
Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board (PSB)

Wednesday, 11 December 2019 10:00am-12:00pm

Adra Offices, Tŷ Coch, Bangor

Present: -

NAME	ORGANISATION
Clr Dyfrig Siencyn (DS)	Gwynedd Council
Dilwyn Williams (DOW)	Gwynedd Council
Anwen Morgan (AM)	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Ffion Johnstone (FfJ)	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Jerry Hunter (JH)	Bangor University
Sioned Rees (SR)	Welsh Government
Sian Williams (SW)	Natural Resources Wales
Bethan Russell Williams (BRW)	Mantell Gwynedd
Siobhan Adams (SA)	Public Health Wales NHS Trust
Shan Morris (SM)	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Richie Green (RG)	North Wales Police

In attendance: -

Nonn Hughes (NH)	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
Sophie Ann Hughes (SAH)	Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
Dewi Wyn Jones (DWJ)	Gwynedd Council
Morwena Edwards (AME) - Item 4	Gwynedd Council
Catherine Roberts (CR) – Item 4	Gwynedd Council

Apologies: -

Emyr Williams	Snowdonia National Park Authority
Clr Llinos Medi Huws	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Ffrancon Williams	Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd
Catrin Thomas	Probation Service
Sian Purcell	Medrwn Môn

ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

ITEM 2 - TERMS OF REFERENCE - STANDING ITEM

None to note.

ITEM 3 - MINUTES (TO BE APPROVED) AND MATTERS ARISING: 11/12/19

It was confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the discussions. Action Points from the previous meeting, in summary were as follows:

1. NH to look into the way forward in relation to the joint apprenticeships scheme - [NH to present as part of Item 7.](#)
2. Contact the Commissioner to discuss collaboration opportunities through the Language sub-group (on apprenticeship opportunities) - [Had been working with them, had made the contact and invited them to contribute to the language sub-group. Guto Dafydd had attended.](#)
3. SR to report back to the Board on the issue of the apprenticeship levy - [SR and NH had been in touch to discuss the way forward.](#)
4. The 'Homes for Local People' sub-group to further discuss barriers in terms of empty houses/old stock - [This had been discussed in the sub-group. It was felt that it was discussed in any case by the councils and other organisations, however it was agreed to discuss it further at the meeting.](#)
5. Siobhan Adams and Jerry Hunter would have a further discussion about the early years - [to be arranged.](#)
6. SAH to ensure that the presentations from the organisations that had not yet been presented on their strategic priorities were on the next meeting's agenda - [item 6 on the agenda.](#)
7. NH/Homes sub-group to secure the agreement of the Fire Authority regarding the arrangements for the post of Project Manager - [NH had contacted. The Fire Authority agreed in principle.](#)
8. GJ/LIMH to ensure a discussion takes place on Anglesey regarding the proposal to merge the housing partnerships of Gwynedd and Anglesey. [To be discussed in January.](#)
9. SW to draft a letter to the Government on behalf of the PSB, to support Gwynedd Council's view that Climate Change was not a local responsibility - [SW and NH were drafting, but it would possibly need to be updated following a meeting with the Future of Generations Commissioner the following week](#)
10. SW to report back in the next meeting on the work of the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB on reducing carbon emissions - [Item on the agenda.](#)
11. SW and EW to discuss membership of the health and care sub-group with FfJ - [Item to be discussed on the agenda](#)
12. CT to send a copy of the memorandum of understanding in regard to the sharing of information between the Board and the Probation Service to NH - [The agreement had been](#)

forwarded to the monitoring officer in Gwynedd, and had been approved for members of the PSB to sign off.

ITEM 4 - COMMUNITY SAFETY PRESENTATION

One of the main priorities of the partnership was to ensure that what took place regionally did not have a detrimental impact on our work locally. The PSB was asked to consider the relationship with the Partnership and whether the PSB wished to receive reports from it. DOW noted that the PSB needed to be aware of what was happening, and that an end of year report to explain what was happening in the areas, be it in terms of regional or local boards, could be useful to enable to PSB to feed in if it saw anything arising which needed input. Therefore, it was agreed to share the report drawn up for scrutiny once a year with the PSB, and for CR to make contact with the PSB as an exception if it was felt that anything specific needed to be raised otherwise. AME suggested that it would be a good idea to share a few case examples in order to provide the full story of what was happening in Gwynedd and Anglesey.

