



Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board

22nd November 2023

Minutes

In attendance:		
Name	Title	Organisation
Clr Lis Burnett (LB)	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas (RT)	Managing Director	Vale of Glamorgan Council
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
Fiona Hourahine (FH)	Operations Manager South Wales Central	Natural Resources Wales
John Treherne (JT)	Group Manager	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Clr Shirley Hodges (SH)	Nominated Town and Community Council Representative	Barry Town Council
Also in Attendance:		
Helen Moses (HM)	Strategy and Partnership Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Andreas Pieris-Plumley (APP)	Strategy and Partnership Intern	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Sarah Tipping (ST)	Head of Partnerships and Engagement	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Benedicte Lepine (BL)	Community Safety Policy Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Sian Griffiths (SG)	Consultant in Public Health Medicine	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Colin Cheesman (CC)	Ecologist	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Emily Shaw (ES)	Local Nature Partnership Co-ordinator	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Apologies:		
Eirian Evans (EE - NPS)	Head of South Wales One	National Probation Service
Charles Janczewski (CJ)	UHB Chair	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Abigail Harris (AH)	Executive Director of Strategy and Planning	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Mark Brace (MB)	Assistant Commissioner	South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
Rachel Connor (RC)	Executive Director	Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Suzanne Rankin (SR)	Chief Executive	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Tom Bowring (TB)	Director of Corporate Resources	Vale of Glamorgan Council
David Letellier (DL)	Head of Operations South Wales Central	Natural Resources Wales
Natalie Rees (NR)	Head of Sustainable Development and Climate Change	Transport for Wales

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions LB welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for Absence Please see above	

3.	<p>Minutes of the Public Services Board 20th September 2023 The minutes were agreed as correct.</p>	
4.	<p>Community Safety Update</p> <p>BL thanked Public Health for undertaking work towards the strategic needs assessments and explained that work has also taken place with Cardiff for the needs assessment producing good data sets and exploring demographics. It is already possible to carry out a lot of the work that needs urgent attention through the existing partnership structures. There have not been any surprises with regards to the areas of serious violence identified, and extra patrols have been deployed in these areas. There is a new CCTV infrastructure which has been crucial in responding to serious violence. There will be a response to violence against staff members as this was identified in the serious violence needs assessment. A new analyst will soon begin work to further the work of the partnership around the strategic needs assessments.</p> <p>BL explained there have been developments in funding for the partnership with the delivery plan focusing on work around diversifying the funding of the partnership due to increasing cost pressures. The team was successful in securing funding for a new role to deliver and develop a strategy for the Community Safety and Neighbourhood Watch partnership. Engaging more with the Neighbourhood Watch is important as they contribute a lot to the role of community safety. There has been work to increase relationships with private businesses in the vale. There has been a successful application to fund community safety officers working to tackle anti-social behaviour, focusing on enforcement and engagement working alongside PCSOs and police officers. Safer streets funding has been a success, and this will provide resilience to fund further community safety officers, extra CCTV, and health points (one in Barry Island, other in Broadstreet). Funding has also been secured for target hardening equipment.</p> <p>BL explained they are working on responding to anti-social behaviour among young people, looking at reimplementing a youth event to offer a diversionary activity and opportunity for engagement with young people.</p> <p>BL noted the community safety partnership strategy 2023-28 is due to go to the Council's cabinet soon. There were several changes as a result of the consultation period the strategy underwent, these include highlighting the links to the PSB, creating a plan on a page, and the strategy becoming 5 years instead of the original 3 years. The strategy details the priorities and will be accompanied by implementation plans. The Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence Strategy will progress work targeting groups who are not typically supported. Safe spaces are being developed in partnership with Her Voice Wales, and letters have been sent to traders to get them involved.</p> <p>The CCTV upgrades have been finalised with all new cameras live, and a monitoring station is now also in Barry police station. A CCTV monitoring operational group has been established.</p>	<p>BL to send copy of letter to traders to SH.</p>

