



VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING

8th December 2015

Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry.

Present:

Cllr Neil Moore (NM) – Vale of Glamorgan Council (Chair)
Chris Perkins (CP) - Vale of Glamorgan Council
Huw Isaac (HI) – Vale of Glamorgan Council
Phil Evans (PE) – Vale of Glamorgan Council
Dr Sharon Hopkins (SH) – Cardiff and Vale UHB
Hayley Selway (HS) – Vale of Glamorgan Council
Graeme Smith (GS) – Llanmaes Community Council
Anne Parkin (AP) – Cardiff and Vale College
Anne Wei (AW) – Cardiff and Vale UHB

Stuart Parfitt (SP) – South Wales Police
Vaughan Jenkins (VJ) – South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Helen Moses (HM) – Vale of Glamorgan Council
Nadia De Longhi (NL) – Natural Resources Wales
Judith Coles (JC) – Welsh Government
Claire Germain (CG)- Welsh Government
Hilary Maggs (HMa) – Welsh Government
Marcus Goldsworthy (MG) – Vale of Glamorgan Council
Colin Davies (CD) – Vale of Glamorgan Council

Apologies:

Kay Martin – Cardiff and Vale College
Rob Thomas - Vale of Glamorgan Council
Bob Tooby – Welsh Ambulance Service Trust

Peter Greenhill – National Probation Service
Rachel Connor – Glamorgan Voluntary Services

	Action
<p>1. <u>Welcome and apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were given and introductions were made.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board meeting held on 22 October 2015</u></p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	



<p>3. <u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>NM confirmed the Welsh Ambulance Trust will be invited to a meeting of full Council in the new year following Bob Tooby's presentation at the last meeting of the LSB.</p>	<p>NM</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes of Cardiff and Vale Health and Well-being Board Meeting held on 22nd September</u></p> <p>The minutes of the board were presented to the group for information. SH advised that the group had a clear focus and the minutes reflected this whilst also highlighting a willingness to use non-traditional methods of engagement with both the public and partners. The board was maintaining focus, improving governance and had a clear mandate to try to do something different. The board will provide further updates to the LSB over the coming year.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Well-being of Future Generations Act – Impacts for the Local Service Board</u></p> <p>CG presented an update to the group on the upcoming changes to the LSB as part of the Act. CG informed the group that she had been to several LSBs across Wales in recent months and gave the background to the Act and its principles.</p> <p>CG thanked the group for their responses to the recent consultation on the draft guidance. Work is ongoing to finalise the guidance for publication in February. The new Future Generations Commissioner has now been appointed and consultation was also underway on the National Indicators.</p> <p>The Act will bring significant change for the LSB as it becomes a Public Services Board from April 2016; CG gave an overview of what changes were required. Following the presentation CG invited questions from the group.</p> <p>SH stated that significant change was required in a small amount of time and this could be difficult particularly as well-being is hard to quantify. A clear and joined up message and strategy from Welsh Government and the Commissioners was required to enable partners across Wales to have a degree of consistency in their approaches. HI agreed and added that there also needed to be scope for localism to allow for local priorities and issues to be addressed.</p> <p>CG responded stating that the commissioners had shared a platform at the recent PSB event and are already beginning to align priorities. Ministers are also having conversations about increasing alignment across departments.</p>	



The guidance allows for flexibility and localism and cross cutting objectives can contribute to a range of goals. The LSB's Tackling Poverty agenda would for example contribute significantly to the majority of the goals and it is not expected that all the goals will be addressed to the same degree. CG added that the Commissioner should be involved throughout the development of priorities and will give a steer and guidance to the PSB and public bodies.

PE queried the relationship between the Social Services Well Being Assessment and the PSB Well Being Assessment and the level of duplication there may be between the two. CG responded that the two assessments were seeking to do different things but alignment between the two was valuable and possible.

NM thanked CG and HMa for their attendance. CG reminded the group that if there were any further questions to contact the team or the new Commissioner's office for assistance.

6. Well-being Assessment Workshop, Business Intelligence Group Update

HI presented an update from a workshop recently held by the Business Intelligence Group (BIG). The workshop was held to start a conversation about how partners can work together to produce the Well-being assessment as required by the Future Generations Act. There was good representation from across all partners and it was a useful first step to begin to plan for the significant amount of work required to complete the assessment. HI added that the discussions had also highlighted a number of issues that will need to be addressed over the coming months.

HM said it was hoped that the workshop had raised awareness of the coming work and sought to build on the work already underway and previously undertaken in 2013. The BIG felt that we were in a better position to complete the task than when the unified needs assessment was completed 18 months ago.

SH highlighted the shift needed to undertake a well-being assessment rather than a deficit based needs assessment. NM added that it was crucial that the diversity of the Vale was reflected in the assessment. HM reminded the group of the asset mapping project that was beginning to look at areas of the rural vale beginning with St. Athan and it is hoped that the findings of that work could be incorporated into the assessment. CG responded that the guidance was intended to allow for different communities, localities and issues to be addressed. SH agreed that the goals included in the act were universal and could be applied to an area or community of any size.