It was noted that a great deal of work was taking place in the University with regard to violence against women, as it was students who were most at risk. JH suggested that CR made contact with Helen Munroe.

It was noted that a number of third sector organisations were undertaking project work in this field (mostly preventative and front line), but that much of it was coming to an end and that there was a need to be vigilant of the impact of losing this type of provision in the community field. It was noted that this type of thing needed to be raised in the partnership in order to raise it regionally.

1. CR to share the scrutiny report of the Community Safety Partnership once a year, with a few case examples to convey the story of what was happening.
2. CR to get in touch with Helen Munroe at the University in relation to the Violence against Women Board.

ITEM 5 - PROGRESS REPORTS

Homes for local people - Ffrancon Williams

In the absence of FfW, NH provided an update. The lack of sites offered specifically by the councils for development was emphasised, and it was asked that the organisations considered this further.

The question was asked whether there had been any confusion between the housing partnerships and the housing sub-group that we already had. It was noted that this was to be discussed by the sub-group in order to report back at the next meeting.

3. Organisations to urgently consider whether it would be possible to offer more sites
4. FfW to report back to the PSB in relation to the arrangement of the Housing Partnerships and the sub-group.

The Welsh Language - Jerry Hunter

The report was submitted, proposing that we held a marketing campaign following the mapping exercise of the PSB organisations' language commitments. It was noted that there was no such campaign, on its own, that addressed the demand from the citizen's perspective, and that there was a need to go further to encourage and push the use of the Welsh language in order to create real

change. The PSB would favour seeing definitive activities and commitment to implement in a specific way in an attempt to persuade the use of the Welsh language, before undertaking marketing work.

As a starting point, the PSB therefore asked the sub-group to consider work to look into receptions, initially by setting up a project to train/deal with receptions in general, in order to look to encouraging and promoting use in these receptions before undertaking any marketing work.

5. The Welsh Language sub-group to consider the way forward with this reception work

The impact of climate change on the well-being of communities - Sian Williams

In relation to the need to report back on the work of the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB on reducing carbon emissions, SW noted, for information, that work was ongoing there to encourage community groups and individuals to commit to pledges to change their lifestyle, and that a marketing campaign would commence after Christmas. It was suggested that there was an opportunity here for Mantell Gwynedd and Medrwn Môn to suggest that community groups in Gwynedd and Anglesey used the same pledges. SAH to circulate the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB update on this.

It was noted that the Future Generations Commissioner was meeting the First Minister in order to progress with this field, and it was agreed that it would be useful for the Board to note that whilst we were attempting to cope with the impacts of climate change, the current system was not fit for purpose and it needed to be reviewed in order to ensure clarity so that we did not duplicate the work carried out by the Board, internally within the organisations, and regionally. There was a feeling around the table that the message would be stronger if the PSB presented its opinion as a Board to the Commissioner, rather than support Gwynedd Council's standpoint alone. It was also noted that Gwynedd Council had arranged to hold a meeting with the Commissioner on the matter.

It was noted that SW would give a presentation on their positive carbon project at the next meeting in order to show how they looked at work streams. Natural Resources Wales was encouraged to make contact with the Bangor University sustainability lab.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial for the PSB to receive an analysis from SW about what was happening and how they saw the various elements fitting in locally and nationally. It would also be beneficial to define the mitigation work and the adapting work. SW noted that it was important to remember that the climate change sub-group had agreed to focus on community changes, however it was agreed that it was important to have a discussion as a PSB around how we could help each other.

6. SAH to circulate the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB update in relation to their community pledges.

7. SW and NH to carry out this mapping work in order to see what would be suitable for discussion on the various levels

8. SW and Huw Williams (Gwynedd Consultancy) to send the PSB's letter to Mark Drakeford before his meeting with the Commissioner.

Integrated Health and Care

A concern was noted that the attendance of members had varied at the meetings, which impacted progress, and the need for consistency was emphasised.

Adults - It was noted that appointments had been made for Programme Manager and Community Project Officers of the integrated teams, and that it was intended to develop a systems thinking framework based on failure demand. The focus would be on attempting to change culture and ensuring sustainability in moving forward.

Children - It was considered that perhaps there was a need to look at the field more broadly because it was difficult to move forward with the usual attendance in the sub-group (namely Health and Social Services). SA to submit a proposal in order to have the PSB's agreement to collaborate better.

