



Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Meeting
20th September 2023
Minutes

In attendance:		
Name	Title	Organisation
CLlr Lis Burnett (LB)	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas (RT)	Chief Executive	Vale of Glamorgan Council
CLlr Shirley Hodges (SH)	Nominated Town and Community Council Representative	Barry Town Council
John Treherne (JT)	Group Manager	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Judith Cole (JC)	Deputy Director Local Government Finance and Workforce Partnerships Division	Welsh Government
Fiona Kinghorn (FK)	Executive Director of Public Health	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Marie Davies (MD)	Deputy Director of Strategy and Planning	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Sarah Tipping (ST)	Head of Strategic Partnerships and Engagement	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Eirian Evans (EE - NPS)	Head of Cardiff and Vale	National Probation Service
Rachel Connor (RC)	Executive Director	Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Martyn Stone (MS)	Superintendent	South Wales Police
David Letellier (DL)	Operational Manager	Natural Resources Wales
Also in Attendance:		
Helen Moses (HM)	Strategy and Partnership Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Jo Beynon (JB)	Strategy and Partnership Policy Officer	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Julia Archampong (JA)	Corporate Performance Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rebecca Stewart (RS)	Principal Public Health Practitioner	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Suzanne Wood (SW)	Consultant in Public Health Medicine	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Apologies:		
Tom Bowring (TB)	Director of Corporate Resources	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Paula Ham (PH)	Director of Learning and Skills	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Suzanne Rankin (SR)	Chief Executive	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Charles Janczewski (CJ)	UHB Chair	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Estelle Hitchon (EH)	Director of Partnerships and Engagement	Welsh Ambulance Service Trust

Huw Jakeway (HJ)	Chief Fire Officer	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Mark Brace (MB)	Assistant Commissioner	South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
Danny Richards	Chief Superintendent	South Wales Police

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>LB introduced and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the PSB.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Please see full list of apologies above.</p>	
3.	<p>Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair positions</p> <p>RT explained to partners that the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the PSB are reviewed on an annual basis. RT asked for any nominations for the positions.</p> <p>JC nominated LB to remain as Chair. SH seconded this.</p> <p>HM informed partners MB has expressed he was happy to continue in position of Vice Chair if partners were supportive of the nomination.</p> <p>LB nominated MB in his absence. SH seconded this.</p> <p>LB and MB will continue in positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the PSB respectively.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of the Public Services Board 21st June 2023</p> <p>Minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate reflection.</p>	
5.	<p>Request from Transport for Wales to join the PSB</p> <p>HM informed partners that Natalie Rees, Head of Sustainability for Transport for Wales, has requested to join the Board. Transport for Wales are soon going to become a named body under the Act and are keen to be more involved. Transport for Wales already sit on Cwm Taff PSB and some Cardiff PSB Sub Groups. LB outlined how the work of Transport for Wales will cut across many themes and partner organisations. HM added the work of Transport for Wales will contribute to all 3 key priority workstreams within the PSB's Well-being Plan.</p> <p>Partners agreed to extend an invitation for Transport for Wales to join the PSB.</p>	HM

6.

Move More Eat Well Annual Report

FK introduced the report outlining how the work under Move More Eat Well supports the work of the PSB with priority areas within the strategic plan working to improve the health of the population working on healthy weight, health food and physical activity. FK thanked partners for their work and support.

SW and RS presented an overview of key highlights from 2022/23 under the workstreams of working with schools, working with workplaces, working with communities, and working to create healthier food environments. Highlights included ripple effect mapping that will help show the impact of actions under Move More Eat Well to date, work as part of the amplifying prevention agenda with the Pencodtre school cluster, impacts of prevention and early years funded community projects, the healthy travel charter, and tackling high fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) advertising.

The current Move More Eat Well plan runs until the end of the 2023/24 financial year. Colleagues are developing a Move More Eat Well framework for post 2023/24 building on the learning and success from the current plan. SW and RS will continue to analyse the latest healthy weight data, current data shows the negative impact the pandemic has had on healthy weight and obesity in the region.

