

Pembrokeshire Public Services Board
Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Sir Benfro



MINUTES OF PEMBROKESHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD
Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 10.00am (Microsoft Teams meeting)

Present:

Tegryn Jones	Chief Executive, PCNPA (Chair)
Sue Leonard	Chief Officer, PAVS (Vice-Chair) (From 11am)
Will Bramble	Chief Executive, PCC (left at 11.15am)
Dr Steven Jones (SPJ)	Director of Community Services, PCC
Anna Bird	Head of Strategic Partnership Development, Hywel Dda UHB
Cllr. Cris Tomos	Pembrokeshire County Council
Iwan Thomas	Chief Executive Officer, PLANED
Supt. Anthony Evans	Dyfed Powys Police
Andrea Winterton	Marine Service Manager, Operations, NRW
Claire Germain	Deputy Director for Local Government Transformation and Partnerships, Welsh Government
Mydrian Harries	Corporate Head for Prevention & Protection, MAWW FRS
Cllr. Elwyn Williams	Chair MAWW Fire Authority
Sue Denman	Together For Change
David Evans	Pembrokeshire College
Jo McCarthy	Deputy Director of Public Health, HDUHB
Darren Mutter	Head of Children's Services, PCC
James White	Head of Engagement, Performance and Community, PCC
Cllr. David Lloyd	Pembrokeshire County Council
Ieuan Rees	Pembrokeshire County Council

Support/Secretariat

Nick Evans	Corporate Policy and Partnerships Manager, PCC
Lynne Richards	Corporate Partnerships Officer, PCC
Carys Huntly	Regional Well-being Assessment Co-ordinator
Jemma Rees	Corporate Partnerships Support Officer, PCC
Amy Richmond-Jones	M&WW Fire & Rescue Service

Apologies

Dr Barry Walters	Principal, Pembrokeshire College
Anna Malloy	Port of Milford Haven
Philip Kloer	Executive Medical Director, Hywel Dda UHB
Christine Harley	Head of Dyfed Powys Local Delivery Unit, HMPPS
Gaynor Toft	Chief Housing Director, PCC
Diane Lockley	One Voice Wales
Maria Battle	Chair, Hywel Dda UHB
Rachel Moxey	Head of Economic Development and Regeneration, PCC
Andy Jones	Chief Executive, MHPA
Alison Perry	Director of Commissioning, Dyfed Powys Police
Ros Jervis	Director of Public Health, Hywel Dda UHB
Alyson Phillips	Partnerships Manager, DWP
Elaine Lorton	County Director, Pembrokeshire, Hywel Dda UHB

The meeting commenced at 10.05am.

1. Welcome and Apologies

TJ introduced a number of new representatives to the board:

- JM, who is a substitute for RJ for the foreseeable due to illness
- MH who has taken up the role on the board after the retirement of Kevin Jones

Cllr. DL was attending the meeting as he had raised the notice of motion in 2021 that started the work on the agenda item of Child Poverty

Apologies were received from those listed above.

2. Minutes of last meeting/Action Log

EW title is now Chair of MAWWF and requested this amendment in the minutes. The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th December 2021 were confirmed as an accurate record.

Action Log

Updates on actions agreed at the last meeting were as follows;

Action 1 is ongoing with the end of the well-being assessment public consultation phase on 21st February 2022. Partners were encouraged to share the Have Your Say page to their networks.

Action 2 is complete and the first of the climate adaptation strategy workshops was held on 20th January. AW thanked all who had attended and any partners who were unable to attend would be contacted. Surgeries focusing on four specific areas are in the process of being organised which are economy, infrastructure, environment and communities. AW asked that high-level representatives were sought for the final of the five workshops as there will be decision making discussion. Reports are to be produced after each workshop and will be available on request.

Action 3 and 4 – NE said that discussions on the Pembrokeshire 2040 project are continuing, where resources may be available internally and from PAVS networks. There was no support available from the Future Generations Office but CG offered to contact Academi Wales. SPJ asked whether the Future Trends Report was available and CG confirmed it had been published in December.

3. Poverty in Pembrokeshire (Presentation by Darren Mutter)

A notice of motion was raised by DL in 2021 due to a report stating that Pembrokeshire had the highest rate of child poverty in Wales, which was then discussed at Council. DM was joined by JW who oversees the Children and Families grant allocation at PCC. Within the presentation, some data used was pre-pandemic and the situation may be worse than stated. The latest figures shows Pembrokeshire is has the fourth worst rate in Wales but this is not through an improving situation, it is a slower rate of worsening in comparison with other counties. Pembrokeshire now has its highest ever number of looked after children and DM added that the conditions that staff witness show that children in are

poverty. He emphasised that this work needs buy in from all services to address the issue.

DL added that when the statistic was released in May 2021, he was unable to walk away without creating action. A key area contributing to this high level of poverty is affordable housing. MH agreed and stated that there are strong links between poverty and house fires, for example due to substandard heating methods. MH queried whether there was a strong enough emphasis on tackling poverty in the WBA.

