



**VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING.**

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

**Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Barry.**

**Present:**

Sian Davies – VoGC  
Huw Isaac – VoGC  
Helen Moses – VoGC  
Francesca Howorth – VoGC  
Paul James – South Wales Police  
Bob Tooby – Ambulance Trust  
Anne Wei – Cardiff and Vale UHB  
Dr Sharon Hopkins – Cardiff and Vale UHB  
Sonia Reynolds – Welsh Government  
Peter Greenhill – Wales Probation Trust

John Harrison – Natural Resources Wales  
Rachel Connor – Vale Centre for Voluntary Services  
Judy Williams – Cardiff and Vale College  
Lynette Jones – VoGC (agenda item 6)  
Rob Thomas – VoGC (agenda items 7, 8 & 9)  
Mark Davies – VoGC (agenda item 6)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Neil Moore - VoGC  
Kay Martin – Cardiff & Vale College  
Glyn Cox – Aberthaw PowerStation  
Catherine Roberts - Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB  
Phil Pinches – South Wales Fire& Rescue Service

	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. <u>Welcome and apologies for absence</u></b>	
<b>2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Meeting 21 February 2013</u></b>  Agreed as an accurate record.  Sian drew the group's attention to agenda item 12 of the minutes and advised that following the Public Service Leadership Group information sharing workshop an action plan would be devised. Workshops had been held across Wales and the results of these discussions will inform the action plan. Sian to bring Information Sharing Action Plan to a future meeting.	<b>SD</b>
<b>3. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Implementation Group Meeting 21 March 2013</u></b>  Noted.	



**4. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Priority Outcome 3, Sustainability Progress Report – Helen Moses**

Helen provided a progress update on Priority Outcome 3 of the Community Strategy, “Vale residents and organisations respect the local environment and work together to meet the challenge of climate change”. Helen advised that the LSB leads on delivering this outcome and that to date, of eight actions, one is complete, five are on track and one action has slipped.

Helen provided the group with an overview of the achievements made in relation to this outcome.

CSSD/A2 - Good progress has been made in developing a joint residual waste treatment facility. Viridor has now been selected as the preferred bidder for the Prosiect Gwyrdd waste contract and this has been formally agreed by all five council partners. This will lead to significant financial savings in the long term.

CSSD/A4 – Significant achievements have been made in relation to Conservation Areas and all Vale Conservation Areas have been reviewed in the last three years. Up-to-date Management plans are in place and this action is now complete.

CSSD/A7 – A number of achievements have been made in relation to transport issues. The interchange works to Barry Dock station were completed at the end of March 2012 and good progress has been made on the provision of cycle paths. A further review of bus service provision will take place in 2013.

Helen gave an explanation as to why progress on two of the actions has slipped. Progress has slipped in relation to CSSD/A3 as the Council recently resolved to work on a replacement Deposit Local Development Plan. Progress has also slipped on action CSSD/A8 to co-ordinate a sustainability awareness campaign as the LSB Support Officer post was vacant for several months. The potential of an intergenerational project will be explored in 2013/14.

Sharon Hopkins advised that the UHB would be happy to support work on an intergenerational project as part of a sustainability campaign and highlighted the challenge in ensuring the language used as part of the campaign is ‘customer friendly’.



## **6. Priority Outcome 6, Learning and Skills Progress Report.**

Lynette Jones, Head of Achievement for the Learning and Skills Partnership, provided the group with an update of progress on Priority Outcome 6 of the Community Strategy, "People of all ages are able to access coordinated learning opportunities and have the necessary skills to reach their full potential, helping to remove barriers to employment".

Lynette informed the group that 46% of actions are complete and 51% are on track. Lynette provided an overview of progress on several actions under this outcome.

CSLS/A2.5 – The total number of pupils gaining success in collaborative college courses, gaining full or partial accreditation at Level 2, significantly increased from 87% in 2011 to nearly 97% in 2012.

CSLS/A2.10 – The partnership are continuing to support vulnerable learners through the learning coaches agenda. The Schools Counselling service provided through Barnados is working very effectively and support is tailored on a school by school basis based on the individual needs of the pupils.

Mark Davies advised that the remit for Schools Counselling has been extended up to the age of 19 and down to pupils in Year 6 by Welsh Government.

