



VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING.

29th April 2014.

Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Barry.

Present:

Cllr Neil Moore - Vale of Glamorgan Council (Chair)
Sian Davies – Vale of Glamorgan Council
Huw Isaac - Vale of Glamorgan Council
Helen Moses - Vale of Glamorgan Council
Chief Superintendent Joe Ruddy – South Wales Police
Bob Tooby – Welsh Ambulance Service
Garry Davies – South Wales Fire & Rescue Service

Anne Wei – Cardiff and Vale UHB
Kay Martin – Cardiff and Vale College
Glyn Cox – RWE nPower
Francesca Howorth – Vale of Glamorgan Council
Jennifer Hill - Vale of Glamorgan Council (agenda item 12)
Bob Guy - Vale of Glamorgan Council (agenda item 13)
David Williams - Vale of Glamorgan Council (agenda item 13)

Apologies:

Dr. Sharon Hopkins – Cardiff and Vale UHB
Dan Jones – Welsh Government
Rachel Connor – Vale Centre for Voluntary Services
John Harrison – Natural Resources Wales
Peter Greenhill – Wales Probation Trust

	Action
1. <u>Welcome and apologies for absence</u>	
2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board meeting of 6TH February 2014.</u> Agreed as an accurate record.	
3. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Implementation Group meeting of 27th March 2014</u> Noted.	
4. <u>Matters Arising</u> None.	

5. Drafting the Delivery Plan 2014-18

Huw presented a report outlining proposals for the new Community Strategy Delivery Plan 2014-18 and performance management arrangements. It was advised that previous discussions at the LSB and Implementation Group had recognised the need for the new Delivery Plan to be focused on a smaller number of actions than the existing Delivery Plan and on areas where the LSB can add value. It is also recognised that a large amount of work to deliver the Community Strategy already takes place through the partnerships which have additional plans and strategies in place, and including all work in the new Delivery Plan would lead to unnecessary duplication. The new plan will also need to complement the work of the joint Cardiff and Vale LSB.

It was advised that the proposals for the new Delivery Plan are to include a section on each priority outcome of the Community Strategy outlining how they are being delivered through a range of existing plans/strategies and the governance arrangements in place rather than a detailed list of actions as per the current plan. In addition to this it is proposed that a number of LSB workstreams are identified in line with the agreement reached to produce a more focused plan and to enable more detailed and regular progress reports to be presented to the LSB.

Huw advised that following initial discussions at the LSB, Implementation Group and with partnership coordinators a matrix was produced considering the findings of the unified needs assessment (UNA), existing plans and strategies and Welsh Government agendas to help identify an initial shortlist of potential LSB workstreams. This shortlist was discussed at the Implementation Group meeting in March, and following these discussions it is proposed that three LSB workstreams are developed under the theme of tackling poverty and aligned to the Welsh Government Anti-Poverty Strategy. It is proposed that the three workstreams are:

1: Preventing poverty - This could provide the focus for aligning work around Communities First, Families First and Flying Start and would be consistent with the approach being developed by Welsh Government and have a long term impact in preventing and tackling poverty.

2: Helping People into work - This would provide a focus on work around NEETs and also employment and skills for wider age ranges including the over fifties. In a number of discussions around LSB workstreams NEETs has consistently been identified as a significant issue for the LSB, in addition to this the UNA identified wider issues around employment and skills.

3: Mitigating the Impact of Poverty - This could build on the work of the Welfare Reform group but also include work around digital inclusion and potentially health inequalities and housing and could compliment work being undertaken through the Public Health and Wellbeing Board.

With regard to performance management arrangements Huw advised that in order to ensure due regard to the whole Community Strategy, it is proposed that a list of 'core indicators' are developed, with performance reports brought to the LSB at least twice a year. This would be in line with the approach being taken by Welsh Government as part of the Future Generations Bill to identify a set of core measures all LSBs should monitor. These will be aligned to the set of 'core indicators' identified for the Community Strategy once published by Welsh Government.

Huw requested for the LSB to approve the proposals outlined above in relation to the LSB workstreams and performance management arrangements.

Helen advised that Dan Jones from Welsh Government had stated he supports the approach and John Harrison is also supportive of the proposals.

Anne advised that the report had been discussed with colleagues within the UHB, who recognise the large amount of work already undertaken by the partnerships and feel the LSB has a monitoring role to play when partnerships bring reports to the board. The UHB therefore supports this approach to develop a smaller number of workstreams for LSB action and recognise that the Integrated Health and Social Care Board has been developed to lead on health and social care priorities.

Joe stated the Police are also supportive of the approach as all three workstreams are focused on areas where community safety issues link in.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed 'core indicators' and there was agreement that an indicator regarding substance misuse should be included. It was agreed that the proposals for the set of 'core indicators' should be discussed further once action plans and potential performance measures for each workstream have been scoped.

