



**VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD
MEETING**

24 February 2012

Aberthaw PowerStation, Aberthaw

Present:

Glyn Cox – RWE npower
Mark Picton – RWE npower
Andy Harrison – RWE npower
Rachel Connor – Vale Centre for
Voluntary Services
Huw Isaac - VoGC
Paul James – South Wales Police
Martin Gordon - Cardiff & Vale
College
Julia Attwell – Probation Service
Helen Moses – VoGC

Shelley Best – VoGC
John Harrison – Environment
Agency
Tony Leeke – Environment Agency
Sharon Hopkins – Cardiff and Vale
UHB
Anne Wei – Cardiff and Vale UHB
Meredith Gardiner – VoGC
Sian Griffiths – Public Health
Alun Billingham – VoGC

Apologies:

Cllr Gordon Kemp – VoGC
John Maitland Evans - VoGC
Alex Howells – ABM UHB
Kay Martin - Cardiff & Vale College

Liane James – South Wales Police
Neil Brown – South Wales Fire and
Rescue

Note:

Rachel Connor acted as Chair for this meeting of the Vale Local Service Board

	Action
<p>1. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Meeting 15 December</u></p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Implementation Group Meeting 19 January</u></p> <p>Noted with the inclusion of Sian Harrop-Griffith's apologies.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The representatives from RWE npower were thanked for agreeing</p>	



to host the meeting at the ACE2 centre at Aberthaw PowerStation.

Mark Picton explained that the centre is primarily used for school visits but that it is also available for community groups to use for meetings. If anyone would like to discuss using the venue please contact Mark at Mark.picton@rwenpower.com

Area Working

Huw Isaac explained that the Implementation Group minutes from 19 January contained an update on area working. All three groups have been established and have their fourth meetings scheduled for March 2012.

LSB Development Grant 2011/12

The proposals for how to utilise the £15000 remaining of the 2011/12 LSB grant were submitted to Welsh Government. Helen Moses informed the group that Welsh Government had ruled out using the grant for the TeleV and Befriending projects as the grant cannot be used to purchase any type of hardware or software. Welsh Government were happy to support the proposals that focused on increasing citizen engagement and working with the Local Government Data Unit to collate more local level data to assist the area working groups with their future work plans.

As part of this, the Council will be looking at expanding the remit of its residents' consultation panel - Citizens' Panel, enabling it to become a resource for the Local Service Board.

Rachel Connor asked if this meant that there was scope for partner organisations to include questions on future Citizens Panel questionnaires and Huw Isaac confirmed that this would be possible.

Proposals for grant spend were proposed by Huw Isaac and seconded by Sharon Hopkins.

Transport Workshop

Huw Isaac reminded the group that a Transport Workshop is planned for Friday 23 March. This event has been arranged following the discussions around transport and access to services that arose from the consultation on the Community Strategy 2011-21 and the Local Service Forum. Partners were reminded to ensure they are represented at the workshop.



<p>Asset Management</p> <p>Helen Moses informed the group that the Asset Management Group had met in March to share information on the asset management strategies of the various partners. The group would like to investigate the sharing of premises further.</p> <p>A separate meeting of the energy managers has been arranged to determine if they are measuring data in the same way and if they can achieve some uniformity in energy usage data collection across partner organisations.</p> <p>Rachel Connor said that Cardiff Council have a Community Asset Transfer Policy and the funding is available for both capital and revenue projects. Huw Isaac said he would raise the issue with the Council's Corporate Management Team and Helen Moses will add the item to the March Asset Management Group agenda.</p>	<p>HI / HM</p>
<p><u>4. Performance Management Report – Safer Vale Community Strategy Priority Outcome 9</u></p> <p>Alun Billingham presented the action update on the section of the Delivery Plan which Safer Vale lead on and explained that 85% of the actions are on track. A recent achievement has been the development of Cadoxton House as a multi-agency centre. The development is now complete and there will be full occupancy by the end of March 2012. Work is currently being undertaken to establish live links to the courts in Cardiff to enable people to give evidence via a media link.</p> <p>Alun discussed the slipped actions with the group:</p> <p>A4.2 Work with prolific offenders to steer them away from crime. Linkages with the work of the probation service will be explained in Julia Attwell's presentation. (agenda item 9)</p> <p>A6.2 Develop links between alcohol and domestic abuse agencies at Cadoxton House to ensure reduction of alcohol related violence through timely intervention. Alun explained that this action was closely linked to the completion of the Cadoxton House development and that more progress would be visible once staff had relocated to the building.</p> <p>Paul James said that good progress was being made in the Vale.</p>	



