

# Caerphilly Local Service Board



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Health Board



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## Notes of Meeting

Held at 9:00am on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015  
Core Room 1.3, Ty Penallta

### Present:-

Cllr Keith Reynolds (Chair)	Chair of Caerphilly LSB and Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council
Chris Burns	Interim Chief Executive, Caerphilly County Borough Council
Alison Shakestaff	Director of Therapies & Health Sciences, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (representing Judith Paget, Chief Executive)
Nick McLain	Chief Inspector, Gwent Police (representing Chief Constable Jeff Farrar)
James Owen	Deputy Director, Expert Services & People Division, Welsh Government
Shelley Bosson	Chief Executive, Office of the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner

### In attendance:-

Kath Peters	Community Safety Manager
Howard Rees	Programme Manager, CCBC
Alison Palmer	Community Planning Coordinator (Notes)

### Apologies:-

Jeff Farrar	Chief Constable, Gwent Police
David Jenkins	Chair, ABUHB
Ian Johnson	Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner
Martin Featherstone	Chief Executive, Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations

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1.	<b>Welcome:</b> Cllr KR welcomed everyone to the meeting including Shelley Bosson, Nick McLain and Alison Shakestaff who were attending for the first time.	
2.	<b>Previous Notes and Matters Arising:</b> The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.  It was noted that the next meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> September would take place at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr with thanks to Judith Paget for offering to host the meeting.	

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	<p>Pg. 4: CB reported that the proposed presentation to the management network on the PREVENT programme had not yet taken place. It was agreed that Kath Peters/Rob Hartshorn would contact CB to arrange a space on a forthcoming agenda.</p> <p>Pg. 5: The LSB ESF Information Sharing project presentation to G7 had not been given as the meeting had been cancelled. However the project team have delivered a presentation at a recently held national Information Records Management conference at the Celtic Manor.</p> <p>Pg. 6: It was noted that JF had not yet taken the Vulnerability Intelligence project feedback to the G7.</p> <p>Pg. 7: Passport programme. JO reported discussions with WG colleagues where the disappointment of the LSB had been highlighted at the lack of continuation funding for the successful Passport Project. CB hoped there would be more news by the next meeting.</p> <p>Anti Poverty Strategy: The progress of the CCBC Anti-Poverty Strategy through council processes was noted, including scrutiny that evening and full Council on 9<sup>th</sup> June. The role of partners in delivering the strategy was vital and it was agreed that a copy would be circulated to members.</p> <p>Lansbury Park: CB updated members on the work focussed on Lansbury Park being the most deprived ward in Wales according to the recent WIMD report. A task group had been set up to take a holistic approach to the issue which had also provided a workshop session at the last Standing Conference. The group had undertaken a walkabout around the estate with elected members to look at the issues and talk to residents. It was noted that the WHQS work would have a major impact when complete, including the external cladding, kitchens and bathrooms. The group had met with education colleagues from primary and secondary to look at tracking the progress of children to see what schools they were attending and what package of measures could help tackle issues. The next focus of the group would be health and they would be in touch with ABUHB colleagues to look at health issues. CB suggested that the LSB might wish to consider this again at a future date when they could see how the work was progressing.</p>	<p>KP/RH</p> <p>JF</p> <p>HR</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>a.</p>	<p><b><u>Update on 'Caerphilly Delivers' - the LSB Single Integrated Plan:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Presentation on progress on the Safer Caerphilly Outcome:</u></b>  Chief Inspector Nick McLain (Gwent Police) and Kath Peters (Community Safety Manager CCBC) delivered a presentation outlining progress on the Safer Caerphilly Outcome theme and an update on 10,000 Safer Lives, detailed in the previously circulated Highlight report and scorecard. NMc explained that he would try to present the data in a different way to the circulated scorecard to make it easier to see trends and referred members to the slides highlighting the reduction in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents from 2012 - 2015 as an example. He noted the successful partnership actions to focus on diversionary activities during events such as Halloween and bonfire night as a factor in reducing ASB incidents and the joint tasking approach, making use of information from all partners to effectively focus responses. He noted the four strikes ASB process as being an effective tool for managing offenders and highlighted the greater use of social media and the OWL system across the borough.</p>	