CT said that the problem will be exacerbated further with the imminent fuel price increase and the increase in inflation. There is potential to work with the community support network for publicising any help available and it was noted that Morrisons, Haverfordwest are offering £10 off a £20 basket of food for local people who are struggling.

SPJ said that the changes over the last 40 years have seen charity shops and food banks set up next to wealth management offices, and asked DM whether there had been any progress on the UBI bid. DM informed the board that the bid had been unsuccessful. CG offered to look into whether any rural areas had been awarded the UBI pilot. JMc said that reducing health inequality is a key area of work being undertaken by HDUHB.

IT suggested that from the lottery funded CWBR youth project, it would be powerful for Welsh Government and PCC to talk to the group of 16-24 year olds who have experienced poverty, describing the stark contrast of living in the most beautiful county in bleak conditions.

JW said that the education maintenance allowance was £30 per week 15 years ago for eligible learners, and has not increased since. However, there has been an increase in the amount available from the children and youth prevention grant and there has been a change in funding duration from 1 year to 3 years, which is a step forward.

WB stated that a plan must now be developed by identifying the direction of PSB work, assessing the level of involvement by the county and Welsh Government. The private sector, such as the large employers and key stakeholders, also need to be involved due to the scope of the work. CG offered to connect WG colleagues into the work, adding that there is a round table meeting on the cost of living rise in February on addressing the problem, which members may be invited to.

DM said that a list of wider officers have been collated and asked partners to nominate a lead officer to represent them at the meetings, which initially are expected to be held regularly while the work is formed. AB said that the use of local data is key, mapping the way forward. There is a huge opportunity in the WBA to create a 5-year plan and would be a significant starting point. WB agreed but said that this work need particular focus and perhaps forming a specific plan that links into the WBP and proposed that this topic becomes a standing item on the PSB agenda.

TJ summarised the actions discussed as:

- Add Child Poverty as a standing item on the PSB meeting agenda
- Child Poverty is to be integrated into the WBP during the development after the WBA
- PSB members are to nominate a lead officer to contribute to the whole county group
- DM to lead the project
- The presentation to be circulated to partners

4. Co-Production Wales Update (Nick Evans)

NE explained that the paper circulated in the agenda pack was from the original regional bid to Co-Pro Wales for support, which had been initially rejected, but the support has become available due to the successful PSB declining the offer. NE said that he was seeking PSB approval for the offer of support detailed within the paper. SPJ raised a query regarding governance detailed in the report on impact and decision-making, and NE replied that the principles of coproduction are that interactions must be meaningful, performing consultation first followed by the execution and actions. CH added that the public and bodies are equal partners under coproduction definitions.

This support and new way of working would apply initially to a pilot project, where AB suggested that the child poverty work may be an appropriate piece of work. TJ asked why the PSB who were initially awarded the support declined and NE replied that there was a lack of resources available by the PSB to commit to the work.

The PSB approved taking up the offer of support from Co-pro Wales.

5. Presentation on Together For Change (Sue Denman)

A paper on the work of Together for Change was circulated in the agenda pack, and SD provided an overview of the organisation, explaining it is a cross sectional programme started by Solva Care with lottery funding, working closely with PAVS and PLANED to strengthen communities by facilitating their contribution to planning and services within the area.

The group are now looking at future work, both locally and regionally, detailed in a presentation. A key area of development is to build capacity by the filtering down of funding from WG to small groups within the community performing research. SL added that there is a big emphasis on research and evaluation in grants at a local level, utilising the real experiences of people to inform work. TfC development should reduce the need to use consultants for performing research in projects by investing at grassroots level. AB wanted to discuss with SD about producing a coproduction framework for local projects.

6. Action Plan Progress Updates

TJ said that as it is near the end of the WBP cycle, the projects are also coming to an end.

Community Themes

- a) Build links with relevant groups to support delivery of the Communities themed workstreams (Sue Leonard/Iwan Thomas)

SL said there are no further updates and the funding agreements are yet to be confirmed.

Becoming a Carbon Neutral County

- b) Pembrokeshire Sustainable Natural Capital Forum (Sue Leonard)

SL said that this project has stalled due to Ged Davies leaving his post but hopes that once the capacity issues has been solved, the project can be taken forward and be readdressed in the next WBP.

Recruitment and Employment Transformation Framework

- c) Raise awareness of schemes and initiatives to support employment and training (Alyson Phillips)

DE said that Pembrokeshire College are still running the Kickstart Scheme and the Employment Bureau that was piloted in the College is to be rolled out across all 12 colleges in Wales. The personal learning allowance remains available.

Environmental and Climate Change Risk Assessment

- d) PSB Climate Change Group (Andrea Winterton)

AW informed the board that at the last meeting there was a conversation about training for carbon literacy, which resulted in the need to provide clarity on language and definitions to provide common understanding. There was discussion around the carbon adaptation strategy, the WBP, Pembrokeshire 2040 and potential future work.

- e) Work with colleagues from the Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership to co-ordinate a PSB response to the nature emergency (written update from Ant Rogers)

No further update was provided.

7. AOB

There was no other business. TJ reminded partners to promote the public consultation for the Well-Being Assessment, which closes on 21st February.

The meeting ended at 11.45am.