<p>The anti alcohol dvd has been very successful as a deterrent to children and young people. Further to this the Integrated Offender Management team is soon to be co-located at Barry Police Station, creating a joint justice centre for the Vale.</p> <p>Julila Attwell informed the group that an intensive domestic abuse programme pilot had been running with Atal y Fro for the last year. The pilot has proved very successful and they are now investigating ways of continuing the work.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins informed the group that the Area Planning Board is responsible for Substance Misuse and they are currently working on a single commissioning framework in order to streamline processes and minimise duplication.</p> <p>Rachel Connor asked if any links were being built with local employers to assist offenders into employment.</p> <p>If anyone would like to discuss the report in detail they can contact Deborah Gibbs, Community Safety Manager, or Alun Billingham, Head of Public Protection.</p>	
<p><u>5. Performance Management Report – Public Health and Wellbeing Board, Community Strategy Priority Outcome 10</u></p> <p>Sian Griffiths explained to the group that the Public Health and Wellbeing Board (PHWb) was established in November 2011. The remit of the Board is to drive the delivery of existing plans and strategies, and identify where partnerships can work more efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the general public health.</p> <p>The Public Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for two actions in the delivery plan; The rest come under the remit of the Integrated Health and Social Care Board who will report to the LSB in May.</p> <p>Action 1.1 Tobacco, Food and Physical Activity</p> <p>The Board have been working on the implementation of the Cardiff and Vale Tobacco Free Strategic Action Plan. Sian explained that good progress had been made but that the percentage of the population who smoke is still high. A smoke free playgrounds scheme is being introduced throughout the Vale of Glamorgan and the Board is doing further work around enforcement of the scheme.</p>	



<p>The Vale is a Healthy Heart Borough which is a British Heart Foundation initiative and the Board is undertaking work to support the national Appetite for Life and Change for Life advertising campaigns to promote healthy lifestyles in the Vale.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins explained that Community Regeneration Coaches were discussed at the Regeneration Board meeting held on Thursday 22 February and that this links to the work of Action 1.2. The project is not eligible for funding through Barry Regeneration Area as that is capital funding so alternative sources of funding need to be explored.</p> <p>Rachel Connor asked if links could be made to local employers such as Aberthaw with regards to health and safety days etc. Glyn Cox said that there was a health and safety day planned for staff at Aberthaw PowerStation which would involve site safety and also wellbeing and Glyn welcomed suggestions on what activities they could run on the day. The PowerStation already has a gym on site and is looking at introducing healthier meals into the staff canteen menu. This will be the first health and safety day with more planned if it is successful. The PowerStation has 280 employees, and 150 contractors which will increase in number during a shut-down to 2000 workers. There is also a newsletter for past employers.</p> <p>Alun Billingham suggested that a meeting with the community safety manager Deborah Gibbs and the Community Safety Engagement Officer, Stacey Evans may also be of use for the PowerStation staff open day. Shelley to provide contact details for Glyn Cox for these officers.</p> <p>It was agreed that the performance reports provide a useful insight into the work of the individual partnerships and generate informative discussions.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SB</p>
<p>6. <u>Review of Partnership Sub Groups</u></p> <p>The diagram of the current structure of the partnership subgroups was circulated to the group. Huw Isaac explained that there was a need for a rationalised set of groups under the key partnerships and that the mergers of duplicate groups and the disbanding of obsolete groups had been encouraged. Huw Isaac asked the group to note that partnership sub-group rationalisation was an ongoing process and to endorse the current structure and approve the suggestion of an annual review.</p>	



