Gwent Public Services Board

7th Business Meeting – 13:00 Thursday 20TH July 2023

Notes of Meeting

Present:

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| **Name** | **Organisation represented** |
| Howard Toplis | Chief Executive Tai Calon Community Housing |
| Tracy Daszkiewicz | Director of Public Health and Strategic Partnerships Gwent |
| Cllr Jane Mudd | Newport CBC |
| Christina Harrhy | Caerphilly CBC |
| Cllr Sean Morgan | Caerphilly CBC |
| Alison Palmer | GAVO |
| Ann Lloyd | ABUHB |
| Richard Clark  | Torfaen |
| Paul Matthews | Monmouthshire |
| Stephen Thomas | Blaenau Gwent CBC |
| Anne Evans  | Torfaen Voluntary Alliance |
| Jeff Cuthbert | OPCC |
| Damien McCann | Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent |
| Beverly Owen  | Newport City Council |
| Matt Jones | South Wales Fire |
| Sian Curley | Chief Executive OPCC |
| Ian Roberts | Gwent Police |
| Cllr Richard Clark  | Torfaen BC |
| Steve Morgan | Natural Resources Wales |

**In Attendance:**

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| Louise Bishop | Caerphilly CBC |
| Anne Evans  | Torfaen Voluntary Alliance |
| Tammy Boyce | UCL |
| Sharran Lloyd | Monmouthshire |
| Lyndon Puddey | Head of Public Services Support Unit, Torfaen |
| Steve Honeywell | Torfaen CBC |
| Cllr Tommy Smith  | Blaenau Gwent CBC |
| Heather Pells | Caerphilly City Council |
| Richard Jones | Monmouthshire |
| Janice Dent  | Newport City Council |
| Karen Williams | Caerphilly CBC |
| Heather Delonnette | Caerphilly CBC |
| Mark Cadwallader | University of South Wales |
| Huw Williams | Newport CBC |
| Sarah King | Blaenau Gwent Council |

Apologies:

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| Steve Tiley | GAVOo |
| Cllr Steven Bradwick | South Wales Fire |
| Stephen Vickers | Chief Executive Officer Torfaen CBC |
| Cllr Anthony Hunt |  |
| Dr Louise Bright | (Director of Research and Business Engagement University of South Wales) |
| Huw Jakeaway | Chief Fire Officer |
| Pam Kelly | Chief Constable |
| Amanda Lewis | Head of Probation Delivery Unit Gwent |
| Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby | Leader of Monmouthshire Council |
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# WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 7th meeting of the PSB.

# Notes and Matters Arising from the meeting of the Gwent PSB on 15th December 2022

All action points from the previous meeting had been completed or were on the agenda for this meeting and the meeting of the minutes was approved by the Board.

Approval was moved by Steve Morgan and seconded by Stephen Thomas.

# DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN FOR FINAL AGREEMENT AND PUBLICATION

Heather Delonnette spoke to this item and explained the draft Wellbeing Plan had been approved by the partner organisations, though the police had raised concerns about resources for delivery and the removal of the community cohesion objective (which has been absorbed into the other two objectives). HD stated that once the plan is approved by the PSB it will be published and online, downloadable versions and easy read versions were all ready.

**Comments**

**Cllr Jane Mudd** stated that on page 22 under the section on Strategic Corporate Plans, where it states that their objectives \*need\* to align to the PSB, that this wording should instead reflect the fact that LA priorities are based on manifesto commitments.

**Action: Change ‘need’ to ‘should, as much as possible’**

**Paul Matthews, Jeff Cuthbert and Steve Morgan,** whilst representing organisations who were endorsing the plan recognised that there were concerns about resourcing the delivery of the plan, and that the resource constraints needed to be taken into account when developing the delivery and action plans.

**Jeff Cuthbert**  also spoke to upcoming developments in the community safety agenda coming from the Home Office.

**Howard Toplis** – Thanked Officers for all of their work. He raised concerns about the absence of an action plan for the Wellbeing Plan and stated that he could not approve the Plan without this. Heather Delonnette responded that the plan is a high-level strategic document, that had been created at a time **of challenge in bringing the five PSBs together into one. She stated that, within the timescales,** agreeing a detailed action plan had not been achievable but that this would be developed within the next few months.

**Ann Lloyd** stated that from the Health Board’s perspective they regard the Wellbeing Plan as one of strategic intent rather than a detailed plan. She stated that the IHE report is very detailed and gives a much more informed view of what exactly needs to be done, and that along with the principles, can be used to form our main priorities.

**Christina Harrhy** – also stated the Plan sets out our strategic intention, and that the delivery plan will be developed and brought to the PSB for consideration in Autumn.