Mental Health - It was agreed that it would be useful to receive a presentation from the mental health sub-group with an emphasis on expanding the ICAN centres' project.

Learning Disabilities - Some concerns about what was happening locally and regionally in the field of Learning Disabilities were noted, and it was noted that Anglesey would trial pool budgets within this work stream.

FfJ proposed that the sub-group held a workshop to consider and discuss ideas for the future. The PSB approved this idea, and it was noted that there would be an offer for members of the sub-group and members of the Board to attend. The University emphasised the importance of their presence as a provider for the future workforce.

It was emphasised that this work that had been carried out was work that would not have happened to the same extent were it not for the efforts of the sub-group, and therefore there was a strong message about the Board's contribution.

It was suggested that we needed to remind ourselves annually of why we were doing what we were doing and to what direction we wanted to go, in order to ensure that everyone on the Board understood the work that was being done.

9. SA to submit a proposal in order to receive the Board's agreement to collaborate better.

10. Arrange a presentation by the mental health sub-board, focusing on extending the ICAN centres' programme.

11. NH/SAH to consider how best to ensure an opportunity for members of the Board to be reminded of the direction of the work.

ITEM 6 – PRESENTATIONS BY ORGANISATIONS ON THEIR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Presentations were given by the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board, Gwynedd Council, Mantell Gwynedd, North Wales Police and Natural Resources Wales.

Gwynedd Council - it was noted that Climate Change was currently missing, but that it was an additional priority in the Council Plan for 2020/21 following their climate emergency statement. It was noted that there was scope for the PSB to have a conversation about the work the Council was considering in order to enable hydrogen vehicles, etc. It was proposed that it was a conversation that could be held following the mapping work SW would be doing.

Natural Resources Wales – currently in the process of putting area statements together and working to engage with the public and partners between now and March. The intention was to jointly decide what mattered in terms of the environment in our area and how we would collaborate. A desire to give PSB a presentation was noted in the next meeting in relation to the arising themes and the next steps.

12. SW to give a presentation to the PSB on engagement work with Natural Resources Wales.
13. The organisations that had not yet presented to do so at the next meeting.

ITEM 7 - PAPER ON THE JOINT APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

It was noted that many options had been submitted, but that NH recommended option 3 - awaiting to hear more about the direction of the Skills Partnership. It was agreed to ask the Skills Partnership Programme Manager to give a presentation at the next meeting in order to present their desire to collaborate.

It was also noted that Welsh Government's Graduate Scheme was now available to us if we wished to express an interest, and it was desired for three bodies to do so in order to consider the ability to commit the following year.

SW noted that Natural Resources were interested internally in the field of flooding, and that it considered this an opportunity to train engineers. A desire to work with Gwynedd and Anglesey Councils was noted. At this point, it was agreed to express an interest and to think more about the details for the second part of the application.

14. Express an interest in the Government's Graduate Scheme.
15. Invite the Skills Partnership's Programme Manager, Sian Lloyd Roberts, to give a short presentation.

ITEM 8 - THE BOARD'S SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

Noted that the paper had been presented by NH for information.

ITEM 9 - THE RISK REGISTER

Noted for information.

ITEM 10 - CORRESPONDENCE

Establishing Female Safe Spaces - The Probation Service proposed that the PSB considered potential sites. Members to directly contact the Probation Service or NH if interested. NH also to forward the correspondence on to Catherine Roberts to ensure an appropriate link.

An invite to the Future Generations Exchanging Ideas event on 10 January - Anyone who was interested to get in touch with NH.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Report - As the PSB would need to draw up an annual report following its meeting on 6 March, it was noted that it would be useful for leaders of the sub-groups to consider the content of the Well-being Plan, and look into what we said we would do in order to convey the progress concisely in the progress reports in March.

Poverty - It was noted that the Gwynedd and Anglesey Scrutiny Committees had questioned the poverty priority and what the PSB was doing. The decision of the PSB was to allow the Local Authorities to focus on this field and then consider whether there were any gaps that we could add value to. It was agreed that it was timely to ask for high level reports from the Authorities at the meeting of the PSB on 6 March.

Length of agenda - It was questioned whether paper reports were sufficient by the sub-groups in moving forward, in order to reduce the agenda.

16. The Leaders of the sub-groups to consider the Well-being Plan whilst drawing up progress reports for the March meeting, in order to feed into the Board's Annual Report.

17. NH to invite presentations by the Local Authorities with regard to their work in the field of poverty.