<p>Sharon Hopkins said that the idea of task and finish groups should be pushed within the partnerships so that once a project ends, so does the need to meet as a group. Task and finish groups should be labelled on the diagram so that those with an end data can be easily identified. Rachel Connor endorsed the idea of an annual review to reduce the number of sub groups and prevent groups slowly increasing in number to pre-review levels.</p> <p>Mark Picton explained that RWE npower has a big focus on sharing best practice both within the UK and with their European operations to improve efficiency and share knowledge.</p>	
<p><u>7. Welsh Government Consultation: Shared Purpose – Shared Delivery</u></p> <p>Huw Isaac explained that the Welsh Government consultation document had now been in circulation for some weeks. The LSB will be submitting a response and partners are welcome to contribute to this as well as sending an individual organisation response. Huw confirmed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be contributing to the LSB response and not sending a separate response; John Harrison confirmed that the Environment Agency will submit an all Wales response as well as contributing to the LSB reply. South Wales Police will be submitting their views in both the Cardiff and Vale LSB responses. The UHB will also be sending a separate response and have forwarded a draft to Helen Moses.</p> <p>Huw said that the main focus of the consultation document was the production of an integrated strategy and partnership rationalisation, both of which the Vale of Glamorgan LSB have undertaken. Helen Moses informed the group that Welsh Government have written to 5 Local Authorities who have an integrated plan in place and invited them to attend a workshop on what the plans should look like. An update will follow at a future meeting.</p> <p>Consultation Timetable</p> <p>Comments to Helen Moses by 27 February, the draft response will then be circulated and put on the agenda for the Implementation Group on 8 March and to key partnerships for final comments. The response must be submitted to Welsh Government by Wednesday 30 March.</p> <p>All comments to Helen Moses, Strategy and Sustainability Manager, HMoses@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>	<p>HM</p>



8. LSB Development Grant

Welsh Government has issued the Development Grant Criteria for 2012/15. The guidance states that there is £50,000 available per year for the next 3 years, after which the Development Grant will come to an end.

It is proposed that, in line with the guidance, the majority of the grant will be used for officer support and the remainder of the grant will be used for data development and engagement projects.

As part of this, the group agreed that the grant could be used to fund the annual Local Service Forum events.

Sharon Hopkins said that the group needs to consider how we encourage people to actively use information to inform decision making. It was agreed that data with a Lower Super Output Area focus would assist with the area working agenda.

The group agreed the principles of the grant proposal and gave the Implementation Group authority to sign off the draft grant proposal forms at the meeting on 8 March.

9. Integrated Offender Management

Jullia Attwell explained to the group that Integrated Offender Management focuses on those offenders who are identified as the most prolific in committing crimes in the community. The interventions are tailored to meet the needs of the individual and prevent them re-offending. This leads to operational efficiencies through a better targeting of resources.

Integrated Offender Management involves sharing intelligence between partners in a timely manner. The scheme aims to improve the offender's social functioning and public confidence with the next step being linkages to employment through private sector employers.

The entire Vale Probation Service Team is soon to be co-located at Barry Police Station with the Gobaith Team. This is the first co-location of its kind in the UK and it is hoped that it will lead to better communication and smarter working between partners. The aim is to establish a Barry Justice Centre to provide a visible and reassuring presence for the Vale community.

