained an Employment Skills subgroup has been established between the two partnerships and a major employer in the Vale will be a member of the group.

Huw Isaac said that in view of the departure of the previous chair of the Learning and Skills Partnership, the recent formation of Cardiff &



<p>the Vale College and the establishment of a new Chief Learning and Skills Officer post in the Council, it was timely for the Partnership to consider its membership and sub group structure. Huw Isaac to liaise with Kay Martin to discuss and progress the issue.</p>	<p>HI / KM</p>
<p>7. <u>Shared Training Update</u></p> <p>The group met initially in November 2011 and agreed on the informal sharing of low cost and no cost vacant spaces on training courses between partner organisations. This was an informal arrangement and the group have been communicating course availability via email. The group met in March to review progress and discuss next steps.</p> <p>At the March meeting, joint commissioning of social services training was discussed and the possibility of inviting Cardiff Council to join the group. Shelley has spoken with Meredith Gardiner, Programme Manager, Health Social Care and Wellbeing, to discuss the potential for pursuing this as part of the Workforce Development sub group of the Cardiff and Vale Integrated Health and Social Care Board. This would ensure counterparts from Cardiff and Vale UHB were also involved in any joint commissioning discussions.</p> <p>The LSB agreed that the Workforce Development sub group was the most appropriate group to lead on the joint commissioning of social care training but that the Shared Training Group should continue as an informal method of sharing training spaces on more generic and ICT training courses and look into commissioning in other areas of training should the need arise.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Transport Workshop</u></p> <p>Helen Moses informed the group that a transport workshop had been held as a follow on from the issues raised at the last Local Service Forum event. There was good attendance at the workshop from partners. A report of the matters discussed in the event was considered; the next steps will be to identify existing groups who can take some of the work forward. The report will go to the LSB Implementation Group next month for them to look at in more detail and identify any work they can lead on.</p>	



<p>9. <u>Citizens Panel</u></p> <p>The Citizens' Panel has been re-branded Vale Viewpoint to coincide with the LSB taking ownership, and an exercise is currently being undertaken to refresh the existing membership. It is hoped that the panel will consist of 1000-1500 Vale residents.</p> <p>Vale Viewpoint will provide the LSB with a useful consultation tool. Residents who sign up to be part of Vale Viewpoint will receive four questionnaires per year. These can be tailored towards specific themes or topics but will require forward planning on behalf of the LSB in order to ask questions in a timely manner and for the data to be useful and informative to the work of the LSB.</p> <p>Membership of Vale Viewpoint is unlikely to cover all hard-to-reach residents so when using the data the LSB will need to be aware of the demographics included.</p> <p>Vale Viewpoint will be just one element of the LSB Engagement Strategy but will provide a useful resource for improving engagement.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Armed Forces Covenant</u></p> <p>Huw Isaac informed the group that the Vale of Glamorgan had been piloting an all Wales initiative through the Council contact centre which involved the creation of an electronic library of services to signpost current service personnel, their families and veterans towards services they may need.</p> <p>A report was circulated to the group which recognised the need for all partners to engage in the scheme and proposed that future developments would be progressed by the LSB.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Customer Contact Group should lead on this issue.</p> <p>Anne Wei said that Cardiff and Vale UHB provides the all Wales post traumatic stress service and links to work with prosthetics but that from a health point of view there are issues with making links to service personnel, and they would be keen to link up further through this scheme. Shelley to provide Anne with contact information for the health representatives who attend the LSB Customer Contact Group to ensure there is appropriate attendance.</p>	<p>SB</p>



<p>11. <u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Family Information Service Helen Moses informed the group that there were information leaflets and posters regarding the Family Information Service that could be taken at the end of the meeting and distributed to staff and displayed in reception areas.</p> <p>Aberthaw Glyn Cox said that there were ongoing issues with the coloured 'plume' that sometimes is visible from the Aberthaw chimney stack. The plume is more likely to be visible to residents in spring and summer due to the lighting conditions. There is ongoing investment to remove the plume and reduce its colour. Glyn explained that every time a plume occurs the PowerStation has to submit air emissions for testing which have so far not exceeded emissions limits.</p> <p>Change in UHB management Anne Wei informed the group that Jan Williams retired at the end of March. A new chief executive has been appointed but a start date has not yet been announced. Paul Hollard is the interim chief executive.</p> <p>Police and Crime Commissioner Helen Moses informed the group that Cerith Thomas, Interim Chief Executive of South Wales Police, will be attending the next meeting to talk about the new police and crime commissioners and the forthcoming elections in November.</p>	
<p>12. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 21 June 10am – 12.00 pm, Civic Offices, Barry.</p>	