CSLS/A3.2 – In 2012, Careers Wales destination data for Year 11 showed that post-16 participation in education and training rose from 86.8% to 87.6%.

CSLS/A3.4 – A good range of individual learning pathways are offered. Lynette advised that Welsh Government focus has shifted to Level 2+ (pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs at grade A\*-C) and that it is important not to lose focus on the learning pathways approach.

CSLS/A4.2 – Figures for 18-24 year olds identified as NEET are still a cause for concern. It was agreed at a Partnership meeting that in order to address this, more effective provision would be provided from Year 9 onwards in an attempt to reach those at risk of becoming NEET at an earlier stage.

CSLS/A5.1 – Work continues to take place in order to address the basic skills deficit and the Essential Skills group has been re-established with representation from a range of partners.

Lynette advised that progress has slipped in regard to action CSLS/A2.8 on entrepreneurship. However the Partnership is re-



visiting the action and Lynette informed the group that Cardiff and Vale College joined the Gazelle Partnership in 2012 which aims to provide opportunities to engage with established entrepreneurs. Sian enquired as to how a 'local business' is defined and whether businesses which operate in an area wider than the Vale are included. Lynette confirmed that this is the case.

Sonia highlighted the danger of concentrating on individual school targets in order to push schools up through the banding system. Welsh Government has found that where collaboration on provision and joint working is high in an area, achievements at level 2+ are also high. Lynette responded that head teachers are being advised not to lose focus on the bigger picture.

**7. Priority Outcomes 7&8, Regeneration Progress Report – Rob Thomas**

Rob Thomas, Director of Development Services for the Council, presented an overview of progress on Priority Outcomes 7 & 8 of the Community Strategy. The Regeneration Partnership lead on delivering both outcomes - that 'The underlying causes of deprivation are tackled and the regeneration of the Vale continues, opportunities for individuals and businesses are developed and the quality of the built and natural environment is enhanced' (Priority Outcome 7) and that 'The Vale maximises the potential of its position within the region, working with its neighbours for the benefit of local people and businesses, attracting visitors, residents and investment' (Priority Outcome 8).

Rob highlighted a number of key points from the progress report.

CSRGN/A1.1 – Work is continuing to take place to support businesses in the rural Vale and a number of projects have been established by Creative Rural Communities.

CSRGN/A1.8 – Ownership of Cardiff Airport has now been officially transferred to Welsh Government and work is continuing with the Enterprise Zone.

CSRGN/A1.12 – Cabinet have approved the commencement of the Barry Island master planning process for 2014/15. The Council will seek to market the land at Nell's Point in order to establish expressions of interest in the site. The site is also being prepared to be used for temporary events and to provide overflow car parking during busy periods.

CSRGN/A1.15 – Funding has been awarded to Cardiff Council to work with the Vale to provide a bus service across the barrage linking Penarth and Cardiff Bay which will avoid the congestion on roads to and from Penarth.



<p>CSRGN/A2.5 – 406 dwellings have taken up the offer of assistance in the second year of the facelift programme as part of the Castleland Renewal Area scheme.</p> <p>CSRGN/A2.11 – A draft Town Centre Strategy will be reported to Cabinet mid-2013.</p> <p>Paul raised the issue of whether licensing saturation points were built into the strategy as the police have previously witnessed an increase in anti-social behaviour and littering around the Broad Street area of Barry which previously contained a number of fast food outlets. Rob informed Paul that these issues are considered in the strategy. Sharon also highlighted the health implications of the Town Centre Strategy in terms of numbers of fast food outlets and licensed premises. Rob advised the group that as obesity and alcohol issues are a public health matter it is not considered a reason to decline planning permission. However, anti-social behaviour and littering are seen as issues with a wider scope and an expected increase in these is an accepted reason to reject planning permission. Rob advised that previous applications have been rejected on these grounds.</p> <p>The group were keen to discuss this issue further and Rob will bring the Town Centre Strategy to a future meeting.</p> <p>CSRGN/A3.6 – Farm diversification grants have supported a number of schemes in the Vale. It was recognised that a gap exists in the Vale whereby there is a lack of campsites available. The 'Pitch Perfect' project was set up to trial using farm land as a campsite in 6 farms. One now has planning permission to operate as a campsite and 2 others are in the middle of the application process.</p> <p>Rob expanded on the point raised by Helen under agenda item 5, that progress on the LDP has slipped as the Council has resolved to work on a replacement Deposit Plan. It is envisaged that the replacement plan will be reported to Cabinet, Planning Committee, Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee and Council in the Summer.</p>	<p>RT</p>
<p><b><u>8. St. Athan – Rob Thomas</u></b></p> <p>Rob informed the group that the Council have been notified that the relocation of troops from Cawdor Barracks in Pembrokeshire to St. Athan will take place in late 2017/early 2018. The Ministry of Defence are aware that discussions will need to take place early in the process to ensure the correct provisions are in place, and initial discussions have taken place between the MoD and the Council in terms of housing supply, schooling and health. The Council have identified that additional housing stock will be required and early</p>	



