

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 JULY 2016

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

LOCAL SERVICE BOARD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

1. Purpose of Report.

1.1 The purpose of the report is:

- i. to present the Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the recommendations of the Local Service Board (LSB) Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
- ii. to seek the Committee's approval to change the name of the Local Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel to the Public Service Board (PSB) Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

The work of the LSB/PSB is set out in Bridgend County Together, the Single Integrated Partnership Plan for Bridgend which takes into account the Authority's Corporate priorities:

- Supporting a successful economy
- Helping People to be more self-reliant

3. Background.

3.1 At its meeting in October 2015 the LSB Scrutiny Panel received detailed presentations from the four Programme Boards that sit under the LSB as well as the Community Safety Partnership in order to determine how the LSB projects fit with the four main outcomes and priorities of each Programme Board.

3.2 The Panel were also presented with an update on how the Authority was preparing to respond to the Well Being of Future Generations Wales 2015 Act which included the establishment of a Public Service Board by April 2016.

3.3 During discussions with Officers, it was reported that each project reports to its relevant Programme Board on a quarterly basis through a project pro forma, with the 446 project pro forma being provided as an example. The pro forma outlined the following:

- Project description
- Deliverables
- Milestones/Project Schedule
- Key Partners
- Budget

- Progress Reports

3.4 The Panel resolved at this meeting to receive information on the Llynfi 20 project that sits under the Healthy Board at its next meeting to consider the work being carried out in this area, its progress report and how it compares with those of other Boards, for example, the 446 project, in terms of consistency etc.

4. Current situation / proposal.

4.1 At its meeting on the 18 April 2016, the LSB Scrutiny Panel were advised that the Public Service Board had now been established for Bridgend and an Assessment of Local Wellbeing would be published by April 2017 followed by the Well Being Plan in April 2018.

4.2 The Panel then considered the item on the Llynfi 20 project and received detail of the project's workstreams, actions and of the next steps to develop outcome reporting and outcome indicators.

4.3 In discussions over reporting mechanisms, it was reported that the project does not currently use the same pro forma as the example provided for the 446 project to report to their respective Programme Board.

4.4 As a result of their meeting the Panel determined to make a series of Recommendations including the following proposal for change and recommendations to the PSB:

- The Panel proposed that Local Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Committee change its name to the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel in order to align themselves with the newly established PSB.

Recommendations

1. The Panel recommended that each project under each Programme Board use the same pro forma template for reporting on their performance to ensure consistency across each Board and effective performance monitoring.

2. Members further recommended that work be undertaken to incorporate key measurable targets within these pro forma in order to evidence outcomes and success. Without consistent performance monitoring approaches using measurable targets there is a risk of objectives and real results not being achieved, gaps in provision and no evidence available for public accountability.

4.5 Should the Committee agree the recommendations from the Panel, they will then be formally submitted to the Public Service Board at its next meeting and copied to the Welsh Minister, the Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales as per the legislation.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 The work of the Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the

power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality impacts arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. Recommendation.

8.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a) Approve the change of name from the Local Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel to the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- b) Accept the recommendations of the Panel so that they can be sent to the Public Service Board for consideration.

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Background documents

Welsh Government SPSF 3: Collective role (public service boards) - Shared Purpose, Shared Future: Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015