	<p>SH noted it is important to also get the views of older women as well as young women and asked what the content of the letters to traders about safe spaces is.</p> <p>BL explained they are working internally to develop a communication strategy to ensure that all groups are engaged with. The community cohesion group is working to increase membership to help represent all groups in communities. The letter to traders explains what the safe spaces scheme is and what it hopes to achieve, it talks broadly about what it means to be involved (that people will access your location for a short period if they are feeling unsafe).</p> <p>FK explained there is potential for a joining up of engagement mechanisms through different PSB workstreams e.g., age friendly.</p>	
5.	<p>Local Nature Partnership, Local Nature Recovery Plan</p> <p>ES provided the background of the Local Nature Partnership, which was established to conserve, protect and enhance biodiversity. Their mission is to connect people from across the county with nature. There are over 65 organisations and groups which are members of the partnership, with a strong focus on community groups.</p> <p>CC explained the Local Nature Recovery action plan will be a 15-year plan, and it is based on Wales’ nature recovery action plan. The Plan has been co-produced by the nature partnership, with an emphasis on grass roots and delivery. The first 5 years will be detailed, working out who needs to do what and the cost. The document is work costed and will be updated and changed almost on an annual basis. It has to address a number of audiences and is not a council document and organisations will sign up to the plan to help deliver it, with annual reporting of progress to the partnership. The document will remain concise so that people can navigate it easily, and it won’t be able to address every issue so will need to prioritise what to do by looking at timescales, with the plan broken down into three 5-year sections. There is an extensive glossary included for the technical terms used.</p> <p>CC explained that specialist task and finish groups have been set up which have produced sets of actions. The plan has a number of stages: part 1 strategy and context, part 2 actions part 3 governance, and part 4 references. The PDF version of the plan is currently being designed along with the webpage. The plan is due to launch next year and then organisations will be encouraged to sign up to the plan.</p> <p>ES explained that the consultation identified managing grasslands as an action. There is now lots of work taking place with partners to carry this out including a new Vale verges working group. They offer biodiversity grants which have increased in size year on year. Details regarding the work of the partnership are shared online across social media and a monthly newsletter.</p> <p>FH praised the work of the partnership and acknowledged the continued support from an NRW perspective.</p>	

	<p>FK echoed FH praise of the partnership. The Director of Public Health Annual Report this year is about biodiversity and health. FK asked if young people have been engaged with and expressed concern that a costed plan could narrow opportunity and ambition.</p> <p>ES explained young people have been engaged with and opportunities have been provided for schools to get involved. They have worked with a group that focuses on family activities to get young people involved, but there is more work with young people to do.</p> <p>CC explained that the costed plan has considered everything and remains ambitious with nothing being ruled out but by costing actions they can prioritise.</p> <p>SH explained this is perfect work for Town and Community Councils (TCCs) and asked if there is a strategy to engage with TCCs. TCCs allow more continuity which community groups can sometimes struggle with, and they can also provide extra resources.</p> <p>ES explained they have worked with some TCCs already but there is further opportunity, including creating a strategy.</p> <p>JT explained the Fire and Rescue Services have been involved with the LNP and have engaged with local school children with a focus on long term engagement.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Amplifying Prevention Progress</p> <p>FK introduced SG and the Amplifying Prevention work.</p> <p>SG explained 3 the areas of priority: <i>Childhood immunisations</i> where the delivery has progressed with new communication materials being developed, and a pilot project with schools to include immunisations education as part of the curriculum. <i>Bowel screening</i> where all adult screening was paused during the pandemic, and low uptake has been identified in areas of Cardiff and the Vale. Delivery has progressed with communication targeted to maximise reach, working with primary clusters with the lowest uptake, and insights work has been developed from a range of sources. <i>Move More Eat Well (MMEW)</i> has identified that over half of the adult population is not a healthy weight, and only 74% of children are a healthy weight when they start school. There are health issues associated with weight and lower levels of educational attainment. They are working with schools and workplaces to increase opportunities to move more and eat well in these settings. The healthier advertising plan is being developed and a MMEW plan will be refreshed after the current plan is finished in March 2024.</p> <p>SG explained that in regard to a Cardiff and Vale health protection partnership, the Welsh Government wants Local Authorities to develop local health protection multi-disciplinary teams in partnership with the health boards. The integrated health protection system is being developed as a</p>	

