



Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board
19th September 2017
Minutes

In attendance:		
Name	Title	Organisation
Clr John Thomas (JT)	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Huw Jakeway (HJ)	Chief Fire Officer	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Mark Brace (MB)	Assistant Commissioner	South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
Nadia De Longhi (ND)	Operations Manager	Natural Resources Wales
Fiona Kinghorn (FK)	Deputy Director of Public Health	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Rachel Connor (RC)	Executive Director	Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Stuart Parfitt (SP)	Chief Superintendent	South Wales Police
Darren Panniers (DP)	(Interim) Head of Operations (Cardiff and Vale)	Welsh Ambulance Trust
Clr Mike Cuddy (MC)	Nominated Town and Community Council Representative	Penarth Town Council
Emil Evans (EE)	Vice Principal	Cardiff and Vale College
Anne Wei (AW)	Strategic Partnership and Planning Manager	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Huw Isaac (HI)	Head of Performance and Development	Vale Of Glamorgan Council
Helen Moses (HM)	Strategy and Partnership Manager	Vale Of Glamorgan Council
Lloyd Fisher (LF)	Policy Officer	Vale Of Glamorgan Council
In attendance for Agenda Item 4:		
Elen Keen	Team Leader, Housing and Community Regeneration	Vale of Glamorgan Council
In attendance for Agenda Item 5:		
Dr Suzanne Wood	Consultant in Public Health Medicine	Cardiff and Vale Public Health Team
Apologies:		
Rob Thomas (RT)	Managing Director	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Abigail Harris (AH)	Executive Director of Strategy and Planning	Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Judith Cole (JC)	Deputy Director Workforce and Social Partnerships (Local Government)	Welsh Government
Peter Greenhill (PG)	Head of Local Delivery Unit	National Probation Service

	Actions
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>JT welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>See above.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the Public Services Board 16th August 2017</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>	
<p>4. Communities First Update</p> <p>The report circulated details of proposals for the use of the two funding streams being introduced by Welsh Government in 2018 when the Communities First Programme comes to an end. The two funding streams are a Legacy Fund and an Employability Grant which will be available for at least two years post Communities First.</p> <p>The Council acts as the lead delivery body in managing the Barry Communities First Cluster and in consultation with partners has developed proposals for how the funding could be used in the Vale. EK explained that the report had been brought to the PSB in line with Welsh Government guidance for the Communities First Legacy Fund. EK requested comments from the PSB on the proposed use of the Legacy Fund and whether it reflects the PSB's priorities for local well-being.</p> <p>The purpose of the Legacy Fund is to maintain some of the most effective Communities First interventions and projects and to ensure their retention beyond 2018. It has been indicated that an annual sum of £106,000 will be available to the Vale through the Legacy Fund. This compares to the £400,000 in funding received for this year's Barry Communities First programme.</p> <p>The second form of funding, the Employability Grant, is principally to secure the infrastructure required to support the Communities for Work Programme and to take forward the learning from the LIFT programme, which is targeted at those who have spent more than six months out of work or training. There will be a flexibility attached to funding in order to enable support to be given to individuals who are not currently eligible for the Communities for Work programme and to enable work beyond current Communities First area boundaries.</p> <p>Research is currently being undertaken to identify gaps in employability provision across the Vale in order to inform a business case for the Employability Grant and to ensure that proposals take account of local priorities and are aligned to existing local provision. Welsh Government guidance for the Employability Grant is in development, but the grant will be in the form of an entrustment, and will be more prescriptive than Communities First funding and the new Legacy Fund.</p> <p>The Employability Grant cannot be used to support management costs and non-person specific project costs and as a result these would need to be met through the Legacy Fund.</p>	

EK advised that final guidance on the Legacy Fund has not yet been received and therefore the proposals have been shaped by the advice and guidance from Welsh Government to date. The proposals detailed in the report may need to be revised when the final guidance is published.

The proposed use of the Legacy Fund is to build on existing projects to support people into employment. A key aspect of this will be the continued support for the Transitions Project that supports 10-12 year olds and their families who have been identified as needing support with the transition from Primary to Secondary School. Work will be aligned to the two Vale-wide transition posts currently supported by the Families First programme and provide added value to the current delivery model.

The second project to be supported through the Fund would be to provide for the continuation of Communities First prosperity projects such as weekly job club and training sessions on specific skills which break down barriers and encourage further engagement and participation in 1-2-1 employability support.

The third use of funding would be to support management and administration costs attached to the Communities for Work programme, the Legacy fund itself and the Employability Grant.

Finally the fourth use of the funding will be to provide low level mental health support to help people access employment and training.