There was also a discussion regarding whether a Senior Reporting Officer should be assigned to each workstream. It was agreed that this should also be discussed once more detail of what actions each workstream will contain is developed.

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<p>The LSB agreed the approach in principle. It was agreed to scope each workstream further, liaising with relevant colleagues and partnerships and bring a draft Delivery Plan to a future LSB meeting for approval.</p>	<p>HI/HM</p>
<p>6. <u>Joint Cardiff and Vale Local Service Board update</u></p> <p>Huw advised that a report on the proposals regarding a joint Cardiff and Vale LSB has now been agreed by the respective Council Cabinets. The first meeting of the joint board will now be arranged, with priorities for the joint LSB to be determined by the new board.</p> <p>Francesca to send a copy of the final BDO report to Glyn Cox, who is returning from secondment, for information.</p>	<p>FH</p>
<p>7. <u>Implications of Council restructuring proposals for the Council's central partnership team</u></p> <p>Huw advised that the Council had completed an organisational review of its Corporate and Customer Services Department. The central partnership team situated in the Department would be disaggregated to the most appropriate service Directorate. The Children and Young People's Partnership team will now be located in the Learning and Skills Directorate, the Safer Vale team will move to the Visible and Housing Services Directorate and the LSB Support Team will continue to be based within the Corporate and Customer Services Department (which will be merged with the Resources Directorate). The intention is for all teams to vacate Barry Fire Station, and discussions in this regard are continuing.</p> <p>Huw emphasised that the aim has been to strengthen partnership arrangements through closer alignment with operational services. The coordination of the various partnerships will continue, and the Partnership Coordinators will continue to meet on a regular basis as per current arrangements.</p> <p>The LSB noted the report.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Public Service Leadership Group minutes, 17th February 2014</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last Public Service Leadership Group (PSLG) meeting were provided for information.</p> <p>Huw drew attention to the discussion which had taken place at the PSLG regarding the Future Generations Bill, which places LSBs and Single Integrated Plans on a statutory footing. The scope of the Bill is broad and its impact will be significant as sustainable development will need to be the central organising principle for those organisations covered by the legislation. It will also govern</p>	

<p>the relationships between the Welsh Assembly and LSBs and ensure LSBs are adhering to sustainable development principles. Huw said that the draft Bill is expected in July 2014, and further details will be brought to a future LSB meeting.</p>	<p>HI</p>
<p><u>9. Consultation on Police and Crime Commissioners being Community Planning partners</u></p> <p>Huw advised that a consultation document regarding Police and Crime Commissioners becoming LSB members had been sent to all LSBs.</p> <p>Currently, the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 specifies Police Authorities as community planning partners. As Police Authorities no longer exist the consultation proposes to designate PCCs in their place. Huw emphasised that the consultation relates to current legislation; the Future Generations Bill will contain a list of proposed statutory members of LSBs.</p> <p>It was agreed that the LSB would have no objections to the designation of Police and Crime Commissioners as statutory community planning partners as PCCs have a role to play in maintaining and improving the well being of local communities.</p> <p>However there was collective agreement from the board that the involvement of the police force on the LSB is essential to help inform how a wide range of issues are tackled within the Vale. It is important that the participation of the PCC in the LSB is in addition to the local Police Chief Superintendent, and not instead of, as the LSB would not want to lose this knowledge and understanding of operational matters at a local level.</p> <p>It was agreed for Helen to draft a response to the consultation on behalf of the LSB.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p><u>10. The Importance and Impact of Community Services in Wales</u></p> <p>Huw advised that a report by the Older People's Commissioner for Wales 'The Importance and Impact of Community Services in Wales' had been referred to LSBs. The report recognises the financial pressures facing public services in Wales and makes a case for protecting community services which impact on the lives of older people.</p> <p>The report had previously been discussed by the Implementation Group and the LSB noted the report and its contents.</p>	

11. Proposed merger of Vale Centre for Voluntary Services and Vale Volunteer Bureau

On behalf of Rachel Connor, Helen invited the LSB to attend a consultation event regarding the proposed merger of Vale Centre for Voluntary Services and the Vale Volunteer Bureau.

The event will take place on the 5th June 2014, 10am at Barry Community Enterprise Centre. Attendance at the event should be confirmed no later than the 23rd May.

VCSV and VVB are keen for LSB partners to provide their views and those unable to attend can provide feedback via an [online survey](#).

