

Meeting of:	Community Liaison Committee
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 30 January 2025
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Nomination of Representatives from Town and Community Councils for the Public Services Board
Purpose of Report:	To consider appointment to the Public Services Board
Report Owner:	Rob Thomas, Chief Executive
Responsible Officer:	Helen Moses, Operational Manager Corporate Strategy and Insight
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Due to the corporate nature of this report, no specific consultation has been undertaken with Elected Members.
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by the Community Liaison Committee
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To invite a representative of Town and Community Councils to join the Public Services Board in line with the statutory guidance for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. To continue the involvement of Town and Community Councils in the work of the PSB and the effective dialogue that has been established between Town and Community Councils. 	

Recommendation

1. That the Community Liaison Committee re-appoints a representative or selects a new representative from the 26 Town and Community Councils to sit on the Public Services Board for a period of up to two years, to January 2027.

Reason for Recommendation

1. To enable a representative from Town and Community Councils to be appointed to the PSB to ensure effective engagement with Town and Community Councils and adhere to the Statutory Guidance for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

1. Background

- 1.1 On the 5th July 2016, an invitation was extended to the Community Liaison Committee to appoint a representative to sit on the Public Services Board (PSB) which was established through the Well-being of Future Generations Act. This was initially for a one-year period, this was changed to a two-year period in 2017. This will be the fourth time the Committee has been asked to re-appoint or select a representative to sit on the PSB.
- 1.2 The current representative appointed for a term of two years in July 2022 is Barry Town Councillor Shirley Hodges who has been a very active participant in the work of the PSB; attending meetings of the PSB, the PSB's Town and Community Council Exchange Meetings and contributing to the drafting of the Well-being Plan.
- 1.3 In October 2024 the Committee discussed a report seeking either a new representative or the re-appointment of the current representative. Following this discussion the Committee asked for the PSB to consider inviting two representatives from the sector to sit on the PSB.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 The Well-being of Future Generations Act came into force on the 1st April 2015. The Act requires that all public bodies consider the economic, social, environmental and cultural aspects of all decisions we make. The Act formally establishes statutory boards, to be called Public Services Boards (PSBs), in each local authority area in Wales.
- 2.2 A number of statutory duties are placed on the PSB to evidence work towards the seven national Well-being Goals for Wales. This includes a duty to assess the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of their area. This has been delivered through [‘A View of the Vale of Glamorgan – An assessment of Current and Future Well-being’](#) published in May 2022. Following its assessment

of well-being the PSB must develop a Well-being Plan, which evidences the PSB's contribution to the goals while also responding to the findings of the assessment of well-being.

- 2.3** The Vale of Glamorgan PSB published its [Well-being Plan](#) in May 2023. The Well-being Plan set three Well-being Objectives for the PSB to work to deliver over a five-year period, these are: A More Resilient and Greener Vale, A More Active and Healthier Vale, and A More Equitable and Connected Vale. Alongside the three Well-being Objectives, through the Well-being Plan the PSB set three priority workstreams to take forward work where specific and additional shared focus is needed, these are: Responding to the Climate and Nature Emergencies, Working with People Who Live in Our Communities That Experience Higher Levels of Deprivation, and Becoming an Age Friendly Vale.
- 2.4** The Well-being Plan is taken forward by PSB board members. This includes the four statutory members: the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and Natural Resources Wales.
- 2.5** Alongside the statutory members, PSBs are required to invite certain other persons or organisations to participate the work of the board. These invitees are not required to accept the invitation; however, should they accept this invitation, they are referred to in the Act as 'invited participants'. On the Vale of Glamorgan PSB 'invited participants' include: South Wales Police, the office of South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, a representative of Welsh Government, National Probation Service, and Glamorgan Voluntary Services.
- 2.6** Further to the "invited participants", the PSB is required to engage with key partners who have a material interest in the well-being of the area, who deliver important public services, in the preparation, implementation and delivery of the work of the board. These key partners are referred to within the Act as 'other partners'. On the Vale of Glamorgan PSB 'other partners' include: Cardiff and Vale College, Transport for Wales, Welsh Ambulance Service Trust, and a representative from Town and Community Councils.
- 2.7** The report, 'Shared Purpose: Shared Future 4', provides guidance on the role of Community Councils in response to the Well-being of Future Generations Act and places a duty on Town and Community Councils with a gross income or expenditure of at least £200,000 to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the objectives set out in the local Well-being Plan. In the Vale of Glamorgan, this is understood to effect Barry, Llantwit Major and Penarth Town and Community Councils.
- 2.8** This report has been brought before Committee to continue the involvement of Town and Community Councils in the work of the PSB. This will also ensure the continuation of the effective dialogue that has been established between Town and Community Councils through the PSB and Town and Community Council Exchange meetings. Topics of discussion at these exchange meetings have included: Amplifying Prevention and [Food Vale](#), [Age Friendly Vale](#), Biodiversity including - [The Recall of the Wild - Director of Public Health Wales Annual Report](#) and the [Vale Nature Recovery Plan](#).

2.9 In October 2024 the Committee were asked to reappoint or newly appoint a representative to join the PSB. The PSB meets at least five times a year and meetings are held during the working day. In addition to the PSB meetings there are opportunities to participate in workshops, subgroups and other PSB related events and meetings.

2.10 At the meeting in October the Committee recommended:

(1) T H A T a request be sent to the Public Service Board, that two representatives of Town and Community Councils be appointed to the Board, one representative for Town Councils and one representative for Community Councils.

(2) T H A T Councillor S. Hodges (Barry Town Council) continues to represent Town and Community Councils on the Public Service Board until such time that the Community Liaison Committee request, as per Recommendation 1 above, be responded to.

2.11 In December 2024 the PSB considered the request by the Committee for there to be two representatives. Following discussion, it was agreed that for parity with other representation on the Board (for example, the third sector) the invitation would be confirmed as being for one representative from the Town and Community Council sector to sit on the PSB. It was recognised that the PSB/TCC exchange meetings also provide an opportunity for the sector to participate in the work of the PSB and to discuss relevant issues.

2.12 The Committee are therefore requested to appoint one representative to sit on the PSB for a period of up to two years. If as discussed at the Committee meeting in October the Committee wish to consider a shorter term, then the PSB is content for the Committee to appoint for less than two years.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

3.1 The Public Services Board (PSB) has a responsibility to embed the five ways of working in all its activities. The invitation for a Town and Community Council to participate in the PSB will in particular support greater involvement and opportunities for collaboration and the integration of different workstreams

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

4.1 The Public Services Board has agreed a Climate Emergency Charter, and an Asset Management and Climate Change group has been established to enable partners to work together and share learning and best practice. Climate change and the environment were significant themes in the assessment of local well-being; this has been reflected in the inclusion of 'Responding to the Climate and Nature Emergencies' as one of the PSB's Priority Workstreams and 'A More Resilient and Greener Vale' as one of the PSB's Well-being Objectives.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

5.1 None as a result of this report.

Employment

5.2 None as a result of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

5.3 None as a result of this report.

6. Background Papers

[Nomination of Representatives Report Community Liaison Committee 10th October 2024](#)

[Statutory Guidance for the Wellbeing of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 SPSF3 - Collective Role \(Public Services Boards\)](#)

[Statutory Guidance for the Wellbeing of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 SPSF4 - Collective Role \(Community Councils\)](#)