



BWRDD GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS  
PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD  
**CWM TAF**  
**MORGANNWG**

**A Hybrid MEETING OF Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee IS TO BE HELD ON Friday, 6TH OCTOBER, 2023 AT 10.30 AM.**

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### AGENDA

#### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **2. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

Members of the JOSC are reminded that, as set out within its terms of reference, their core statutory functions include:-

- To review or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken by Board;
- To review or scrutinise the Board's governance arrangements;
- To make reports or recommendations to the Board regarding its functions or governance arrangements;
- To consider matters relating to the Board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly; and
- To carry out other functions in relation to the Board that are imposed on it by the [Well-Being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#).

#### **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive disclosures of personal interests from Committee Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest:  
and

2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave

#### **4. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT**

1. To appoint a Chair of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2023 – 2024; and,
2. To appoint a Vice Chair of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2023 – 2024.

#### **5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (CTM PSB)**

To receive an update on the newly merged CTM PSB, progress and future priorities.

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#### **6. NEXT STEPS**

An opportunity for Members to consider and discuss future work items on the JOSOC Forward Work Programme and to consider any future action plans.

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#### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

To consider any other business, as the Chair feels appropriate.

#### **8. CHAIRS REVIEW & CLOSE**

To reflect on the meeting and actions to be taken forward.

#### **9. INFORMATION REPORTS**

- <https://www.futuregenerations.wales/about-us/future-generations-act/>
- [Cwm Taf Morgannwg Well-being Plan 2023-2028](#)
- Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSOC) Terms of Reference ([RCTCBC Agreed on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023](#), [BCBC Agreed on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023](#) and [MTCBC Agreed on the 12<sup>th</sup> Jul 2023](#)).

#### **Circulation:-**

Representing Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council:  
County Borough Councillors: C Jones (x 5 Members awaited)

Representing Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council:  
County Borough Councillors: R Bevan, J Bonetto, M Ashford, K Morgan, B  
Stephens, S Evans

Representing Bridgend County Borough Council:  
County Borough Councillors: A Williams, A Williams, R. Granville, M. Hughes, S.  
Griffiths, F Bletsoe

Co-opted Members:

Mr M. Jehu OBE – Local Health Board

Ms A. Lewis – RCT Citizen Representative

Mr M J. Maguire – Merthyr Citizen Representative

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Councillor A Roberts MBE – Fire Authority Representative

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**CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD  
JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES  
BOARD (CTM PSB)**

**UPDATE ON THE NEWLY MERGED CTM PSB, PROGRESS AND FUTURE  
PRIORITIES**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (CTM JOSCB) with the progress of the new PSB and to give them the opportunity to provide views on the development of future action plans to deliver the Well-Being Plan.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members:-
- i. Consider the update on progress and provide feedback to the PSB on their developments, and how these will link to future priorities in the development of their action plans, paying particular attention to outcomes. This should also help to support a forward work programme for the Committee.
  - ii. Provide their views on 'how' the plans will be developed and implemented, with particular focus on the practice of the Five Ways of Working, as discussed in the training session with the Office of Future Generations Commissioner on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 As outlined in the letter to PSBs from the Minister and Commissioner in July 2023, they asserted that 'first and foremost, focussing on the Five Ways of Working is a good place to start.'
- 3.2 The Welsh Government Guidance to PSBs on the role of scrutiny states that the scrutiny function of Public Services Boards is encouraged to be 'a critical friend with positive intent'. Furthermore, it outlines that scrutiny practitioners act as advocates for the success of joint working.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 In April 2016, all public bodies became subject to new duties under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (WFG). The purpose of the WFG Act

is to ensure that the governance arrangements in public bodies for improving the wellbeing of Wales take into account the needs of future generations. The aim is for public bodies to pursue a common aim to improve the cultural, economic, social and environmental well-being of Wales in accordance with detailed sustainable development principle and seven national well-being goals prescribed by the Act:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales

4.2 The sustainable development principle is supported by five ways of working and how we need to do things differently. These are long term thinking, integration, collaboration, prevention and involvement. What this means is:

- Balancing short and long term needs and planning better for the future;
- Partners and others working together to deliver priorities;
- Involving those with an interest in the Well-being goals ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area;
- Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse; and
- Considering how Well-being goals impact upon each other and on those of other bodies.

4.3 Each PSB have a statutory duty to produce a Well Being Assessment and Well-being Plan:

4.3.1 Each PSB must improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area by working to achieve the well-being goals. It will do this by:

- Assessing the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area; and
- Setting objectives that are designed to maximise the PSBs contribution to the wellbeing goals.

They must do this in accordance with the sustainable development principle.

4.3.2 The PSB is required to prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan every 5 years, which sets out the local well-being objectives and the steps it proposes to take to meet them. These must be designed to maximise the Board's contribution to delivering the well-being goals within its area; and take all reasonable steps to meet those objectives in line with the Five Ways of Working.

4.3.3 The CTM PSB has published its second iteration of the Well-being Plan in 2023. The newly merged Board must now detail what and how it will deliver its actions against the objectives set out in the Plan.