EK clarified that as the Legacy Fund will not be large enough to support all existing Communities First projects and interventions, the projects that support healthy living, including, healthy eating, smoking cessation, sexual health and becoming more active, will cease.

RC said that there had been some amazing achievements by the Barry Communities First team and it is a real shame that it must be scaled back to this extent. RC queried whether there had been clarification on how long the funding would be available for. EK clarified that funding has been made available for the next two years.

HJ highlighted that a key question for the PSB is what they and their organisations can do to assist in the delivery of Communities First programme, for example the Fire Service involvement in the LIFT and Phoenix programmes. Addressing the issues of the scaling back of funding should be seen more as a partnership approach rather than a Local Authority issue.

FK said that taking out the public health aspects of delivery in deprived communities will present a real gap in services and that it will be useful to discuss the scale of delivery at a local community level. The proposal for low level mental health support was however welcomed and it was suggested that conversations take place between the University Health Board's new mental health lead in order to join up provision. RC also stated that PavetheWay, a third sector project, could be aligned to mental health funding.

ND welcomed the approach set out within the report, and enquired whether the PSB could move beyond the Barry specific focus so that projects become Vale wide. EK said that this funding does present an opportunity to look beyond Barry.

EK/FK

For example, it has been recognised that there is a lot of employability support in Barry, but that this provision does not necessarily extend to rural areas of the Vale such as St Athan.

HJ enquired how we might take forward a more partnership focused approach to the Legacy Fund and Employability Grant proposals. HM suggested that these discussions could be integrated into wider discussions around the delivery of the PSB's Well-being Plan, and that the proposals outlined within the report would be complementary to discussions around the tackling inequalities and improving engagement and community involvement aspects of the Plan.

5. Draft Cardiff and Vale Dementia Strategy

SW introduced the draft Cardiff and Vale Dementia Strategy and gave a detailed presentation on the draft Strategy. The Strategy has been developed following the completion of a Dementia Needs Assessment undertaken from July 2016 to January 2017 and includes both quantitative and qualitative research.

Consultation on the draft strategy closed on Friday 15th September but the PSB still has an opportunity to comment. SW informed the board that there is an ageing population across Cardiff and the Vale. The numbers of those diagnosed with dementia continues to grow but there is a need in Wales to optimise diagnosis as there is a disparity between the diagnosis rate in Wales and England. There is also a disparity between the place of death between those with dementia and all deaths, with a smaller proportion of dementia patients staying at home or in a hospice than for all deaths.

Loneliness is a big issue, both as a cause and an aspect of dementia and this can be exacerbated by a lack of transport. A number of other issues were raised through qualitative research including kindness and compassion, better co-ordination of services, better care for carers, an inequality in access to services and an appreciation that dementia is everyone's business.

A co-produced ten year vision for Cardiff and the Vale has been developed by the Strategy Steering Group and nine Strategic Objectives have been set. SW informed that the next steps in the development of the Dementia Strategy will be to respond to the feedback received through the consultation and engagement period. The Cardiff and Vale Strategy will then be launched following the publication of the national Dementia Strategy for Wales to ensure that the Strategy is reflective of any national priorities.

FK explained that as part of the consultation period the draft Dementia Strategy was also taken to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 11th September.

HJ was supportive of the approach that has been taken to develop the strategy and emphasised that data sharing will be essential in order to adopt a partnership approach to progressing the strategy. HJ asked whether there was an intention to share data with partners, especially data on dementia sufferers in order to support people in their own homes. SP also stated that data sharing between organisations, especially for the emergency services, will be very important. SW noted that the importance of data sharing could be more explicit within the strategy.

SW

RC stated that GVS has given a formal response to the consultation, and it should be noted that there is a carers directory to highlight the services that are available from both health and volunteer sectors. RC also highlighted that those with dementia can also be engaged to become volunteers themselves which can in turn help prevent issues such as social isolation.

DP enquired how the sharing of best practice was being addressed, as the Aneurin Bevan Health Board has adopted a good approach. SW advised that best practice and innovation in the UK and wider within the EU was looked at as part of the Dementia Needs Assessment and some of these ideas have been taken forward into the Strategy.

RC noted that old age doesn't necessarily come alone and that this can make it difficult to provide all encompassing support, but if we do not work to tackle this now then we may not be able to do so in the future. FK advised that the strategy highlights the importance of prevention. RC said that it will be important that this is considered a priority for the Regional Partnership Board to invest in prevention and tackle loneliness and isolation.

HJ asked how engagement on the Strategy has been undertaken with seldom heard and Black Minority and Ethnic communities. SW advised that there is an awareness that there are higher risks of dementia in Afro-Caribbean and South-East Asian demographic groups. As part of the drafting of the strategy engagement was undertaken with Alzheimer Society groups and it is intended that this work with groups and communities continues once the strategy has been finalised.