The next meeting of the BIG will take place in January and will



<p>discuss in more detail the next stages for starting work on the assessment. Following this, a draft proposal for the assessment will be brought to a future meeting of the LSB.</p>	<p>HI</p>
<p><u>7. Draft LSB Response to the National Indicators Consultation Document</u></p> <p>HM informed the group that this was a draft LSB response to the current consultation due to close on the 11th January. If there are any further comments or amendments could the group submit over the next week to allow for timely collation and submission to Welsh Government.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><u>8. Community Strategy Delivery Plan Progress Report</u></p> <p>HI gave a brief background to the report, highlighting that this is the second progress report against the actions outlined in the delivery plan. HI then invited the senior reporting officers for each of the three work streams to provide an overview of the progress detailed in the report.</p> <p>PE began by updating the group on the significant progress made through the Poverty Alignment Group (PAG) towards aligning the work of Communities First, Flying Start and Families First. It is hoped that Welsh Government will reflect the need for alignment in its future grant funding. CD thanked the LSB for the mandate to the three projects to work together formally as a group and this had placed the Vale ahead of many authorities in Wales allowing for increased communication and better results for citizens. There is still significant work to be done and mental health provision and efficient use of the pupil deprivation grant were highlighted as particular issues that needed to be addressed. HS highlighted that although there is a need to make connections between Supporting People and the three poverty programmes it should be noted that Supporting People projects have a wider focus. HM also highlighted that a representative from the Cardiff and Vale Public Health Team has also joined the group to ensure the appropriate linkages are made.</p> <p>MG continued by updating the group on the work of the Improving Opportunities Board in seeking to help people into work. The group reported a high demand for apprenticeships in the area, work on digital skills, increased training and engagement with local employers. The group is looking to expand its membership and further improve links with major employers in the area, the enterprise zone and the city region. MG added that it was hoped that funding would continue for Communities First and Viable and Vibrant Places to enable them to continue their work in supporting people in the area. AP added that the college had rearranged its curriculum to run a significant number of courses to improve basic skills and that still</p>	



<p>too many pupils were leaving school without qualifications in English and Maths. The college was also looking to pilot junior apprenticeships in the area, PE welcomed the initiative and highlighted that it could help to support looked after children. HS highlighted the role procurement could play in supporting local jobs and new build council houses would use local employers and resources.</p> <p>HS finished by updating on the work of the Financial Inclusion Group and its role in mitigating the impact of poverty. The partnership had worked together to limit the impacts of welfare reform and the housing benefit changes. Partnership agreements had been put in place to work closely with the Department of Work and Pensions and online advice solutions were under development. The group has also looked at the issue of food banks and supported the work of Cyd Cymru to tackle fuel poverty. The progress made by the group was reflected in the amendments to some of the actions in the Mitigating Poverty section of the Delivery Plan.</p> <p>NM thanked all partners for their commitment to addressing poverty in the Vale and the report shows an enormous amount of work and progress on the issues.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Financial Inclusion Strategy</u></p> <p>HS informed the board that one of the actions of the delivery plan was to develop a Financial Inclusion Strategy. The strategy builds on a workshop held earlier in the year and takes into account the objectives of the Welsh Government. The strategy will provide a focus for the Financial Inclusion Group's (FIG) activities and outlines its priorities.</p> <p>The document is designed to evolve and can be modified to look at issues that arise over time. The strategy has had significant input from partners including the Credit Union and the Citizens Advice Bureau.</p> <p>The board agreed with the objectives of the strategy and commended the work of the FIG.</p> <p>HS added that it would also be of benefit to develop a strategy for the Community Safety Partnership, Safer Vale, to both increase focus and allow for a reporting mechanism to the LSB. The group agreed and HS will bring an update on the work of the partnership to a future meeting.</p>	<p>HS</p>
<p>10. <u>Ageing Well Plan</u></p> <p>HM presented the draft LSB Ageing Well plan to the group. The plan has been produced at the request of the Older Peoples</p>	



<p>Commissioner and is designed to support the Commissioner's ageing well programme. The plan details the context of the actions and how they fit into and support the ongoing work of the LSB. HM outlined some of the actions and highlighted that case studies will be developed to accompany the plan and give further context.</p> <p>SH agreed with the plan and highlighted that the integration of the report into the existing framework and reporting structure was to be commended. The integration was in contrast to the approach of other organisations.</p> <p>The draft plan will be submitted before Christmas ahead of a launch ceremony hosted by the Older Peoples Commissioner in mid-January for all of the plans from across Wales.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Local Service Board Forum</u></p> <p>HI updated the group that the Local Service Forum would now be held in the spring and suggested April as the optimum time to hold the event. A draft proposal for the event was presented to the group outlining options for the half day event. This would allow for budgets to be confirmed and would also raise awareness about the new Public Services Board.</p> <p>The group supported the outline plan and agreed that seeking attendance from the new Future Generations Commissioner would be of value. SH suggested a joint presentation from the Council, Health and Third Sector to highlight the links between all partners.</p> <p>HI invited the group to submit any further suggestions over the coming weeks and a date would be confirmed as soon as possible.</p>	HI
<p>12. <u>Vale of Glamorgan Council Corporate Plan and Draft Budget Consultation</u></p> <p>HI introduced a paper outlining the new vision, values, outcomes and objectives for the Council that feature in the new Corporate Plan 2016-20. A draft plan will be circulated for consultation following a cabinet meeting next week. The consultation will run until the end of January and will also include the Council's draft budget for 2016-17. The plan anticipates and has been framed around maximising the Council's contribution to the well-being goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. The Council's new Corporate Plan will be presented to the LSB in February.</p> <p>HI encouraged other members of the board to bring new strategies and budgets to the group for discussion over the coming months. SH agreed that this was the forum for cross partner conversations to take place and that it was vital that partners shared information regarding budget proposals and potential impacts.</p>	



<p>NM hoped that all partners would have time to review the consultation documents and welcomed input.</p>	
<p>13. <u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>There was no further business.</p>	
<p>14. <u>Dates of future meetings.</u></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for the 23rd February 2016.</p>	