	<p>legacy to work during the Covid-19 pandemic. A Cardiff and Vale health protection plan is developing to describe the health protection system.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Well-being Plan Progress Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with our more deprived communities - Responding to the Climate Change and Nature Emergencies - Age Friendly Vale <p>HM provided a reminder of the wellbeing objectives which frame the plan and the three priority workstreams. There are also 19 steps that provide more detail on delivering the objectives and workstreams.</p> <p>HM explained that regarding Age Friendly Vale, funding from Welsh government was secured to enable an officer to lead this work. The Vale has recently been awarded age friendly status and the Age Friendly Officer was invited to speak at a global network about the work. There have been a number of engagement events with the 50+ forum, and older residents have also engaged with the climate agenda. Work has taken place to develop an action plan which will take forward the PSB charter. There are over 100 members in the Age Friendly Vale Network at present.</p> <p>HM explained that work in our most deprived communities is developing with a community development worker in post since August and taking work forward. A steering group has been established and a workshop was held to familiarise partners with the areas and the scope of the work. Meetings with local councillors, Town and Community Councils, schools, PCSOs, Safer Vale, housing, employment, local groups, the PSB and community groups have taken place to start mapping assets.</p> <p>Work to respond to the climate and nature emergencies has also developed with a climate emergency and asset management subgroup. A workshop was held in November which discussed 5 key action points in the plan, and lots of work has taken place within individual organisations with plans and strategies being developed but there are more opportunities for shared learning and working. The ACPW3 grant from Welsh Government is being used to look at decarbonisation projects and work will take place to explore opportunities for promoting behavioural change. NRW are developing a framework for PSBs to undertake climate change risk assessments.</p> <p>HM explained that work to deliver our commitments in the Plan have also developed. The Healthy Travel Charter is continuing to be implemented, young people have been involved on the work around climate change and nature with a climate conversation engagement event being held recently. A review of the Local Development Plan has happened, amplifying prevention and MMEW has progressed, Food Vale is continuing to progress a food strategy, and there has been research into existing food poverty projects. Community Safety has progressed work with funding secured and a new strategy, a cost-of-living analysis has been undertaken and the council cost of living webpages have recently been updated. Value in the Vale work has progressed but future funding is not confirmed. The Council's The Let's Talk Survey is live and highlights of the results will be shared with partners. The</p>	

	PSB evidence base has up to date data available on the PSB website, and TCCs exchange meetings have continued with workstreams discussed there.	
8.	<p>Local Development Plan (LDP) Update</p> <p>RT explained the LDP preferred strategy will have a period of consultation from December/January for an 8-week duration. There are two phases with the 1st phase to create a preferred strategy which sets strategic intention for the plan, and the 2nd phase if the preferred strategy is agreed will then build the plan around the strategy. There are roughly 8,000 new dwellings in the Vale, mainly across Barry, St Athans, Rhoose, and the corridor along the coast. It will look at key strategic sites being developed, with a new railway station in St Athan to link with the new housing development, but it doesn't set out where the smaller sites will be. This is relevant to the PSB as partners plan their service provision.</p> <p>FK expressed thanks to the Vale Council for the process which has involved partners.</p> <p>SH asked if the key strategy sites are picked by developers, how is the strategy developed and how is climate considered.</p> <p>RT explained that it is required by law to issue a call for sites and publicise a new development plan whereby anyone can submit sites for consideration. There are lots of development companies who submit sites, the Council then consider all site submissions and decide which are the most appropriate assessing each site against legal criteria e.g., sustainability. Smaller sites are also not included as the strategic sites but will be considered after in relation to the plan.</p>	
9.	<p>Forward Work Programme 2023</p> <p>HM explained the document highlights all work from this year as well as some of the workstreams that will be discussed next year. The programme will be developed further for next year. HM asked partners to let her know about items for next year.</p>	
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business.</p>	
11.	Date of next meeting - 31st January 2024	