LB thanked colleagues for the work under this agenda across the Vale and informed partners that Cadoxton Primary School, within the Pencodtre cluster, are in the top 3 of the world's best schools for overcoming adversity and encouraged partners to vote in the public vote for the school.

FK reinforced it is clear partners need to tackle multiple areas to create change and it is likely that for most health outcomes, change is complex and will take a long term endeavour to make the changes we want to see.

RT thanked colleagues for their work and voiced seeing the work with children is particularly powerful, highlighting the affect influencing food and activity early on can have on the whole family, recognising this work is key to the prevention agenda. RT queried if there was scope to work with towns on the healthier advertising project to impact advertising that may be outside of the Council's control, similar to a shop local campaign but a healthy advertising campaign for high streets. FK noted colleagues are keen to try new things to see what impact they may have.

LB informed partners of her involvement in a health promotion campaign 20 years ago, noting projects with the most success were the ones driven by young people themselves with young people deciding on what actions should be taken to have greatest impact.

7.

Discussion: Cost of Living Crisis – Winter 2023/24

RT provided an overview of the latest position across the Vale with regards to the cost of living based on local data and insights, highlighting the level of need and lack of funding compared to previous years.

RC thanked RT for the information and colleagues for the fantastic partnership working across the Vale to support those most in need. RC raised concerns over the rising number of people accessing GVS' FoodShare Pantry and More Than Food Hub at the CF61 Community Centre over the summer before we enter the hard winter period. RC welcomed the cost of living reserve that could possibly support a range of initiatives, and supported the need to put pressure on partners in Welsh Government to ensure funding that has previously been available continues to be in place as the cost of living crisis continues.

MD echoed RC's comments, reinforcing that we remain in challenging times from a financial perspective with partners experiencing pressure for Welsh Government to reduce spend but the PSB need to make it clear that these vulnerable communities need to be supported more, not less and to protect the funding streams at all costs.

FK agreed the advocacy role of the PSB is important and as the crisis continues there's a need to maintain the small pots of money to support these communities. The Prevention and Early Years fund channelled through Health Boards has been spent on partnership working and colleagues regularly advocate on the need to protect this funding. FK stressed the importance of how partners are supporting their workforce over the winter. The Health Board have made sure staff are aware of support available through signposting and have started a Wage Stream which enables staff who do extra hours to draw wages down in advance. Collectively partners do a lot of work on homelessness prevention and support and partners should try to triangulate support in Cardiff and Vale by channelling money to protect the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

LB stressed that poverty builds and seeps into many aspects of our communities, RT's information showed community cohesion is growing and working with communities makes a real difference in these areas.

JT is keen to make community fire stations a safe and warm community space for all however not all stations are crewed 24/7. JT asked for partners who may have advice and guidance on how to develop the warm spaces to get in touch. LB noted an issue in the Vale is there being a lack of activities for younger people and fire stations have a lot of equipment, gyms etc that could possibly be opened up to communities, this is something we can explore to help

