



**VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING**

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**

**Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry.**

**Present:**

Cllr Neil Moore – Vale of Glamorgan Council (Chair)  
Sian Davies - Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Chris Perkins - Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Rachel Connor – Vale Centre for Voluntary Services  
Anne Wei – Cardiff and Vale UHB  
Marie Davies – Cardiff and Vale UHB  
Joe Ruddy – South Wales Police  
Hayley Selway - Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Carys Lord - Vale of Glamorgan Council

Rob Thomas - Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Garry Davies – South Wales Fire & Rescue Service  
Francesca Howorth – Vale of Glamorgan Council  
John Porter – Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Mark Davies - Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Sarah Rochira – Older People’s Commissioner  
Iwan Williams – Older People’s Commissioner’s Office

**Apologies:**

Huw Isaac – Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Kay Martin – Cardiff and Vale College  
Phil Evans - Vale of Glamorgan Council  
David Bebb -Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)  
Dr. Sharon Hopkins – Cardiff and Vale UHB

Miles Punter - Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Jennifer Hill - Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Peter Greenhill – National Probation Service  
Nadia De Longhi – Natural Resources Wales

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| <p><b>1. <u>Welcome and apologies for absence.</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were given and introductions were made.</p>                        |               |
| <p><b>2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015.</u></b></p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p> |               |



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| <p><b>3. <u>Matters arising.</u></b></p> <p>Rachel Connor (RC) confirmed that the merger of the Vale Volunteer Bureau and Vale Centre for Voluntary Services will be completed on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015. The new organisation will be called Glamorgan Volunteer Services.</p> <p>Anne Wei (AW) updated the group that Bob Tooby has now been invited to join the Integrated Health and Social Care Programme Board following discussions at the last meeting of the LSB.</p> <p>Cllr Neil Moore (NM) informed the board that this was Sian Davies' (SD) last LSB meeting before retirement. Rob Thomas (RT) has been appointed and will take on the role of Managing Director from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>4. <u>Ageing Well in Wales Programme</u></b></p> <p>Sarah Rochira (SR), Older People's Commissioner for Wales, gave the board an update on the Ageing Well programme and the support that she could offer in her role as Older People's Commissioner.</p> <p>SR thanked the group and John Porter (JP) for providing a report on the ongoing and extensive work already taking place in the Authority. The Commissioner also commended the LSB for the clarity and scope of the Community Strategy Delivery Plan. The role of LSBs was key to success of joined up government, and the Future Generations Bill was welcomed for both increasing the role of LSBs and for the promotion of the well-being agenda.</p> <p>SR outlined the Ageing Well programme and its objectives. The programme seeks to improve the quality of life for older people whilst recognising their enormous contribution and value to society. It will seek to dispel the negative stereotypes and labels that are too often associated with older people. To support the programme there will be a national implementation plan and 22 local Ageing Well Plans. The plan focuses on small steps that will greatly improve the well-being of older people. Success will be difficult to measure and therefore there will no requirement to provide any indicator or data reports to the Commissioner.</p> <p>Joe Ruddy (JR) added that the perception of safety in an area can be greatly affected by press coverage, is there anything that can be done to tackle this? SR agreed that fear of outdoors and a lack of confidence can affect the independence of many older people. Building strong communities was essential not just to older people but wider society as well, older people can play a key role in supporting communities.</p> <p>JP added that there was good work taking place across LSB</p> |  |



partners to engage further with older people and a change in service focus was already taking place. RC highlighted that good projects need ongoing support and funding and often projects that succeed are unable to continue due to funding restraints. SR agreed that investment in front line support and a strong third sector was vital for the future of the plan. Hayley Selway (HS) raised the importance of good quality housing to support the needs of older people, extensive work is taking place to renovate and improve social provision across the authority. The environment in which we live plays a key part in well-being. Golau Garedig was highlighted as an excellent example of high quality provision, connected to transport links and located close to a range of services.

NM thanked the Commissioner for attending the meeting and partners for the ongoing work to tackle the issue.