**Recommendations**

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**The PSB agreed the recommendation with the exception of Howard Toplis who voted against.**

**Action1: On page 22 under the section on Strategic Corporate plans, change ‘need’ to ‘should as much as possible’**

**Action 2: Delivery Plans will be developed and brought to the PSB for consideration.**

# BUILDING A FAIRER GWENT REPORT

Paul Matthews stated that we all share a concern about inequity and inequality, and that these remain despite the effort put in by many organisations. He said the report is a comprehensive piece of work that holds a mirror to ourselves.

He stated that, following the report, the question being put to the PSB was do we want to commit to becoming a Marmot region, given the challenge and volume of work this will present, and reputational damage if we commit and fail to deliver. It will mean committing the PSB members to considerable reform (as distinct from transformation) and will require a clear path and capability that does not currently exist in Gwent.

Tammy Boyce stated that the IHE report is a bottom-up report based on what stakeholders think is possible. She stated that there are data packs on the website that each LA can use as a resource and update. She also reiterated that the goal is to reform what is happening in Gwent. Tammy stated that Gwent is the first Marmot region in Wales and other PSBs will be looking to see what we achieve. To achieve requires leadership from the PSB and each LA to say we can address health inequalities by focusing upon them.

Tammy stated that there has been a lot of focus from the WG on wellbeing and this has led to health inequalities worsening. She stated that there is a need to focus on those whose lives can most be changed, who are experiencing inequality. She stated its about where we choose to invest time. She also stated that we need to look at how we pool resources in the PSB and do we need to pool resources in a different way in different areas.

**Comments**

Cllr Sean Morgan thanked Tammy for the report.

**Stephen Thomas** stated that he believed we should take up the challenge and that it will make a big difference. He stated he was thrilled at the work that had been done and thanked those responsible.

**Cllr Jane Mudd** said the report is excellent, poses more questions than answers and that challenging ourselves is important. She also stated that she queries some of the recommendations which seem to reflect the role of Public Health in England rather than Wales. She also queried if we could achieve the level of structural change needed to deliver some of the recommendations, pointing to issues beyond the direct control of PSB members such as the level of Local Housing Allowance which is set by the Treasury. Jane stated that, whilst reiterating her passion and commitment to this area, there are a lot of issues to work through particularly in relation to statutory duties and governance arrangements and that it was not clear how these could be worked through.

**Steve Morgan** said that he would have expected our natural resources to have been more explicit and significant in the report but that otherwise it was a helpful and excellent report.

**Tracy Daszkiewicz** said that Jane had made good points about how we move from policy to practice. Tracy stated that she has been a Director of Public Health in two LA areas in England, and that her role as a Director of Public Health in Gwent is to challenge health inequalities, to create health equity and to improve health outcomes. Tammy acknowledged that only about 15% of the population are in health services and that services that enable good health are delivered through Councils, with housing, educational attainment, and employment/employability being really important in achieving health outcomes. She said that she was looking forward to us going forward as a partnership, creating the detail, and understanding priorities and roles and responsibilities to enable us to deliver. She said she was really excited by the art of the possible together and having the eyes of Wales on us as we lead in this area.

**Tammy Boyce** responded to Cllr Mudd by stating that they have written a report which states how to change things not just how things are. She added that Public Health Wales had been clear that they did not want to be reorganised but are instead in talks about how to work differently.

Tammy stated that changes in Health Inequalities will take years, but we can stop the decline, such as in life expectancy, through the choices that the PSB members make as leaders.

**Recommendations.**

In March 2022, Gwent PSB signalled its collective ambition to address inequity and its root causes. Since then, a significant amount of work has taken place on behalf of the PSB, resulting in the report being presented today.

With the publication of this report, PSB members are asked to re-state their commitment and ambition to address inequity and its root causes.

A further report in to the PSB to show how we will embed the Marmot recommendations (wherever possible) into the Well-being Plan delivery.

**The PSB agreed to accept the report and recommendations.**

**Action 1 There will be a further report to the PSB to show how we will embed the Marmot recommendations (wherever possible) into the Well-being Plan delivery.**

# PSB ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Richard Jones presented a framework to plan, monitor and evaluate against priorities in the Wellbeing Plan. He stated that it is a draft framework that will be shaped around the resources and ambition as a delivery plan is created.

He stated that the framework sets out a series of principles and agreeing these will mean the development of the framework will align to the PSB’s ambition.

Draft performance measures and indicators and reporting templates are included.

Richard highlighted that it is recommended that each partner organisation identify a lead organization, or officer, for each priority to drive forward the work and that additional officer resources are identified within the organisation.

