



Blaenau Gwent Public Services Board

To be held: Monday 22nd Oct (2.00pm – 4.00pm)

Venue: Executive Room, Civic Centre, Municipal Offices, Ebbw Vale. NP23 6XB

1. Apologies (Chair)

In attendance:

Michelle Morris (Chair)	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Diana Binding	National Probation Service Wales
Glyn Jones	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Jeff Cuthbert	Police and Crime Commissioner
Guy Lacey	Coleg Gwent
Rhodri Asby	Welsh Government
Joe Logan	Tai Calon Community Housing
Sarah Aitken	Public Health Wales
Eryl Powell	Public Health Wales
Jon Goldsworthy	Natural Resources Wales
Fen Turner	Natural Resources Wales
Nick McLain	Gwent Police
Dewi Jones	South Wales Fire Service
Martin Featherstone	Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
Bernadette Elias	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (PSB Support)
Emma Scherp tong	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (PSB Support) (Notes)

Apologies:

Nigel Daniels	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Judith Pagett	Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Julian Williams	Gwent Police
Huw Jakeway	South Wales Fire Service
Nicola Davies	National Probation Service in Wales
Heather Nicholls	Wales Community Rehabilitation Company

The meeting was conducted with Quorum Status and apologies were noted.

2. Notes of previous meeting (Chair) (15 mins) (papers attached)

a) PSB meeting 23rd July 2018 notes for accuracy

The notes were agreed as accurate.

b) Action Sheet from 23rd July 2018

Action Point 2 – Welsh Language Costs - Gwent Police payment in progress; Public Health Wales requested separate discussion with BE regarding the matter.

Action Point 4 – Large Scale Change Evaluation Report to be shared in due course, following internal sign-off.

Action Point 6 – Working Together on Universal Credit Delivery Group – invitations made to Wales Community Rehabilitation Company and National Probation Service for Wales.

Action Point 8 – Happy Communities Analysis to be shared with the Board when available.

c) Recommendations from PSB Strategic Support Group

I. Endorse the Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan Easy Read Version

PSB endorsed the Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan Easy Read Version.

II. Endorse the PSB News Bulletin (First Edition) (attached)

PSB endorsed the PSB News Bulletin and proposal to have an annual edition to support the Annual Report.

III. Recommendation on Agenda Item 7

Noted.

3. Director of Public Health Annual Report 2018: A Healthier Future for Gwent – Overview Presentation by SA (10 mins) (report attached)

SA provided an overview of the report and presented a video.

JC supports education as a preventative measure for delivering health outcomes.

MF said PSB has important role to play as key employers of the area. GAVO will continue to lead on promoting volunteering opportunities, but will also consider how it can support the well-being of staff by considering the introduction of schemes such as ‘staff well-being hour’.

MF suggested the PSB to acknowledge SA’s request and to consider how as organisations they can support.

GJ said the report was gratefully received and practical and commends the style of the report for dissemination.

DJ agreed addressing obesity is important. South Wales Fire & Rescue provide staff with 45mins per day to undertake physical activity.

RA said access to green infrastructure and encourage usage will be key centred on encouraging positive behaviour changes.

FT informed the Board that support to map Green Infrastructure across Gwent is being submitted as part of the Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being in Wales Gwent.

GL said that smoking levels at the Ebbw Fawr Coleg Campus is high, including the use of e-cigarettes. He would be interested to know the trends between levels of smokers aged 16 and 18 years respectively and more information on the numbers of people who 'vape', the known effects of e-cigarettes and whether purchasing is regulated.

JL also asked whether due to the pricing of tobacco, is the use of illegal tobacco an issue in Blaenau Gwent.

NM said issues such as organised crime is one of Gwent Police's key priorities and will be a future delivery area.

SA said rolling out successful initiatives such as 'Couch to 5km' will support sustainable behaviour change. Also issues schools and colleges are not comfortable with, such as smoking, need to be raised and brought to the attention of the Board.

RA said air quality is also important and particularly how high emissions can have a negative impact on health outcomes. Blaenau Gwent has good air quality which needs better social awareness and knowledge about how we reduce car usage.

MM requested SA to come back to future meeting to discuss how as employers the Board can support the agenda.

Members agreed for there to be a future discussion space.

Action: SA to share promotional posters and pledge cards with the PSB when available.

4. Blaenau Gwent Well-being Delivery Plan Lead Updates (papers attached)

a) Early Years First 1000 Days Programme (GJ)

GJ thanked partners for support and for rich analysis provided through the First 1000 Days Planning Group. GJ gave an overview of the report and highlighted the emerging themes that were some clear identified steps and recommendations for the Boards consideration:

- Improving information sharing between agencies and ensuring there is a planned approach for collaboration;*
- Development of an Early Years First 1000 Days Community of Practice, building on existing partnerships and networks*

MM outlined that the scale of need for enhanced services across Blaenau Gwent is great. Key will be identifying what the wicked issues are and where we need to build a case with Welsh Government regarding the areas service needs.

MM suggested for the PSB to develop a case.

SA said that the Healthy Child Wales Programme will be used to support gaps and will be rolled out by 2018/19. The programme has already been piloted in Torfaen which will help us to better understand what an ideal system looks like. Support is also being provided by

Centre for Works, who have identified a number of evidence-based interventions that work.

Members agreed for the First 1000 Days Planning Group to lead on taking this work forward.

MF suggested that a future joint Public Services Board and Strategic Support Group could be held to explore this further.