12. Community Strategy Priority Outcome 6 – Learning and Skills Progress Report

Jennifer Hill, the Council's Chief Learning and Skills Officer, and Kay Martin, Vice Principal of Cardiff and the Vale College, provided an overview of progress on priority outcome 6 of the Community Strategy. The Learning and Skills Partnership leads on delivering this outcome, and Kay advised that all actions in the existing Delivery Plan are now 100% on track or complete.

An update against challenges identified in the Annual Report 2012/13 was provided along with an overview of significant achievements.

Schools

Due to a reduction in 14-19 funding, schools now meet some of the costs of pupils attending vocational activities, as is the case in other local authority areas. This helps to make the provision more sustainable for the future.

The school performance report indicates there has been improved performance in all key stages. The Vale did well on many measures related to KS2 and CSI went up to 88%; this is the highest it has been. KS3 has shown significant progress from 2012 and KS4 indicator level 2 threshold (the proportion of pupils achieving five GCSE's grade A*- C including English/Welsh and maths) is 0.9% above the Welsh average.

Jennifer said that although these learner outcomes are excellent, the partnership recognises that there are still improvements to be made in certain schools.

NEETs

The Youth Engagement & Progression Framework (YEPF) Early Identification model has been developed to be rolled out in schools

and implemented by September 2014. This toolkit has been developed with schools to identify pupils at risk of becoming NEET, and attendance has been identified as the number one indicator, with attendance levels of pupils as young as primary school helping to identify those at risk.

The YEPF mapping of current available provision has taken place and approximately 50 services for NEET young people in the Vale were identified. The mapping gives an analysis of gaps in provision, particularly for 18-25 year old NEET young people, and one of the three Adult Community Learning key priorities is to target 18-25 NEETs on various courses.

Vale Volunteer Bureau will commence data recording in the new financial year of NEETs aged 16-25 who have taken up volunteering opportunities and progressed further into volunteering employment, education or training. This data will be shared at the NEETs Strategic group every quarter.

Adult & Community Learning

The Cardiff & Vale Adult & Community Learning Post Inspection Action Plan is on target and collaboration with partners has improved, along with attainment figures. The ACL partnership is now well placed for future inspections and is expecting a monitoring visit in June 2014, followed by a full re- inspection in June 2015.

Employment Skills

During 'apprenticeship week' events took place to raise awareness and promote apprenticeships amongst employers, and Careers Wales will hold a Jobs Fair for schools in September 2014.

Cardiff and Vale College have a £10million apprenticeship programme in place. The College are also aiming to expand the Gazelle Group and there are plans to record data on the number of learners who have started up a business as a result of the Gazelle Group.

Joe advised that one of the PCC's priority areas is young offenders aged 18-25 and highlighted that a number of these young people may also be NEETs and there may be opportunities to link the two agendas. There is funding available and the PCC is aiming to meet with every local authority Leader and Managing Director regarding this. Sian advised that she has not been contacted to date (although this may have gone direct to Safer Vale). Joe will find out more on this.

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Anne highlighted the links between work around NEETs and the proposed 'preventing poverty' theme within the new delivery plan given that primary school attendance was identified as a major indicator of a pupil becoming NEET. This links with work around

<p>supporting families with young children, and Jennifer highlighted that the transfer of the Children and Young People's Partnership to the Learning and Skills Directorate will help create more synergy between these agendas.</p> <p>The LSB noted the contents of the report and recognised the good progress made in delivering the priority outcome.</p>	
<p><u>13. Community Strategy Priority Outcomes 7 and 8 – Regeneration Progress Report</u></p> <p>Bob Guy and David Williams, Vale of Glamorgan Council Development Services, provided an overview of progress on delivering priority outcomes 7 and 8 of the Community Strategy. The Regeneration Partnership leads on delivering these outcomes, and Bob advised that all actions, with the exception of one contained in the existing Delivery Plan, are now on track or complete.</p> <p>An update against the challenges identified in the Annual Report 2012/13 was provided, along with an overview of significant achievements.</p> <p>A new Barry Communities First Cluster has been established and a team recruited and in place. Additional grants have been secured for specialised projects including distribution to community projects such as the Pupil Deprivation Grant, with £60,000 secured for local schools to promote an innovative approach to encouraging youngsters to engage with science, technology, engineering & maths.</p> <p>There has been a shift in direction regarding the Communities First programme, from mitigating the effects of poverty to helping people out of poverty through employment. Success has been achieved through working in partnership with major employers such as Admiral Insurance, and in March a Jobs Fair took place in partnership with Job Centre Plus which saw 1100 local people attend.</p> <p>The focus of the Barry Regeneration Area Programme has been on Barry Island, and a number of improvements have been made or are in the process of taking place, including the creation of a 'meanwhile use car park and events space' at Nell's Point, the refurbishment of the Eastern Shelter and the creation of new WC facilities.</p> <p>A further 316 homes were completed under the Castleland Renewal Area Facelift Programme in 2013/14. Further funding from Welsh Government was also obtained to carry out energy efficiency improvements to 21 properties in the form of external wall insulation and new central heating systems. Across these schemes a total investment of £1,760,847 has been made in the area to improve</p>	