Comments

Cllr Jane Mudd – thanked the GSWAG working group. Jane said that the principles were sound but that there need to be changes to reflect the political accountability of local authorities, as the suggested frequency of reporting was not enough.

Cllr Sean Morgan responded that the recommendations had already been changed to biannual reporting.

Steve Morgan stated that there is more work to be done around the governance and role of the PSB board, and how the local and regional work fits together. He stated that he is supportive of having named leads for the steps and he would volunteer for the climate and nature lead. He said that lots of the steps are cross cutting and go hand in hand with officer support. He stated that we need a good mix of representation so that we do not become siloed in our thinking.

Steve Morgan and Ann Lloyd stated that their organisations had performance management capability to support this work.

Ann Lloyd said that the relationship of the PSB and the RPB is a sensitive area and that the recommendations needs to be rephrased. She stated that she and Sean Morgan work to ensure a co-operative relationship between the two boards.

Cllr Sean Morgan stated that the recommendations had already been revised prior to the meeting and read out the redrafted recommendations:

**Recommendations**

To establish an effective PMF, the PSB is asked to:

• Agree the draft framework provided and proposed plans to further develop and implement the PMF, in line with the principles, to effectively performance manage the desired delivery of the wellbeing objectives.

• PSB agree the principal of a lead PSB sponsor for each of the steps in the Wellbeing plan, to drive action and maintain ambition.

The final performance framework will be reviewed on a biannual basis.

The redrafted recommendations are unanimously agreed by the Board.

FEED BACK FROM LOCAL DELIVERY GROUPS

David Arnold from Blaenau Gwent said that they had a workshop with a really helpful presentation from Stuart Bourne. He stated that transport had come out as a big issue in BG, and that good ideas had come out of the workshop.

Heather Delonnette (Caerphilly) said that they had a workshop last month and that about 60 people attended and were asked for their ideas for actions for each step. Transport had been a big issue, the need for a wellbeing service not an ill-health service, decarbonising homes and businesses, maximising income and a universal basic income.

Sharran Lloyd (Monmouthshire) said they held an LDG meeting last month with wider partners and spent a lot of time cross-referencing the steps with the IHE report and with local strategies and plans and looking at resources and data at a local level. They also looked at how to strengthen links with the PSB where they don’t have enough local resources.

Huw Williams (Newport) said that their consultation draft had been agreed and a consultation plan and timetable, The consultation would run over August and September with a local action plan due to be signed off in September by which time they expect to have delivery structures in place.

Lyndon Puddy (Torfaen) said they had held an LDG workshop and found similar themes to other LAs. The workshop was well attended and they thanked Stuart for his presentation. They did extensive mapping of the five steps with partner strategies to avoid duplication.

Sarah King is to take over Chairing GSWAG from the August meeting.

Steve Morgan – said that there is a need to be clear on Plans overseen by the PSB and those by the RPB, and how to make sure local and regional plans marry well together.

Action 1: Add to PSB agendas updates from Local Delivery Group

Action 2 Add to PSB September agenda need to agree a lead PSB sponsor for each of the five steps.

# THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

**Alison Palmer** - stated that this had been drafted with GSWAG and was based on good practice from the WG. She stated that it lays out who we work in partnership with, how we maximise the benefits of using Third sector services and support and how we communicate with the sector.

She asked the group to agree the narrative of the document in principle.

She stated that the report is missing a local agreement, as an appendix, for each locality.

Alison stated that the next step would be to ensure that the right structures are in place in each LA, and to work with the LDGs.

**COMMENT**

**Howard Toplis** stated that it is better for RSLs to engage on a local level as he cannot speak for all RSLs at a local level. He also stated that RSLs do their own community work.

**Alison Palmer** replied that GAVO provide and deliver community work with other organisations and so did not feel that there was a conflict but that this is about maximising benefit. .

**Cllr Jane Mudd** -said that Newport could not agree this as they would need to seek advice from procurement. She also stated that some of the narrative is out of date and that her officers would pass on an update.

**Cllr Sean Morgan** said that there could be an agreement in principle to allow the report to be redrafted.

**Ann Lloyd** said she would need to take this back to the Health Board to check that it does not contravene any other contractual arrangements. Ann also said she would draft a revision to give to Alison such as the change of the role of Public Health Wales.

**Alison Palmer** recognised that the report had been developed over time so some of the detail will have changed. She stated Steve Vickers had previously asked for comments and so it was helpful to get these now at the meeting.

**Jeff Cuthbert** said that he could not see any direct reference to policing or to his office, despite providing funds to a variety of third sector organisations.

**Alison** stated that PCC is in the document as they are a member of the PSB and they do not identify individual funds in the report as there are so many.