	<p>people stay safe and warm in these locations. RC offered to get in touch with JT to discuss how they may be able to help.</p> <p>JC informed partners she will feedback the PSB’s views and concerns regarding Welsh Government funding streams that have previously been provided. JC highlighted that Ministers have prioritised protecting the key front line public services this year, including protecting the vulnerable but there are limits with no additional money expected from UK Government. Welsh Government’s Cabinet have made decisions on in year budget protection but if there weren’t funds already in place it is unlikely there will be any significant underspend that can be redistributed as in previous years to support this work.</p> <p>LB highlighted the crucial role community centres have played as people want to use venues and access support close to where they live such as CF61 in Llantwit Major, the Gathering Place in St Athan, Belle Vue and St Pauls in Penarth.</p> <p>RC informed partners the CF61 FoodShare Pantry increased use started in May with the increase starting even before the summer holidays. This increase is concerning as there have been lower amounts of food available from FareShare and the quality of what has been received has dropped so organisations are having to purchase and source food in other areas. Any help and support into community delivery would be greatly welcomed by partners.</p> <p>HM noted in addition to the Direct Food Support grant Welsh Government have provided funding for food partnerships. Food Vale are using the funding in part to support the growth of the partnership, explore ways to increase the resilience of food community projects and how we can help make them more sustainable, and to discover if there is a model that can be developed for the rural vale around accessing food projects and support. The PSB’s Age Friendly Vale work will also link into this arena and a bid for Shared Prosperity funding has seen a new post holder come into place working on those areas in Barry that are most deprived in WIMD.</p>	<p>RC</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>UHB Strategy Refresh</p> <p>MD provided partners with an overview of progress being made to refresh the University Health Board’s strategy building on the previous strategy and its principles that have been refocused to provide more clarity on what the Health Board is working to achieve. The new strategy is ambitious, working to overcome challenges that have increased since the previous strategy was produced.</p> <p>The strategy has 4 Strategic Objectives underpinning the vision, each Objective has a set of priorities that are supported by specific measurables. These are Putting People First, Providing Outstanding Quality, Delivering in the Right Places, and Acting for the Future.</p>	

	<p>The strategy will be published tomorrow along with a short summary version and an easy read version to provide a more accessible version of the strategy.</p> <p>MD also provided an outline of the engagement received on the strategy and over 1,200 responses being received at stage 1 and stage 2 of the refresh engagement.</p> <p>HM noted the strategy is really engaging and it is easy to understand the principles. HM welcomed how the strategy has moved on from the consultation draft.</p> <p>FK thanked MD for coordinating this capturing the range of work taking place.</p> <p>MD highlighted the next steps a framework of delivery will be developed with the Health Board in October, MD will share the progress with partners as the approach is developed.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Vale of Glamorgan Council Draft Self-Assessment</p> <p>RT introduced the draft Self Assessment informing partners the Assessment must be carried out by the Council every year in keeping with the requirement under the Local Government and Elections Act, assessing the Council’s performance against what the Council said it would do across various plans. The Assessment will go through the Committee process and show the level of performance the organisation is at, highlighting priorities moving forward.</p> <p>JA presented an overview of the emerging areas of focus from the Self-Assessment for 2022/23. Performance has been considered as ‘good’ at 87% which is over the 85% threshold for being marked as ‘good’. Work is currently ongoing engaging with key stakeholder on these findings and how the Council can take work forward the emerging areas of focus in the upcoming Annual Delivery Plan for 20224/24. These areas of focus include a range of topics such as workforce and retention challenges, learning from complaints and complements, strengthening work with 3rd sector, improving engagement and use of the insight for planning in the long term, and improving homelessness prevention etc. Many areas of focus align with existing PSB priorities within the Well-being Plan.</p> <p>FK thanked JA for updating partners on the draft Self-Assessment and queried if the cost of living work is being woven into the emerging issues found in the Assessment. FK also asked if green infrastructure references includes things like transport and healthy travel? JA confirmed these were included within the green infrastructure references. Work related to the cost of living will be threaded through a lot of areas emerging from the findings.</p> <p>JA encouraged partners to send comments and feedback through to herself.</p>	

<p>10.</p>	<p>Forward Work Programme 2023</p> <p>HM informed partners the next PSB meeting is on 22nd November and will be the last meeting of 2023. At the meeting there will be an update on priority workstreams in the Well-being Plan, the Local Nature Recovery Plan will be discussed linking to a review into the PSB's climate charter being expanded to include the nature emergency. An update on the UHB Strategy refresh will be on the agenda again alongside community safety and amplifying prevention updates.</p> <p>HM will be in touch to arrange dates for the 2024 meetings shortly.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>HM thanked partners for their help in promoting the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Let's Talk About Life in the Vale survey and encouraged partners to help further promote the survey with Vale staff and residents.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting – 22nd November 2023</p>	