### **5. Delivery Plan Progress Report**

Chris Perkins (CP) gave a brief introduction to the report which will update the LSB on the progress made against the actions outlined in the Community Strategy Delivery Plan. This is the first monitoring report against the plan and the information within it has been gathered from the groups that support the work streams of the plan. A reporting officer from each group has been invited to present the report to the LSB. In addition to the progress updates a set of poverty indicators to add context and a number of suggested amendments to the Delivery Plan actions are also included in the report.

Mark Davies (MD) presented the first work stream, Preventing Poverty. Supported through both the Children and Young People's Board and the Poverty Alignment Group, work was focussing on a number of key areas. The work of the group, highlighted by a series of Venn diagrams, is ongoing to assist NEETs, troubled families and young mums. The groups brought together a number of teams and organisations to ensure that this focus was maintained.

HS gave an update on the next work stream, Mitigating Poverty, which is progressed through the Financial Inclusion Group. HS reminded the board that the group is putting together a Financial Inclusion Strategy and held a workshop in March to begin consultation on the strategy. The workshop had been a useful, well attended event and it had provided a wealth of information to include in the strategy. In addition to the strategy the group also highlighted progress on homelessness, housing and I.T solutions.

RT presented the final work stream, Helping People into Work supported by the Improving Opportunities Board. RT highlighted the successful work of Communities First and Families First. The group had also focussed on becoming a single point for new developers in



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| <p>the area and joining up the existing work of the partners to maximise effect.</p> <p>The amendments to the Delivery Plan suggested by the subgroups were agreed by the LSB.</p> <p>The detail of the ongoing work of the groups can be found in the progress report itself which will be made available shortly on the LSB website.</p>  |                     |
| <p><b>6. <u>Cardiff and Vale Health Board, Strategy Consultation</u></b></p> <p>Marie Davies presented details of the Health Board's revised strategy outlining a mission and vision for the board and how those goals will be met. Given the current financial pressures felt by all in the public sector the strategy seeks to prioritise provision and begin the process of transformation that will allow the Health Board to maintain standards and services. The strategy also realised the need to change the way some services are provided and the priority should be on prevention and home first care.</p> <p>SD commented that as a result of some of the proposed changes there was likely to be an increase in demand for social services and therefore increased cost. There needs to be a clear process for joined up working. Marie agreed that this was vital and had been considered. Carys Lord (CL) agreed to meet with Marie to discuss further, although there was already a significant conversation taking place though the Integrated Health and Social Care Programme Board.</p> | <p><b>CL/MD</b></p> |
| <p><b>7. <u>Fire Service Consultation Update</u></b></p> <p>Garry Davies (GD) informed the group of the current consultation that the service is undertaking. The 'Who we are, what we do' campaign seeks to raise awareness of the vital services that the organisation provides and the contribution it makes to a wide range of individuals and partners. A poster highlighting the key messages of the campaign was shown to the group. NM asked if further information could be circulated to the group. RC added that the poster worked well as it clear and without jargon.</p>  | <p><b>GD/CP</b></p> |
| <p><b>8. <u>Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People – White Paper Response</u></b></p> <p>SD updated the group that the Council was in the process of finalising its response to the White Paper. It was agreed by the group that as the paper was primarily aimed at the reform of Local Government, a joint LSB response in addition to the Council's was unnecessary.</p>  |                     |



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| <p><b>9. <u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>SD brought a proposal to the group to widen the membership of the LSB to include a representative from Town and Community Councils.</p> <p>The Well Being of Future Generations Bill will establish Public Services Boards in local authority areas to build on the current Local Service Board arrangements. Section 32 of the Bill provides a list of partners who can be invited to participate. Town and Community Councils are listed and therefore it is proposed that in advance of the introduction of the Act a representative from the Town and Community Councils be invited to be a member of the Vale Local Service Board. The additional member will broaden the membership of the Board allowing for greater engagement and discussion.</p> <p>The Board agreed the proposal and a representative will be chosen through the Council's Community Liaison Committee to attend future meetings.</p> <p>JR gave an update on the recently published end of year crime statistics. There had been a small increase in reported crime over on the previous year, this was due to a different recording process.</p> |  |
| <p><b>10. <u>Dates of future meetings.</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> June would be rearranged due to the WLGA Annual Conference taking place on the same day. Details of the new date will be circulated to the groups as soon as possible.</p>  |  |