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	<p>He went on to update on recorded crime for the same period looking at the Caerphilly picture in relation to national crime figures. He explained the change in approach to recording crime and noted that in Caerphilly county borough Gwent Police had succeeded in recording more crime but had also been successful in reducing crime. He noted that Chief Constable Jeff Farrar was the national lead on crime statistics. He highlighted the successes of partnership working on integrated offender management for priority offenders, and youth offenders, noting the huge reduction in first time offenders, also acknowledging the early education through schools and the flexible approach such as the Project Bernie (grass fires) working party. He noted the investment by Gwent Police of "body-cams" for every officer which would roll out from September.</p> <p>NMc turning to domestic abuse, noted the worrying increase in reported incidents particularly in the north of the borough, possibly through people becoming more confident in reporting incidents or it being previously seriously under-reported. He noted the focus on it as a priority area of work and the MARAC process which he felt was working, and in answer to a question from SB, particularly with repeat offenders.</p> <p><b>10,000 Safer Lives update:</b>  KP then continued the presentation to examining the "10,000 Safer Lives" initiative which the WG has stated would now cease. She noted that the LSB had been previously asked by WG to comply with the 11 standards. The new Act would supersede these with some standards encompassed within the Act and forthcoming statutory guidance. The new regional DA team will support statutory and third sector in implementing the Act and statutory guidance and will report to the WG National Advisor. Many of the standards had already been achieved i.e. the MARAC process. SB highlighted the OPCC funding provided on a Gwent footprint and it was noted that the new team hosted by Newport would work with the Victims Hub in Blackwood. However some concern had been expressed about local delivery and support for victims.</p> <p>KP explained the new duties on the Public sector including the requirement for the LA and LHB to produce a shared domestic abuse strategy. A national training framework would provide different levels of training from level 1 to 5 and as Gwent was an early adopter it would pilot the training. The guidance included the appointment of local champions at member/officer level.</p> <p>NMc took members back through the remainder of the scorecard and highlighted the strength of partnership working which was second to none in Caerphilly county borough. He identified the challenges of budget cuts leading to reductions in service which would make it difficult to maintain public confidence. KP also highlighted the difficulty in achieving the duty of conducting annual strategic assessments due to lack of analytical capacity. She noted that a Safer Gwent strategy was currently being developed which will provide some evidence for the review of the scorecard in the third quarter. They were undertaking a light touch review at present as some actions were completed and new work needed to be included. They were also looking to work more strategically with work divided into neighbourhood policing and community safety teams. The work of the "Positive Futures" initiative in Newport was noted, highlighting that the initiative had been rolled out to local hotspot areas and now taking referrals.</p> <p>NMc noted the huge operational changes for Gwent Police but acknowledged the excellent support from all partners which was much appreciated. KP and NMc were thanked for their presentation the contents of which were noted.</p>	

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b.	<p><b><u>Other Outcome Highlight/Exception Reports:</u></b>  HR reminded members that as well as the full presentation from one of the Outcome theme Lead Officers at each meeting, highlight/exception reports from all Outcome theme Lead Officers are also circulated. He noted that scorecards had also been circulated it being the end of the performance year.</p> <p><b>Prosperous Caerphilly:</b>  CB reported on the emerging Cardiff Capital region and City Deal initiatives, with the latter bid being put together by the 10 authorities in the region to draw down national funding to support the initiative. He noted that this could be an exciting opportunity to bring economic development to the county borough with the current review of the Local Development Plan and work being undertaken with the Business Forum to put together a strategy for growth. It was agreed that it would be useful to look at this at a future meeting.</p> <p><b>Learning Caerphilly:</b>  HR noted the very positive report on Flying Start in the county borough and highlighted the integrated approach being undertaken to work together with Communities First and Families First continuing the success of all three WG Anti-Poverty programmes locally.</p> <p><b>Healthier Caerphilly:</b>  HR noted the previous difficulties in populating the Healthier Caerphilly outcome theme scorecard due to data not being easily accessible in the form required. He noted the outcomes had been reviewed and the scorecard and plan were being updated accordingly. He advised of the proposal for the Wellbeing Network (WIN) to take responsibility for the whole plan instead of the current split between the Neighbourhood Care Networks (NCNs) and WIN, with the latter becoming the Healthier Caerphilly Outcome delivery group, similar to the Safer structure. The revised structure and reporting mechanism was approved.</p> <p><b>Greener Caerphilly:</b>  HR noted the comprehensive report on the three specific priority areas demonstrated through case studies. The Greener Caerphilly delivery group had reviewed the actions and wished to make some changes to the priorities which would then be reflected in the new action plan. LSB members noted the report and approved the revision process.</p> <p>HR noted that the Greener Caerphilly delivery group (and the Living Environment Partnership previously) has always had representation from the Countryside Council for Wales and now its successor organisation Natural Resources Wales (NRW). As NRW would become a statutory member of the Caerphilly Public Service Board (from April, 2016) he asked members to consider if it would be appropriate to invite them to become members of the LSB in advance of the changes. JO noted that NRW were already gearing up to meet the commitment of representation at all PSBs in future and had already been invited to join elsewhere. It was agreed that the Chair would write to NRW formally inviting them to join the LSB.</p> <p><i>(Chair's Note: Chief Executive of NRW invited and has nominated Jon Goldsworthy Operations Manager to be the NRW representative on the LSB/PSB).</i></p>	<p><b>HR/KR</b>  <i>(see Chair's Note)</i></p>
c.	<p><b><u>Voluntary Sector and GAVO Update:</u></b>  Apologies for the meeting had been received from MF. The circulated report was noted.</p>	