<p>indications are that there is likely to be an even distribution of troops between the three categories of single, married and those with children.</p> <p>Sharon asked for the UHB to be involved in the discussions from an early stage in order for appropriate health provision to be put in place.</p> <p>Further updates will be presented to the LSB on the implications of the changes at St Athan and discussions with the MoD.</p>	<p><b>RT/SH</b></p> <p><b>RT</b></p>
<p><b><u>9. Transport Issues – Rob Thomas</u></b></p> <p>Huw informed the group that during the consultation on the Community Strategy a number of transport related issues were identified. A transport workshop was held in March 2012 and the LSB Implementation Group had received an update at their last meeting on progress with a number of transport initiatives.</p> <p>Rob advised that the regional agenda for transport issues is well advanced and that funding is distributed via Sewta. Rob advised that there is an emphasis on sustainability in regard to transport issues and highlighted several key points of the report.</p> <p>Transport Task Force - With support from Sewta, a Transport Task Force has been established to develop recommendations to provide South East Wales with a rapid transport system. This will involve the electrification of current rail systems to provide an improved rail network and will also involve bus services and active travel to provide an integrated transport system.</p> <p>Public Transport – A number of challenges exist as funding has been cut in a number of areas. A grant to run subsidised bus services has been reduced, resulting in certain services being transferred back to private operators. A review of services will be undertaken this year.</p> <p>Sharon highlighted the need to link the South Wales Programme to regional work on transport developments. Sharon felt that discussions were needed on potential new bus routes in light of the regionalisation of hospital services. Rob agreed and advised Sharon that Cardiff Council have begun to explore the possibility of extending services between Penarth, Llandough and the University Hospital of Wales.</p> <p>Greenlinks – Rob advised that the Greenlinks bus service will now cover the whole of the Vale rather than just rural areas. Several set routes have been established to run in addition to passengers being able to pre-book the service. A number of services are also being considered, including a Sunday service linking the Barry and Sully</p>	



<p>area along with a Sunday route during the summer for visitors, which would link Cowbridge and Llantwit Major along the Heritage Coast.</p> <p>20mph Zones – A public consultation is currently taking place on proposals to introduce 20mph zones in Penarth and Llandough. Early feedback has shown that the majority of respondents are in favour of the scheme in Llandough. It is recognised that discussions must take place on how to enforce these limits.</p> <p>Paul informed Rob that he is aware of a community run scheme taking place in rural areas based around sharing eco cars. Rob will look into this further.</p>	<p><b>RT</b></p>
<p><b>10. South Wales Programme: Specialist hospital service for people in South Wales and South Powys – Sharon Hopkins.</b></p> <p>Anne provided the group with an overview of the South Wales Programme which seeks to regionalise the provision of 24/7 consultant-led accident and emergency care, paediatric services and neonatal and obstetric services. A clinical conference was held at the beginning of March looking at service models and relative weighting of the benefit criteria that will be used to score options. A number of public focus groups have also been involved in work to weight options as well as representatives from the UHB Stakeholder Reference Group, Healthcare Professionals Forum and Partnership Forum. A further clinical conference is due to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April to consider the final models.</p> <p>An eight week consultation will commence in May/June on the detailed specific proposals and a preferred option will be identified. Each option includes the University Hospital of Wales/ University Hospital Llandough, Morriston Hospital and The Specialist Critical Care Centre (SCCC) planned near Cwmbran, along with one or two of the following: Prince Charles Hospital, Princess of Wales Hospital and Royal Glamorgan Hospital. Anne encouraged the group to support the programme and encourage their organisations to become involved in the consultation process and provide feedback.</p> <p>The group had a number of discussions regarding the implications of the programme. Sharon highlighted that in the Vale the greatest impact will be on residents in the Central and Western Vale and that the UHB would welcome suggestions on how to ensure the opinions of residents in these areas are considered. Anne informed the group that the UHB is looking to work with the third sector and Community Councils to run events in these areas to raise public awareness. Sian advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is also happy to raise awareness of the consultation. Sian also felt that as the programme may have a bigger impact in specific areas that it would be beneficial for every local councillor to receive the weekly update</p>	