GJ said he would welcome this.

b) Maximising Opportunities for Prosperity (MM) (Copy to follow)

MM confirmed a discussion with RA had been held. Blaenau Gwent has a challenged economy, low skills levels and high levels of economic inactivity and key to taking this work will be making connections between the key strategic programmes to improve outcomes for the area.

MM gave an overview of the report which recommends that a wider stakeholder event is arranged early in 2019 to raise awareness levels about the strategic regional programmes, explore what resources are currently available and where the gaps are. Information derived from the event will enable to Board to consider what it can do to support this delivery area.

Members agreed for event to be held.

JC said considering what the Corporate and collective offer is to support prosperity. The PCC has a Policing Graduate Programme which is accessible also to 'hard to reach' communities.

JC suggested there is scope for the Board to consider what apprenticeships could be offered across all public services.

SA informed members that Public Health Wales run an apprenticeship programme within the social care sector as part of the Regional Partnership Board Academy.

JL said he supports all of the recommendations and would be particularly interested in skills shortages in Construction and the Foundational Economy.

GL offered to host the event at the Ebbw Fawr college campus and to provide support on the day.

JG asked whether it should be a Gwent-wide workshop.

MM requested a local approach is taken forward in the first instance so we are really clear on what's Blaenau Gwent's offer and ask.

Members agreed.

c) Working together on Universal Credit (JL) (Copy to follow)

JL gave an overview of the report and outlined that the Delivery Group were currently focusing on the accessibility of information and scoping with the development of an 'App' could be a potential solution. JL pointed out that it is likely addressing information needs is a Wales-wide issue so should Welsh Government, or UK Government be exploring a National solution.

JL asked members whether any members had any ICT technical expertise which could support development of an application.

JL said that the Delivery Group are also working on the development of a multi-agency Risk Register.

SA asked whether Dewis had been considered as an access point for service information.

JL included that it was being explored.

Chair invited the Board to provide any further comment.

RA said Brexit could compound pressures.

DJ said there are risks such as fuel theft due to increased fuel poverty.

d) Getting Blaenau Gwent Active and Healthy (BE) (Copy to follow)

BE gave an overview of the project and progress to date and proposed the PSB could participate in walking the route as part of the launch.

e) Carbon Positive Futures presentation (JG & Fen Turner) (paper attached)

JG gave a summary of the project.

Chair offered for Carbon Positive Futures and Climate Ready Gwent to be considered as a future item for discussion space.

Members agreed.

f) Discussion Space options at next PSB meeting (5 mins)

- Gwent Futures (Ash Wales) – Proposal for joint PSB and SSG workshop to be held (13.00pm – 15.00pm); PSB business (15.00pm – 16.00pm)

Chair proposed opportunity for Special PSB meeting to be held in April and asked for Members approval.

Members agreed for a Special PSB Gwent Futures Workshop to be arranged in April, facilitated by Ash Futures.

5. Performance Management (10 mins) For information

a) Progress update on Strengthening PSB Partnerships and Groups for Delivery (MF)

MF gave an overview of progress to date and outlined that the key aim of the work was to develop new a Partnership Framework and ensure key communication messages are disseminated to stakeholders regarding the new delivery arrangements.

The Chair asked whether the new Partnership Framework arrangements were in place.

BE confirmed that they are.

b) PSB Scrutiny Forward Work Programme – to agree items to be proposed for 3rd December meeting (BE)

BE gave an outline of proposed items for scrutiny and asked PSB to feedback any additional items.

Action: Members to feedback any items to include within the PSB Scrutiny Forward Work Programme.

6. Partnership Business (Chair) (10 mins)

a) Future Generations Commissioner & Children's Commissioner Letter to PSBs (proposed response attached)

Chair asked Members if they had any comments regarding the proposed response.

SA made suggested to amend 'Regional Partnership Boards' to 'Regional Partnership Boards Support Teams'.

BE confirmed that the change will be made.

Action: Amendment to letter to be made, prior to submission.

b) Academi Wales PSB Board Development – Option for workshop at Jan PSB meeting (Letter to PSB Chairs attached) (BE)

Chair asked Members whether they supported the proposal of Academi Wales running a workshop in January.

Members supported, but requested for the workshop to arranged for the PSB meeting in April.

Action: BE to make arrangements with Academi Wales for PSB meeting in April

c) Partner Attendance at Equalities and Human Rights Commission Evening Event – Tuesday 4th December

The Chair confirmed attendance at the event and extended the invitation to Members.

Action: Equalities and Human Right Commission Evening Event Invitation to be shared.

7. Commissioning (JG) (papers attached) (10 mins)

a) Recommendation for Natural Resources Wales Funding (£5,000) to support delivery of local well-being plans

Members agreed recommendations for use of the funds.

b) Update paper on Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being in Wales Grant

Paper was noted for information.

Chair asked for the outcome of the submission to be tabled at a future PSB meeting.

**8. Key Information from Regional Working Partnerships and Groups (BE) (10 mins)
For information**

a) GSWAG Updates

I. Good Practice Exchange Wales GSWAG Vlogs Collaborative Partnerships and Keeping Data Live

BE gave an overview of the Vlogs and encourage Members to watch them.

II. Gwent Futures Conference Invitation, 12th November (Invite attached)

Noted.

9. Diary Markers for PSB Members (papers attached)

Dates noted.

10. Any Other Business (Chair)

None.

11. Items for information

a) PSB Strategic Support Group Notes - August 2018

b) Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Annual Report 2018 (paper attached)

Noted.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.