



## CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board held on Tuesday, 27 July 2021 at 10.00 am

<b>PRESENT</b>	
<b>Mark Brace (MB) Chair</b>	Assistant Police & Crime Commissioner & Chair of Bridgend PSB
<b>Cllr Lisa Mytton</b>	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
<b>Cllr Rhys Lewis (RL, for Cllr A. Morgan)</b>	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
<b>Chris Bradshaw (CB)</b>	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
<b>Paul Mee (PM)</b>	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
<b>Ellis Cooper (EC)</b>	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
<b>Ch Supt Steve Jones (SJ)</b>	South Wales Police
<b>Prof Marcus Longley (ML)</b>	University Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg
<b>Linda Prosser (LP)</b>	University Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg
<b>Kelechi Nnoaham (KN)</b>	Public Health Wales
<b>Angela Jones (AJ)</b>	Public Health Wales
<b>Pauline Richards (PR)</b>	Interlink RCT
<b>Simon James (SJa)</b>	Interlink RCT
<b>Sharon Richards (SR)</b>	VAMT
<b>Richard Baker (RB)</b>	Welsh Government
<b>Huw Morse (HM, on behalf of HJ)</b>	South Wales Fire & Rescue
<b>Geoff Hobbs (GH, on behalf of M.Evans)</b>	Natural Resources Wales
<b>Eirian Evans (EE)</b>	National Probation Service
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>Kirsty Smith</b>	PSB Senior Officer
<b>Lisa Toghill</b>	PSB Senior Officer
<b>Emma Wilkins</b>	RCT Democratic Services
<b>J Mushirigani Monjero</b>	Coproduction Network for Wales
<b>Phil Lewis</b>	Valleys Regional Park
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
<b>Cllr Andrew Morgan</b>	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
<b>Cllr Jill Bonetto (JB)</b>	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council & Chair of the CTPSB Joint Scrutiny Cmt.
<b>Cllr Chris Davies (CD)</b>	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council & Chair of CTMRPB
<b>Chief Constable J Vaughan</b>	South Wales Police
<b>Huw Jakeway</b>	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
<b>Alyn Owen</b>	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

No	Outcome. Example: Decision/Direction/Approval/Next Steps
1.	<p><b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS &amp; APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed Members of the PSB to the meeting and apologies of absence were also provided.</p>
2.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest pertaining to the agenda.</p>
3.	<p><b>ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - FOR APPROVAL BY PSB</b></p> <p>The Action Notes of the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The Chair took the opportunity to discuss the following matters arising from the previous meeting:</p> <p><b>Item 4 – ‘Covid Response’</b> – The Board were advised that there was no feedback to the support team on applications to the ‘Levelling Up’ fund.</p> <p><b>Item 6 – ‘Annual Report’</b> – The Chair confirmed that the Annual Report was published on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, on the Our Cwm Taf website and sent to all members and partners.</p> <p><b>Item 7 – ‘Bevan Foundation Report – What has worked from community perspective over last 12 months’</b> – A task and finish group between RPB and PSB is proposed to look at community development approaches across the work of the Boards. SJ confirmed that a meeting between the Chairs to confirm the role and remit was to be taken forward and the findings would be brought back to the Board for approval.</p>
5.	<p><b>VALLEYS REGIONAL PARK UPDATE</b></p> <p>Phil Lewis, Strategic and Operational Lead for Valleys Regional Park (VRP) provided the Board with a video and PowerPoint presentation in respect of the work of the VRP including aims and priority work area, particularly in making the parks and gateway sites working together.</p> <p>PL discussed opportunities for working together to jointly achieve aims, as well as opportunities for working together in Covid recovery and Brexit mitigation.</p> <p>The Chair thanked PL for the presentation and spoke of the important links with the wellbeing and Mental Health agenda and key alignment with delivery of the well being assessments.</p> <p>Board Members welcomed the direction of travel in this area and spoke of the</p>

following in respect of linkages with VPN and key themes and collaborative approaches:

- importance of the linkages with open, green space and health and well being
- challenges and inequalities / deprivation in respect of access to green space - query how this deficit could be overcome and policy formed? PL spoke of the need to engage with communities and of the challenges yet to be overcome. The importance of partnership working and community group engagement is instrumental to help support and strengthen the networks available, such as the Guardian scheme and Big Bocs Bwyd project.
- wide spectrum of work already being taken forward around access and use of green space, the work with the community renewal fund and the developing National Nature Service. VRP needs to acknowledge this and look to take a leap, such as through supporting the alternative curriculum, creating clear pathways between green volunteering and employment.
- links needed to be taken forward with LDPs and national development frameworks. Reference was made to the limitations and accessibility issues experienced by some in respect of access to green spaces during the lockdown periods, as well as the agility and range of delivery mechanisms.
- opportunities for voluntary work with the Probation Service which was welcomed and supported.
- Welcomed investments already taken forward in respect of green spaces and the legacy work of the valley taskforce, but uncertainty over the future; the length of the programme and how improvements to the quality and range could be taken forward. PL spoke of discussions with WG in respect of the programme and the range of projects being taken forward including valley cycling routes to be promoted across authorities.
- excellent work through food prosperity networks in each authority and how this could link with the VRP aims.
- opportunities of linking the project with Healthy School Scheme.
- The challenge to the PSB is around what are we as a collective are doing to help with access to green spaces.

The Chair thanked PL for the presentation and the positive comments from Board Members in respect of potential partnership working. Members were encouraged to contact PL outside of the meeting for further opportunities of collaborative working and linkage.

**Action:** PSB Officers to share PL contact details and the Presentation. Members **RESOLVED** to note the presentation.

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#### **WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT: PROGRESS AND REQUIREMENTS**

The Chair commenced discussions by providing context to the background and progress to date in respect of the wellbeing assessment.

- Members were reminded of the meeting with The Health Foundation on 12th July looking at inequalities, and the interesting and informative

discussions had at the session about the Assessment work, working with citizens and our communities to agree priority areas of focus and jointly agree how to tackle them.

- Members were advised of the WG support grant for 2021-22 for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region which was £58,636 to produce one, joint well-being assessment. It has been agreed with Bridgend PSB that £40,656 would be used for the data collection, analysis and production of the well-being assessment for Cwm Taf Morgannwg. The remaining £18,000 would be spent on the engagement and involvement elements of the assessments process and as previously discussed, all of the work and approach would be done jointly with the RPB who need to produce and publish their population needs assessment on a similar timeline. This would supplement the support secured for five-years for the region with Co-Production Network Wales.
- The Chair confirmed that, following a procurement exercise, Practice Solutions Ltd would be taking forward the data analysis work going forward.

The Board welcomed Jenny Mushiring'ani Monjero, associate with Co-Production Network Wales who provided Members with an overview of the engagement work of the Assessment process, providing information in respect of the progress to date and the future aims and objective, including details surrounding the '100 days of Engagement' framework and the tight timelines for the work, the structures and mechanisms being put in place to undertake the Assessment in terms of Steering group and data and engagement sub groups, and building in opportunities for reflecting and sense checking.

Crucial to this being a fundamentally different approach will be in looking to over-represent the overlooked, and designing for the margins as a way of improving inclusivity.

Members queried how the Board could improve accessibility and gain a better understanding of the barriers and embed co-production principles. It was discussed that breaking down barriers of what co-production means with common set of language would help, and a parallel strand of work will be to work with the Board to prevent creating unrealistic expectations whilst working with communities to come up with different, simple or practical solutions to agreed problems and priorities.

The PSB support team spoke of the need to get buy in from Board Members and their organisations, and to use the opportunities arising to get meaningful data and insight from the assessments so that it can be used as a shared tool and evidence base for the region. Members were directed to a short survey available to capture sign up to participate in the work and were urged to encourage appropriate colleagues to complete this.

The Chair spoke of the positive focus for the PSB and the need to ensure that the process worked for the Board whilst also encouraging all to contribute to the data and process being taken forward. Members were also advised that there will be a webpage launching that we would ask is promoted and shared across networks.