<p>that is published online via email. Sian suggested that the programme should go to Cabinet in addition to the Scrutiny Committee. Anne will liaise with Huw on this and also for suggestions on how to engage residents in the Central and Western Vale.</p>	<p><b>AW/HI</b></p>
<p>Bob informed the group that the implications of the programme on the Ambulance Service have also been considered and that the Air Ambulance Service will be fully utilised in transferring patients to the specialist centres. Bob also advised that the Ambulance Service are investigating taking patients with less serious alcohol related issues to the Alcohol Treatment Centre in Cardiff who are equipped to deal with these conditions.</p>	
<p>Lynette enquired as to whether current sites would still provide A&amp;E services due to the possible implications on school children requiring treatment. Anne advised that specialist, consultant led services would be available at only the chosen sites for the most seriously injured; however, minor injury units will still operate from the current sites. Lynette asked for Vale schools to be fully involved in the consultation. Anne to liaise with Lynette on this.</p>	<p><b>AW/LJ</b></p>
<p>Sonia raised the issue of how the UHB will distinguish between major and minor injuries. Sharon and Anne advised that this will be addressed through an awareness campaign. It is suggested in order to make the difference clear to the public that individual patient case studies of different injuries would be used.</p>	
<p>Anne requested that the various option models are presented in full at the next meeting of the group. This was agreed.</p>	<p><b>AW</b></p>
<p><b><u>11. Regional Collaboration Fund – Sian Davies</u></b></p>	
<p>Sian drew the group's attention to a letter from the Minister on the position of the Regional Collaboration Fund bids submitted.</p>	
<p>The majority of bids have been accepted in full with the exception of the CYD-Cymru bid, which has not yet been considered, and the Collaborative Passenger Transport bid.</p>	
<p>Sian informed the group that as the total cost of the bids exceeds the grant allocation for the region, work is being undertaken to scale the transport bid down. This is also due to the fact that there is already a substantial amount of work taking place or due to take place on transport issues regionally.</p>	
<p>Sian advised that the Health and Social Care Service Integration bid and the Regionalising Regulatory Services bid are being managed by the Vale, with Cardiff managing the remaining bids. Huw advised that an external consultant will be commissioned to carry out work</p>	





<p>under the Joint Cardiff and Vale LSB bid.</p> <p>Sian highlighted that the focus now is on ensuring that the correct project managers are in place and to ensure that Council Members are involved and updated on the progress of the projects from the beginning. Sian will update the LSB regularly on work taking place and encouraged LSB partners to engage with the projects from the start.</p>	<p><b>SD</b></p>
<p><b><u>12. Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Huw drew the group's attention to a report on proposals to refresh the unified needs assessment and the development of the new Community Strategy Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Huw advised that the current three year Delivery Plan is in its final year, running until March 2014. Therefore a new Delivery Plan will need to be drafted for 2014 onwards, and it is proposed that this is informed by a new needs assessment which will be undertaken during the next 6 months.</p> <p>It is proposed that this new needs assessment be undertaken based around the existing priority outcomes in the Community Strategy, focusing on the story behind the data and beginning to evaluate whether actions undertaken have been successful in delivering the changes required. It is proposed that this work is led by the Business Intelligence Group, supported by the Local Government Data Unit.</p> <p>Sharon suggested that joint working between the Business Intelligence Group and counterparts in Cardiff should be explored to look at issues that go across the region. Huw said that discussions with Cardiff had already begun on taking this forward.</p>	
<p><b><u>13. Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Thursday 27 June 2013 @ 10am, Committee Room 1, Civic Offices.</p>	