<p>living conditions.</p> <p>In February 2014, Cabinet endorsed and adopted the Vale of Glamorgan Town Centre Framework, and the Council has created a new post of Town Centre Development Officer to work on future town centre projects, including those identified in the Framework.</p> <p>A draft Destination Action Plan (DAP) is currently being finalised and reflects several comments and views obtained by the Council following stakeholder consultation. This will replace the existing Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>At the end of March 2014 a loan agreement between the Welsh Government, the Council and the Waterfront Consortium was signed, together with a Section 106 Deed of Variation to bring the construction of the Barry Island Link road forward. As a result it is now currently anticipated that the road will be constructed by Summer 2015.</p> <p>Work on a Community Infrastructure Levy has continued alongside the LDP, and the Council's proposed charging regime will be addressed through an examination in public at the same time as that relating to the LDP. In this regard the LDP timetable will be the same as the timetable relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy.</p> <p>Anne advised that in responding to the LDP consultation the Health Board sought a view from the Council about working with the UHB regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy as the UHB can no longer apply for Welsh Government funding for primary care infrastructure developments. Cllr Moore advised that the Council are working through all responses to the LDP consultation and the focus is currently on the alternative sites register.</p> <p>Bob advised he will ask a colleague in planning to contact Anne regarding this.</p> <p>The LSB noted the contents of the report and recognised the good progress made in delivering these priority outcomes.</p>	<p>BG/AW</p>
<p><u>14. Dates of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>Helen advised that due to the joint Cardiff and Vale LSB project, meeting dates for the Vale LSB were initially arranged for the first 6 months of 2014 only.</p> <p>It was agreed to arrange further meeting dates of the Vale LSB due to the need to maintain local structures to consider Vale specific issues.</p>	<p>HM/FH</p>

<p><u>15. Any Other Business</u></p> <p>South Wales Programme Anne provided an update on the South Wales Programme (SWP) and advised that in February each of the 5 Health Boards involved had considered the recommendations of the SWP Board and agreed on an option which would see the creation of three acute care alliances at UHW, Morriston and a new Specialist Critical Care Centre at Cwmbran. All Health Boards have also agreed to provide consultant led emergency medicine (A&E), maternity and neonatal care and in-patient children's services at five centres, to include the three alliances plus two other sites. This option would see a change in provision of these services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.</p> <p>Anne advised that the Health Boards are now awaiting a decision from Community Health Councils (CHCs) as to whether they agree with this option, with the two most affected by the changes – Cardiff & Vale and Cwm Taf - due to meet shortly. Should the CHCs not agree, there is a 6 week period for negotiation with the health boards on any areas of concern. If following this period there is still no agreement CHCs can take the matter to the Minister but must offer an alternative.</p> <p>Anne will keep the LSB informed on developments.</p> <p>Public Health Bill White Paper consultation Anne also advised that the Welsh Government have launched the Public Health Bill White Paper consultation and reminded the LSB that a response to the Green Paper consultation had been submitted by the board. It was agreed that the Public Health and Wellbeing Board will lead on drafting a response to the consultation, to be circulated to the LSB for approval before submitting. It was also advised that Cardiff and Vale UHB will submit a response which will be shared widely with partners, and the Council will also submit a response due to the implications of the Bill for local authorities.</p> <p>End of Year Crime Figures Joe provided a number of end of year crime figures and said that all recorded crime in the Vale has decreased for 2013/14 - a breakdown of decreases in a number of crime types was given. Joe also advised that there had been an increase in certain crimes such as sexual offences, and the increased confidence of the public to report these types of crime can be seen as positive and highlights the impact initiatives such as the SARC are having.</p> <p>It was advised that although they are small numbers overall, there was a spike in robbery offences during May/June of 2013, mostly involving young people and mobile phones, and awareness-raising campaigns have taken place in response to this.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>HM/FH</p>
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<p>It was highlighted that overall the Vale of Glamorgan has below average levels of offences for all crime types and the lowest number of crimes per 1000 population across the whole the South Wales Police Force area. The Vale is also well placed when compared to a 'family' of similar areas across England and Wales, indicating that the good work taking place through the LSB and Community Safety Partnership is making a difference to the lives of the community.</p> <p>Joe also highlighted that the levels of reporting standards for crime statistics have improved.</p>	
<p><u>16. Date of next meeting – 10:00, 26th June 2014, Committee Room 2, Civic Offices.</u></p>	