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**Recommendations**

The Gwent PSB is asked:

* To agree in principle the narrative of the Governance document (Appendix 1)
* To agree and support the next stage of the process which reviews the Third Sector structures in each County.
* After such review, to work and support the changes made to the structures for maximum Third Sector impact into not only the Gwent strategic aims but the County aims through the Local Delivery Groups
* After the structures are in place, to agree through the Gwent PSB the additional appendices that sit behind the overarching Third Sector Partnership Agreement.

**The recommendations were agreed with the addition of ‘in principle’ to the first recommendation.**

**Action 1: Cllr Jane Mudd to ensure her officers update information on Newport in the report.**

**Action 2:**  **Ann Lloyd to check the report does not contravene any existing contractual arrangements in the Health Board**

**Action 3** **Ann Lloyd to update sections relating to the Health Board and Public Health Wales**.

# REGIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (STANDING ITEM)

Scrutiny Committee has been established and all Members have had access to relevant training from WLGA. Cllr. Tommy Smith from BG (Chair), and Cllr. Williams from Caerphilly (vice Chair) will rotate on an annual basis.

Committee agreed its terms of reference and Performance Management Framework that the PSB has seen today. Sixth of September is the next meeting.

# INFORMATION ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

* Coordinated Support for Ukraine
* Community Safety Review

**Heather Delonnette** stated that Ukraine is now being treated as business as usual and will no longer be a standing item for the PSB.

Sharran Lloyd stated that Karl Williams is drafting a report and working with the OPC and that will be given to Pam Kelly to take to the PSB.

**Jeff Cuthbert** said that the Home Office are leading on a Community Safety Review. It is not sure yet what the new provision will be from the Home Office in terms of Jeff’s role or leadership of Community Safety or networks. However, the changes are expected by the end of the year if parliamentary time allows.

**FEEDBACK FROM MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (24TH MAY)**

Heather Delonnette said this was embedded within the papers but that Heather Pells will circulate to all members after the meeting.

Heather stated that PSBs were represented. There was a caveat that it might be too soon for PSBs to have embedded their roles with clarity, and PSB Chairs expressed a desire for more regional working and expressed a disconnect of their structures compared to RPBs. There was a possibility of a conference to look at how PSBs should move forward**.**

**JOINT LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COMMISSIONER – HEATHER DELONNETTE**

Heather Delonnette stated that this letter looked at the scale of the challenge and looking at where PSBs were making the most difference. They are planning an event for PSB members and asking for feedback on what support is needed for delivery on wellbeing plans.

**Action1 – Heather Pells to circulate both letters to members.**

**JEFF CUTHBERT AND SIAN CURLEY** **SPEAK TO** **‘FROM HARM TO HOPE- THE GOVERNMENTS 10-YEAR DRUGS STRATEGY’**

Jeff Cuthbert stated that this is a very important document and there is a need to ensure policing arrangements are similar to those in England. There is a need to incorporate the document within Health and area planning boards. Work is continuing within Police Partnership Boards and it is hoped to have something more substantial to take to the next PSB.

Tracy Daszkiewicz said she had a role in from Harm to Hope in her previous role and offered to speak with Jeff about how she could assist in this work.

# NEXT MEETING, DRAFT AGENDA

The next meeting was scheduled for 21 September 2023 @ 13:00pm via MS Teams –

Draft agenda items were as follows:

The Chair thanked all attendees and those who helped draft papers for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Action Summary

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| **Agenda Item**  | **Action detail** | **Responsible** |
| **2** | **Action1: On page 22 under the section on Strategic Corporate plans, change ‘need’ to ‘should as much as possible’** | Heather Delonnette |
| **2** | **Action 2: Delivery Plans will be developed and brought to the PSB for consideration** | Heather Delonnette |
| **3** | **Action 1 There will be a further report in to the PSB to show how we will embed the Marmot recommendations (wherever possible) into the Well-being Plan delivery** | Heather Delonnette |
| **4** | Action 1:Add to PSB agendas updates from Local Delivery Group  | Heather Pells |
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| **5** | **Action 1: Cllr Jane Mudd to ensure her officers update information on Newport in the Third Sector Partnership Agreement.**  | Cllr Jane Mudd |
| **5** | **Action 2:**  **Ann Lloyd to check the Third Sector Partnership Agreement does not contravene any existing contractual arrangements in the Health Board** | Ann Lloyd |
| **5** | **Action 3** **Ann Lloyd to update sections relating to the Health Board and Public Health Wales**. | Ann Lloyd |
| **7** | **Heather Pells to circulate the letter from the Minister of Finance and Local Government and the Future Generations Commissioner and feedback from the regular meeting between the Minister for Finance and Local Government and PSB Chairs** | Heather Pells  |