	<p><b>Action:</b> PSB Officers to share Community Assessment Action Group survey and notes of work to date with Members to sign up / share with relevant officers. Members <b>AGREED</b> to support and contribute to the Community Assessment Action Group and sub-group.</p> <p>Members <b>AGREED</b> to promote webpages and communications linked to the Assessment work</p>
7.	<p><b>UPDATE ON WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES AND FUTURE PLANS TO JUNE 2022</b></p> <p>The Chair took the opportunity to remind members of the statutory duties and expectations placed on them to deliver against the existing Well-being Plan (2018-23) as well as undertaking a new assessment to inform the next Plan.</p> <p>Members were advised that the PSB’s Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) had challenged the outcomes of the PSB as there had been no progress or delivery plans of the PSB to scrutinise for the 2019-20 year.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the Objective Leads, along with the support team, had drafted some outline delivery plans for July 2021-June 2022 based on the steps laid out in the Plan in the context of Covid and Brexit, and welcomed the Boards input/suggestions for reviewing the Objectives and the draft plans for the year.</p> <p>The Board received the Objective Leads for each of the delivery plans providing an update on the work undertaken so far and the work to be taken forward.</p> <p>AJ – Healthy People  PM – Thriving Communities  SR – Loneliness and Isolation  EC - Strong Economy (brief verbal update in the absence of Alyn Owen)</p> <p>The Board thanked officers for the update. Following discussion, the following <b>actions</b> were <b>AGREED</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the October PSB, space is made on the Agenda for an update for the ‘Vulnerability Profile’ work being undertaken under the ‘Healthy People’ Objective.</li> <li>• Befriending report to be circulated to Members as part of the work and understanding on ‘Tackling Loneliness and Isolation’.</li> <li>• In Alyn Owen’s absence, a written update on Strong Economy is to be shared for consideration alongside the 2021-22 Delivery Plan.</li> <li>• Members to provide comment and feedback on the work to be taken forward.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>PSB ROLE AS STRATEGIC BOARD: MENTAL HEALTH</b></p> <p>The Chair introduced the item and commented on the work undertaken by the partnership structures of Cwm Taf Morgannwg and individual organisations in respect of Mental Health and questioned how this could link in with the work of the PSB.</p> <p>KS provided a comprehensive update in respect of the learnings from the Mental Health Scoping Review that had been undertaken in spring 2021.</p>

	<p>Members of the Board discussed the need for an agreed system approach in regard to mental health and the need to improve communication by all in respect of attendance and feedback at events. The broad definition of 'mental health' can be problematic and the Board acknowledged that what Health colleagues consider the issue to be isn't the same as mental health and well-being. Each organisation is seeing the impact of mental ill-health and people needing help, particularly with people not being able to access early intervention support and so going into more complex care / developing negative behaviours that then fall to the Police.</p> <p>Members discussed the pathways with Mental Health and spoke of GP referrals, social prescribing and self-referrals. Reference was also made to early intervention and prevention strategies and the problems with short term funding opportunities.</p> <p>Following discussions, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Board wanted to take forward further work in respect of the mental health agenda and the need to work closely with the RPB to take forward a joint approach. In addition, the Board would task the Assessment Action Group to consider mental health in reviewing data and involvement.</p>
9.	<p><b>ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE PSB'S TERMS OF REFERENCE</b></p> <p>The Chair presented to Members the PSBs Terms of Reference for review and sought any amendments that Members may wish to take forward.</p> <p>Members <b>AGREED</b> to the Terms of Reference with no changes required for the current partnership arrangements.</p>
10.	<p><b>STRATEGIC ALLOCATION FUNDING (SAF)</b></p> <p>GH advised the Board of the freezing of funding in respect of the strategic allocation funding by NRW for the financial year, due to the impact on budgets with Covid and other priority areas referencing flooding and spoke of the intention to hopefully take forward effective grant funding in future years.</p> <p>Members noted the position.</p>
11.	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>SJ sought any expressions of interest from Board Members to take forward a funding bid through the Cardiff Capital Region Challenge fund, as it was not open for 3<sup>rd</sup> sector to apply. GH advised that NRW would be interested, and discussions would be taken forward outside of the meeting.</p>
12.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Members noted that the next meeting of the Board was 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</p>
13.	<p><b>INFORMATION REPORTS</b></p>

Members noted the information reports as listed on the agenda, which were available through the 'Our Cwm Taf' website.

**The meeting closed at 12.10 pm**

**M Brace  
(Chair)**

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