

# Minutes



## Local Service Board

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Date: 3 March 2015

Time: 10.00 am

### Present:

**Newport City Council:** Councillor R Truman, (in the Chair), Mr W Godfrey (Chief Executive) (Deputy Chair), Mr M Nicholson (Strategic Director People), Ms D Wood-Lawson (Head of People and Business Change), Mr R Cornwall (Partnership Manager), Ms C James (LSB Coordinator) and Mr R Jefferies (Chief Democratic Services Officer)

**Heddlu Gwent Police:** Superintendent G. Fernquest

**Police and Crime Commissioner's Office:** Mrs S Bosson (Chief Executive)

**Aneurin Bevan Health Board:** Professor S McClelland (Vice Chair of ABHB); Ms B John (Head of Partnership Networks); Ms B Bolt

**South Wales Fire and Rescue Service:** Mr A Davison, (Group Manager)

**Welsh Government:** Mr L Phillips (Deputy Director Strategy, Policy and Planning.)

**Voluntary Bodies and Other Partners:** Mr D Phillips (Director of SEWREC); Ms E Forbes (GAVO); Ms C Doyle (Newport City Homes); Mr A Davies (Wales Community Rehabilitation Company); Mr G O'Shea (Natural Resources (Wales))

### Apologies:

Chief Constable J Farrar (Heddlu Gwent Police), Ms J Paget (Interim Chief Executive, Aneurin Bevan Health Board) Mr D Jenkins (Chair of ABHB), Dr G Richardson (Executive Director ABHB); Mr J Chiummo (Communities First); Mr M Featherstone (Chief Executive GAVO); Mr D Foley (Chair of Newport Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee) Mr A Moseley (JobCentre Plus); Ms N Davies (Wales Probation Service); Ms D Binding (Wales Community Rehabilitation Company); Chief Superintendent P Symes (Gwent Police) Supt M Warrender (Gwent Police); Ms S Davies (Strategic Director Place, Newport City Council)

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## 1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

<b>1. Minutes</b>	
The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2104 were confirmed as a true record.	<b>R Jefferies</b>
<u>Voluntary Sector Compact</u>	
A report was circulated updating members of the pilot	<b>E Forbes</b>

<p>implementation exercise. Members were informed that three objectives had been pursued, they being: Mapping sector provision across the city; developing a quality assurance pack; and trialling the implementation of the pack.</p> <p>Findings from the pilot exercise were set out in detail in the report together with conclusions drawn from the experience.</p> <p>In general the trial had highlighted enthusiasms by the sector to participate. Members were informed that a series of relatively small amendments to the quality assurance pack would enhance engagement in its use and reduce the time taken to record the organisations position in terms of quality assurance</p> <p>The Board agreed to make the proposed amendments and a formal launch of the Quality Assurance Framework for use in the voluntary sector.</p> <p><u>Victim Care in Gwent</u></p> <p>The Board was informed of good progress and told the hub would be in operation in April. A launch was planned for late May.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Working</u></p> <p>The Board was told the cluster model was working well and there was a plan to expand.</p>	<p><b>S Bosson</b></p> <p><b>M Nicholson</b></p>
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## 2 Domestic Homicide Review

<p><b>Domestic Homicide Review</b></p> <p>The Local Service Board was informed that Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) were established under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2014. Since 13 April 2011 there is an expectation for local areas to undertake a multi-agency review following a domestic violence homicide</p> <p>The Local Service Board was informed of a domestic homicide incident in Newport in May 2014, and that it was being submitted for a DHR.</p> <p>The Local Service Board as governing body for a DHR must determine if the case is subject to DHR; must set up a Review Panel as outlined in the report and appoint an independent Chair to undertake the review.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the appointment of the Independent Chair would be the responsibility of the LSB Chair.</p> <p>The process for such a review was outlines to Board members.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. That the Case is subject to a Domestic Homicide Review</li><li>II. To Set up a Review Panel, to include:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Key statutory agencies</li><li>b. Independent Domestic Violence Advisors</li><li>c. Voluntary sector agencies</li></ol></li><li>III. To appoint an Independent Chair to undertake the review</li></ol>	<p><b>M Nicholson and R Cornwall</b></p>
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## 3 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill

<p><b>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill</b></p> <p>At the previous meeting of the Local Service Board, members were informed of the purpose and implications of the Act. One of which was the establishment of the Public Service Board.</p> <p>The LSB had agreed to establish a Public Service Board</p>	<p><b>Rhys Cornwall</b></p>
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<p>Development Group and agreed a timetable of actions.</p> <p>However, Welsh Government had since launched a White Paper – Reforming Local Government - which was currently going through a consultation process.</p> <p>It was likely that would delay the implementation of statutory Public Service Boards.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. To provide an LSB response to the consultation</li> <li>II. To continue with the approach agreed at the previous meeting</li> </ol>	
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#### 4 **Partnership Structure**

<p><b>Partnership Structure</b></p> <p>Members considered proposed changes to the One Newport partnership structure for 2015/16.</p> <p>The current structure has been in place for two years and it was considered timely to undertake a review. The priorities in the Single Integrated Plan would remain but the way they are delivered and monitored would be simplified through a new partnership structure.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p> <p>The following changes are implemented from 1 April 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To remove the LSB Executive Group</li> <li>• To reduce the number of Priority Themes to three as identified in the report</li> <li>• To provide more emphasis on tackling poverty and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups</li> <li>• To provide more focus on geographically based priorities and actions</li> </ul>	<p><b>R Cornwall</b></p>
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5 **Single Integrated Plan Performance**

<p><b>Single Integrated Plan Performance</b></p> <p><b>Local Service Board members were update on progress in relation to the following themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Economic Opportunity</b></li><li>• <b>City Centre</b></li><li>• <b>Alcohol and Substance Misuse</b></li><li>• <b>Skills and Work</b></li></ul> <p><b>In each case, members were informed of achievements and successes; areas where targets were not being met and theme risks.</b></p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>To receive the update and ask for further updates at future meetings</p>	<p><b>R Cornwall</b> <b>C James</b></p>
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6 **Gambling Intervention Initiative**

<p><b>Gambling Intervention Initiative</b></p> <p>Members were informed that the grant made by an external organisation to provide this initiative was to conclude at the end of March.</p> <p>Many initiatives in Newport relied upon fixed term grant aid and were aware of the timescales involved. There was no doubt that the Gambling Intervention Service had provided a valuable service for individuals in the City.</p> <p>The Chair asked if the Initiative could be advised of any other external short term funding sources and asked for an update report at the next meeting</p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p> <p>To provide a further report to the next meeting setting out whether the service had been able to access service and any possible other external funding sources or the impact of the closure of the initiative.</p>	<p><b>R Cornwall</b></p>
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## 7 Youth Offending Service

<b>Youth Offending Service</b>  The Director of Social Services update members on progress on the action plan following the since last year's critical Inspection report.  The report had highlighted concerns about meeting the core functions in relation to preventing offending and reoffending and about business processes and management  The findings had been accepted locally and the Wales Justice Board had been involved in developing and implementing the Action Plan  There was much left to achieve but progress was such that the Wales Justice Service was now able to withdraw.  It was now important to continue with the momentum as the service moves forward  <b>Agreed</b>  To receive updates on progress periodically at future meetings	<b>M Nicholson</b>
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## 8 Ward Profiles

<b>Ward Profiles</b>  Members worked in groups to consider the issues identified in the Ward Profiles and the implications for the Board and its constituent partners.  Members considered the geographical priorities for the Board and considered that the top priority was the Pillgwenlly Ward. Ringland and Bettws wards had also been identified during the discussions as priority wards.  The City Centre was also a priority for reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour as well as economic regeneration.  The importance of the skills and work agenda was stressed and the positive impact of improved employment figures in the priority wards  Members did not consider that reallocation of relatively limited resources, whether financial or human resources would necessarily help	<b>R Cornwall C James</b>
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<p>Members considered that it was important to go to communities and ask what can be done to help and to consider how best to build community resilience and community capacity.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p> <p>That initial consideration is given to the Pillgwenlly ward to determine what support services are available ; how they can best coordinated; how gaps can be identified and filled</p>	
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## 9 **Future Meetings**

<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p> <p>19 May; 15 September and 15 December 2015 at 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>M Durkin</b></p>
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