## **5. CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD DRAFT WELL BEING PLAN**

5.1 The PSB have used the Well-being Assessment as the evidence base for the draft Well-being Plan, the data and information gathered has been used alongside what

local communities and people have advised about life in Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Bridgend. (Well being Assessment Link)

- 5.2 The well being assessment identified the inequalities across the communities and the draft plan seeks to advise how the PSB will work together to remove these inequalities to improve the well-being for people living in the region now and for building towards a fair future. The overarching theme of the draft Well-being Plan is 'a more equal Cwm Taf Morgannwg', which drives every aspect of the Public Services Board's work.
- 5.3 The plan outlines two main objectives:
- Objective One - Healthy local neighbourhoods
  - Objective Two – Sustainable and resilient local neighbourhoods

## **6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out on the Well-being Plan. Here is the report:

### **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

### **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with the duties placed on the PSB under the Well Being of Future Generations Act.

## **9. FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMMITTEE**

- 9.1 Acting as a critical friend, Members of the Committee could consider that the PSB has recently merged and understand the opportunities and challenges this brings.
- 9.2 Use the Well-being Plan as the framework for their work for the next 5 years and use it to support the development of its action plans.
- The Committee agrees to focus on 'how' the PSB are working together to target actions that add value as a collaborative partnership.
  - How well are the PSB involving people and communities in decisions about their work?

## **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 Members of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the progress of the newly merged Board, and links to future priorities. Most significantly, members are asked to consider 'how' future actions are delivered, in line with the Five Ways of Working.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW &  
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## **CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS, RCTCBC**

### **NEXT STEPS AND DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 2023- 2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with the opportunity to consider matters in respect of its Work Programme for the 2023 -24 Municipal Year and the next steps for the Committee in respect of calendar of meetings.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:-

2.1 Following consideration of the information received from the Chair of the PSB, during agenda item 4, consider and determine matters they may wish to consider, challenge and scrutinise throughout the 2023-24 Municipal Year, with particular focus on the practice of the Five Ways of Working, as discussed in the training session with the Office of Future Generations Commissioner on the 5<sup>th</sup> September, and on the future action plans of the Public Services Board to deliver the Well-Being Plan; and,

2.2 Subject to 2.1, Instruct the Scrutiny Officers to devise a draft Forward Work Programme for Members consideration and approval at the next meeting of the Committee

2.3 Instruct the Scrutiny Officer to devise a draft Calendar of meetings for the Committee following consideration of the survey feedback, referenced in section 6 of the report.

### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 An effective Work Programme will identify the issues that the JOSC wishes to focus on and scrutinise throughout the year and provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected, as well as the approach that will be adopted. Members' input are sought on suggested topics for consideration as determining its own work programme and deciding on what evidence to seek to fulfil its scrutiny role; asking relevant and timely questions at meetings are all key to good scrutiny

3.2 The Work Programme will remain flexible and will be revisited at each JOSC meeting with input from Members and officers on suggested topics for consideration.

### **4. DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK PROGRAMME**

4.1 The JOSC plays a crucial role in holding the Public Services Board accountable and ensuring transparency and effectiveness in governance. The newly merged Public Services Board is in the process of developing its Work Programme and in the meantime it is essential for JOSC Members to be aware of the Board's priorities and planned policies, legislation, and projects for the forthcoming year, as set out by the Chair of the Public Services Board in item 4 on the agenda, thereby allowing the Scrutiny Committee to identify and prioritise matters that are of significant public interest or have potential implications for the communities that form part of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region. Where possible and with agreement of inclusion on the Work Programme, site visits will also be undertaken.

4.2 Members of the JOSC will be able to ensure the PSB is taking all reasonable steps to meet its objectives, monitor progress to date and consider the extent to which differences are being made to the communities of Cwm Taf Morgannwg in improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the area.

### **5. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

5.1 To assist Members of the JOSC, Members are requested to consider any training requirements they have in relation to their role as a Member on the CTM PSB JOSC. Scrutiny Officers will develop a schedule of training for JOSC Members which will also remain flexible and brought back to each meeting for consideration and scheduling.

### **6. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE JOSC**

6.1 A short survey was circulated to all Members, Co Opted Members and Deputy Members of the JOSC following the initial training session on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Survey sought details on Members preferences on the scheduling of

future JOSC meetings, including the meeting location arrangements. The feedback from this survey will be used to form a calendar of meetings for Members consideration.

## **7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report and no Equality Impact Assessment is deemed necessary for the purposes of this report.

## **8 CONSULTATION**

8.1 The considerations and comments of all members of the JOSC are sought in respect of the draft JOSC Work Programme and it is for Members of the JOSC to propose and agree items for consideration at this Committee.

## **9 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

## **10 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

10.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

## **11. LINKS TO PSB'S WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES**

11.1 The recommended approach set out supports the Public Services Board Wellbeing objectives by ensuring progress of the PSB is robustly scrutinised by the Committee, the public and others with a vested interest.

11.2 The proposed approach will also support the requirements set out in the 'Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015' which states:

- A public body must take account of the importance of involving other persons with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensure those persons reflect the diversity of the population;
- Effective involvement of people and communities in decisions that affect them is at the heart of improving well-being currently and in the future; and,
- It is vital to factor people's needs; ensuring engagement is meaningful and effective.

## **12. CONCLUSION**

12.1 Members of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee are asked to identify any items they would like

to review in greater detail and to agree for Scrutiny Officers to draft a Forward Work Programme based on input sought from Member of the JOSC for the 2023 - 24 Municipal Year.

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