6. Environment Act Update

ND introduced an update on the progress of the implementation of the Environment Act and its links with the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the work of the PSB.

ND informed the PSB that in August Welsh Government published the Natural Resources Policy, which sets out the Welsh Ministers' general and specific policies for contributing to the sustainable management of natural resources. ND advised that Section 6 of the Environment Act established a new biodiversity duty on a number of public bodies who would also be involved in PSBs.

Although the Act doesn't place a statutory duty on the PSB itself, there is likely to be value in partners working together to develop their response to the biodiversity duty. There is an opportunity to do this through the draft Well-being Plan which includes protecting, enhancing and valuing the environment as one of the PSB's well-being objectives. It is important that partners take the opportunity to work together and consider our responsibilities regarding the environment and its contribution to our well-being.

ND advised that Area Statements will be produced as part of the Environment Act. There will be 7 Area Statements for Wales and the Vale will form part of the Area Statement for South Central Wales which also includes Cardiff, RCT, Bridgend and Merthyr Tydfil. The statement will identify risks and priorities in the management of these areas. ND emphasised that it will be important for the statements to be developed collaboratively, bringing together evidence from a range of partners. The statements should also stimulate action and collaboration around the management of natural resources.

HI said that the our duties under the Act and our objective to protect, enhance and value the environment highlights that the PSB now needs to start discussing how we put the Well-being plan into action.

FK noted that it would be necessary to find out who from the Health Board would lead on the Biodiversity duty; however, it is important that this is also taken forward collectively by the PSB.

MC asked about the rationale for the areas for the Area Statements. ND advised that the areas are large enough to be meaningful but small enough to manage and that the boundaries for the statements had been discussed at length to ensure that they will meet a range of needs.

7. Draft Well-being Plan

HI introduced the draft Well-being Plan which needs to be signed off to enable the 12 weeks consultation to commence. HI advised that the plan been had been informed by the Well-being Assessment, expert workshops and ongoing discussions with partners. The actions detailed in the draft plan reflect the areas where partners have identified there are opportunities for collective action and where the PSB can add value and improve local well-being.

The plan will complement the Area Plan being developed by the Regional Partnership Board and which focuses on care and support needs. The PSB were

asked to approve the plan for consultation and also the consultation programme which details the activities that will be undertaken during the 12 week consultation period.

HM advised that where possible the consultation will be joined up with the consultation on the regional Area Plan and it will all be undertaken under the Let's Talk banner. HM also asked partners for their assistance with the consultation as it will require significant resource but also to send a clear message that this is a partnership plan.

Partners endorsed the draft plan and executive summary, recognising that the consultation period would allow further scope to consider the commitments within the plan and how these could be refined and taken forward. There was support for the 2050 vision and for the approach taken in developing the plan.

MC asked how questions about the delivery and impact of the plan would be dealt with during the consultation period. HI agreed that this is work that the PSB still needs to progress in terms of how the plan will be taken forward. HI also emphasised that due to demanding timescales for publishing the plan it is necessary to still consider it as work in progress and that the consultation period and feedback will provide an opportunity to reflect on how the PSB can work most effectively to deliver the plan.

HM noted that other PSBs and Welsh Government are taking a view that the Well-being Plans at this stage will include actions that need to be developed further through discussions and potentially further research and analysis of the evidence in order to agree the best way forward and identify the most sustainable solutions.

The consultation draft of the Well-being Plan is reflective of feedback that has been received from the Future Generations Commissioner and partners, and HM thanked partners for their input and support. HM said that the draft is slightly more detailed than was initially hoped and work will continue with regard to exploring different formats and how the final Well-being Plan will be published on-line to ensure it is accessible and engaging. It is recognised that different audiences will require different formats and levels of detail.

FK said that when undertaking engagement activities queries may be raised around the place of older people within the Well-being Plan, and there will need to be a developed response that explains this easily. HM explained that although not specifically outlined within the draft Plan, older people are reflected across the four Objectives and also specifically within the Area Plan and the Strategy, and the partnership team will be working with the Area Plan team to align engagement activities. AW proposed that it will be important to signpost within our own organisations to promote engagement on the draft Well-being Plan. HM advised that a crib sheet and presentation are being developed to help partners to undertake engagement and promote consultation activities within their own organisations.

JT thanked the PSB for their input into the draft Plan and it was decided that the Plan should be progressed for consultation.

8. Any Other Business None raised.	
9. Date of next meeting 30th November 2017, Board Room, Dock Offices, Barry	