Paul James added that it is hoped that the co-location in Barry will



<p>make it easier for offenders to engage with rehabilitation services rather than continue to commit crimes.</p> <p>John Harrison welcomed the initiative and offered to share information regarding environmental crimes such as illegal disposal of waste with the probation service. Julia and John to liaise.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins said there is work being undertaken between Health and HMP Cardiff regarding substance misuse referrals and that she would be happy to provide help to the probation service if needed.</p>	<p>JH / JA</p> <p>SH / JA</p>
<p>10. <u>Building Business and Education Opportunities - Mark Picton</u></p> <p>Mark Picton, Commercial Operations Manager, gave the group an overview of Aberthaw PowerStation, current RWE npower operations and future plans in the UK.</p> <p>RWE is one of the largest energy producers in the UK and generates power using coal, gas, wood. It also uses both on and offshore renewable energy sources. A new gas fired PowerStation at Pembroke is due to come on line in 2012.</p> <p>RWE npower employs over 440 employees in Wales and operates dedicated graduate and work experience schemes. The PowerStation is located at Aberthaw to take advantage of the South Wales resources including coal from the Valleys, road and rail links and the coast for seawater to cool the plant. 60% of the coal used at Aberthaw is from the UK and the PowerStation aims to import as little as possible. This should be made easier with plans for Tower Colliery to go opencast and trials to mine for Scottish coal.</p> <p>Environmental improvements</p> <p>Mark explained that RWE npower have made significant environmental improvements to Aberthaw PowerStation including the development of an £8million biomass plant, and £175million investment to reduce emissions produced. Ash produced by the plant can be consolidated into cement blocks or utilised in the Lafarge cement operation direct. The remainder of the ash is diverted to a local quarry restoration project.</p> <p>The ACE2 centre, in which the meeting was held, is an environmentally friendly education centre, which is utilised extensively for school visits. It is also possible for community groups to use the centre for meetings.</p>	



<p>Aberthaw PowerStation is soon to go out to consultation with the local community on plans to reduce its emissions in line with the Industrial Emissions Directive. Mark explained to the group the NOx technology which is being proposed at the plant. Funding is being applied for to secure this work. This development would secure the future of Aberthaw PowerStation past 2020. In addition, Mark also mentioned the carbon capture plant at Aberthaw which is part of an initiative to reduce carbon emissions across the RWE company.</p> <p>Any questions please contact Dr Mark Picton on mark.picton@rwenpower.com or 01446 752449</p>	
<p><u>11. Natural Environmental Framework and proposals for the new Environmental Body for Wales</u></p> <p>John Harrison gave a presentation on the Sustaining a Living Wales Green Paper. The paper raises the need to look at the environment in a more integrated way whilst recognising the associated conflicts.</p> <p>The proposals set out a more integrated and practically applied approach to environmental management, providing residents with the confidence to use the natural environment surrounding them eg clean bathing water information etc. The paper also outlines the need to ensure that farmers are supported in upland regions to ensure lower lying regions have a reduced flood risk.</p> <p>There will be a single environmental body to take forward the new strategic approach which will see the Environment Agency, Forestry Commission and Countryside Council for Wales combine into one organisation. A shadow board will be established in April 2012 with the new organisation being fully implemented by 2013.</p> <p>Martin Gordon, Cardiff and Vale College said he would provide John with the contact information for the College's sustainability officer.</p> <p>The consultation period runs until May 2012. Any questions or comments, please contact John Harrison: john.harrison@environment-agency.wales.gov.uk</p>	<p>MG</p>
<p><u>12. Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Severn Estuary Report</p> <p>John Harrison informed the group that a independent report has been published on the environmental condition of the Severn Estuary. The report includes predictions on flood levels for the</p>	<p>JH / SB</p>



<p>Somerset Levels. John will circulate to the group via Shelley Best.</p> <p>Local Service Forum</p> <p>Huw Isaac proposed that the next Local Service Forum event be held in the Autumn 2012 following the publication of the LSB annual report. This was agreed.</p>	
<p>13. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 26 April 10am – 12.00 pm, Civic Offices, Barry.</p>	