

Minutes Newport Public Services Board

Date: 9th June 2020

Time: 10.00 am; Online meeting via Teams

Present:

Statutory Partners:

Newport City Council: Cllr J Mudd (Chair); B Owen (Acting Chief Executive)

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB): N Prygodzicz; K Dew

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service: H Jakeway

Natural Resources Wales: C Davies

Invited Partners:

Welsh Government: A John

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner: D Garwood-Pask

Heddlu Gwent Police: CS I Roberts

Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations: S Tiley

Newport Third Sector Partnership: C Lane

RSLs: C Doyle

Newport Live: S Ward

University of South Wales: M Cadwallader

Officers:

N Dance (PSB Co-ordinator), T McKim (Newport City Council), W Tucker (Newport City Council)

Apologies:

G Lacey (Coleg Gwent), D Binding (Probation Service), Mererid Bowley (Public Health Wales), J Cuthbert (OPCC)

No	Item	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Stephen Tiley to the meeting as the new Chief Executive of GAVO.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting held 10th December 2019</p>	

	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2019 were confirmed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>The Chair advised that a note had been circulated to members updating on actions from the December meeting.</p> <p>Re Minute 3 G10 Update, the Chair advised that a paper was due to be submitted to G10 on options for a regional PSB. While there were positives to a regional approach, the PSB was mindful of the differences between the city of Newport and neighbouring local authority areas.</p> <p>Re minute 4, the Chair noted that there was currently only one lead for the Newport Offer and that consideration was being given to how best to bring other PSB members on board. A second lead was also required for Right Skills to replace M Featherstone, who had represented GAVO.</p> <p>Agreed – To confirm Stephen Tiley as the second lead on Right Skills.</p>	S Tiley
3	<p>Appointment of Vice-Chair</p> <p>Ceri Davies (NRW) was appointed Vice Chair.</p>	
4	<p>Covid-19</p> <p>The Board received a letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding expectations for PSBs in responding to Covid-19. The Strategic Co-ordination Group will be leading the recovery from the pandemic at a Gwent level, however the PSB will have an important role to play in considering, and co-ordinating, the longer term response to the impacts of Covid-19 on communities. The Minister’s letter noted a possible need for PSBs to reflect on whether the well-being objectives and priorities in Local Well-being Plans remain the right focus or need to be refocused.</p> <p>Members gave their views on the local response to the pandemic and noted that excellent partnership arrangements in Newport had benefitted the response.</p> <p>The Chair noted that a Community Impact Assessment was being developed and that members could contribute to this. H Jakeway advised that a paper on the Jigso project and its potential going forward would be brought to the PSB. Members commented on the value of the Newport Intelligence Hub in supporting Covid-19 response work.</p> <p>The Third Sector Partnership had met ahead of the PSB and there was some concern about the ability of some third sector organisations to re-open following the pandemic.</p> <p>The Board noted a letter from the Minister for the Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs to the Chair of NRW regarding a Covid-19 recovery action plan for nature,</p> <p>Agreed – Members to consider the letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government regarding PSB involvement in Covid-19 recovery and forward any comments to Nicola Dance</p>	ALL
5	<p>Sustainable Travel: Gwent Sustainable Travel Charter</p>	

	<p>The Board considered a draft sustainable Travel Charter for Gwent, which will support and encourage staff and visitors to organisations' sites to use healthy and sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>Members noted the relevance of this work in maintaining lower carbon emissions and improved air quality post-Covid.</p> <p>Agreed - In principle to sign up to the Gwent Travel Charter.</p>	C Doyle, E Wakeham
6	<p>Placemaking Wales Charter</p> <p>The Board considered a draft Placemaking Charter for Wales, which had been developed by the Placemaking Partnership for Wales. The Charter promoted good practice in planning policy and supported the development of high-quality places for the benefit of communities.</p> <p>It was noted that the Charter complemented the interventions in Newport's Wellbeing Plan, in particular Newport Offer and Green and Safe Spaces,</p> <p>Agreed - That the PSB signs the Placemaking Wales Charter and links are made to the appropriate interventions.</p>	B Owen. N Dance
7	<p>Local Wellbeing Plan Annual Report</p> <p>The Board considered options for completing the Well-being Plan Annual Report 2019-20 in light of the Coronavirus outbreak.</p> <p>In accordance with the timescales laid out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act, Newport's Well-being Plan Annual Report was due for publication in July 2020. However, while there had been some progress in agreeing the structure of the report, Covid-19 had slowed its development.</p> <p>Members noted that Welsh Government had stated that they cannot formally advise PSBs not to meet statutory deadlines, however they could reassure that they would not challenge a PSB for not publishing within the deadline. The Future Generations Commissioner and the Auditor General were also taking a pragmatic approach due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Members commented that releasing any report at this time was likely to have little resonance with the people of Newport when the impact of Covid-19 is their concern.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the annual report is completed by September, which would enable further work to take place and ensure that the report has purpose and can be used to highlight the work of the partnership to communities. ii. That, if necessary, this be a light touch report in view of the ongoing demands of the Coronavirus on resources. 	Intervention Leads Partnerships Team
8	<p>Review of the PSB's Terms of Reference</p> <p>The Board reviewed the terms of reference for the One Newport PSB.</p> <p>Members commented on the importance of Newport Youth Council (NYC) being an invited partner in PSB work and of effective and meaningful engagement. It was noted that the revised TOR included the nomination of a PSB member as a formal link with NYC.</p> <p>The Chair commented on NYC's excellent campaign during the pandemic.</p>	

	<p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. S Tiley and C Lane consider how best to involve NYC as an invited partner on the PSB ii. Subject to the above, the revised terms of reference for the PSB be agreed. 	S Tiley, C Lane, N Dance
9	<p>Welsh Government Support for PSBs 2020-21</p> <p>The Board noted a letter from Welsh Government announcing that funding for PSBs will not now be available in 2020-21. Welsh Government intended to make funding available in 2021/22.</p>	
10	<p>Forward Work Programme</p> <p>Agreed - All members to propose agenda items.</p>	ALL
11	<p>Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am Tuesday, 8 September 2020 • 10 am Tuesday, 8 December 2020 	ALL