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4.	<p><b><u>Update on LSB ESF Projects:</u></b>  HR reported that the evaluation report and recommendations on the national WG LSB ESF programme had been received and the WG responses circulated to LSB members for information/observations. He noted the three projects in the county borough included being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport programme</li> <li>• Information Sharing</li> <li>• Vulnerability Intelligence</li> <li>• Programme Manager</li> </ul> <p>HR also highlighted the previously circulated national evaluation report on the Role of LSB support officers, noting that LSBs operated very differently across Wales. Whilst many of the recommendations focussed on WG, the WG responses placed greater expectations on the future operation of Public Service Boards.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015:</u></b>  HR reported that the Bill had received Royal Assent on 29<sup>th</sup> April and was now an Act. WG were currently working with different teams on producing draft guidance for its implementation, which was being circulated to various networks for pre-consultation comment. It was hoped that the full guidance would be circulated prior to the new year. He noted that there were a large number of events taking place led by different organisations including the Early Adopters programme led by the WLGA, WG events and Cynnal Cymru conferences. The process currently appeared very disjointed and un-coordinated including some key events taking place on the same day. It had been raised at the WG LSB support team meeting.</p> <p>CB reported that the new Commissioner had yet to be appointed and JO noted that the role would be advertised.</p> <p>It was explained that Welsh Ministers would be setting national indicators that local PSBs would have to respond to. It was agreed that it would be useful to see a timetable detailing the proposed commencement. Members expressed concern that hopefully there would be a more reasonable timescale to work to develop the Wellbeing Assessment unlike with the SIP. It was noted that Tim Peppin was working on it for the WLGA and some local authorities had already taken on some aspects of the Act in readiness. HR reported that Paul Cooke would be attending another event on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.</p> <p>SB noted that some LSBs were already looking at working in a shadow format, one or two of the other boards will be inviting additional members now to develop an understanding of how people are working already. It was explained that the WG policy intent was that this process was intended to be a fundamental and step-change, with LSBs formally ceasing and PSBs commencing as new bodies from April, 2016.</p> <p>CB noted that Caerphilly CBC had been one of the early adopters but had put it on hold. He considered that the workshop looking ahead to 2050 had not been particularly productive as it was difficult to project forward thirty years but Caerphilly was well placed to take the next step.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Standing Conference 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015:</u></b>  HR reported that the January Standing Conference report had been published on the website, with a hyperlink to the document circulated to all.</p> <p>The next Standing Conference would take place on 12<sup>th</sup> June and would take forward the recommendations from the previous LSB meeting to build on the</p>	

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	<p>last conference and to further develop the anti-poverty theme to look at economic recovery.</p> <p>The Conference entitled “Not Standing Still.....Economic Recovery in Caerphilly” will receive a keynote presentation delivered by Peter Slater (Industrial Communities Alliance) on closing the prosperity gap, followed by locally themed presentations by Rhian Kyte (CCBC) on the LDP, the Chair of Caerphilly Business Forum giving a private sector perspective and Gareth Jones (Welsh ICE) looking at innovation. There would then be themed workshops. There would also be a repeat of the foodbank collection.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Information Items:</u></b> Items circulated for information were noted.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business:</u></b> There was no further business. Cllr KR closed the meeting with thanks to those who had attended.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></b> At 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Fawr Way, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed CF82 7EP.</p>	