

CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of **Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held at the Valleys Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon on Monday, 26th February, 2018 at 10 a.m.

PRESENT

County Borough Councillor J.Bonetto – in the Chair (Rhondda Cynon Taf)

County Borough Councillors

Merthyr Tydfil

C.Berry
D.Isaac

Rhondda Cynon Taf

E.S.Stephens
G.P.Thomas

Co-opted Members (Non-Executive)

Mr.M.Jehu – Cwm Taf University Health Board
Mr.J.Jenkins – Community Health Council
Ms.M.A.Lewis – Citizen Representative (Rhondda Cynon Taf)
Mr.N.Williams – South Wales Fire & Rescue Service

Invitees

Mrs.C.Forbes-Thompson – Head of Democratic Services (Caerphilly CBC)
Professor Marcus Longley – Chair of Cwm Taf Public Services Board
Dr.Kelechi Nnoaham – Chair of the Strategic Partnership Board

Officers

Ms.K.May – Head of Democratic Services (Rhondda Cynon Taf)
Mrs.A.Taylor – Head of Democratic Services (Merthyr Tydfil)
Ms.L.Lawson – Performance Manager (Rhondda Cynon Taf)
Mrs.S.Davies – Partnership Manager (Merthyr Tydfil)
Mr.A.Mogford – Strategic Support Officer (Merthyr Tydfil)
Ms.S.Lyons-Nicholas – Performance & Scrutiny Officer (Merthyr Tydfil)

10 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the necessary introductions were made.

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors L.M.Adams (Rhondda Cynon Taf), J.Amos (Merthyr Tydfil), E.George (Rhondda Cynon Taf), D.Sammon (Merthyr Tydfil) and T.Skinner (Merthyr

Tydfil), Mr.M.J.Maguire (Citizen Representative – Merthyr Tydfil) and Mr.J.Roome (Ambulance Service).

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED – to note that in accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct there were no declarations of interest made at the meeting pertaining to the agenda.

13 MINUTES

RESOLVED - to approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 18th December, 2017.

14 ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD AND THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Committee received Professor Marcus Longley, Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board (CTPSB) and Dr.Kelechi Nnoaham, Chair of the Strategic Partnership Board respectively, both of which gave an overview of their individual roles and functions of both Boards.

Professor Longley informed Members that he took up his role as Chair of Cwm Taf University Health Board five months ago and at the last meeting of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board he was appointed as Chair and as of yet not Chaired a meeting of the Board. Prior to these appointments he was the Vice-Chair of Cardiff and the Vale Health Board.

As the new Chair of the Cwm Taf PSB, he reported that his main focus is on perception and bureaucracy but as the PSB is in its infancy it is too soon to be specific.

Dr.Nnoaham reported that he was also new to the partnership in that he became a member in November, 2016 and reiterated the point made by Professor Longley in that the PSB, which is a partnership body established in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015 (the “Act”) is in its early stages but appreciated that Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee task is to hold the PSB to account. The Strategic Partnership Board which he Chairs is a Steering Group of the PSB.

Following the observations made by Profession Longley and Dr.Nnoaham they responded to questions/comments made by Members of the JOISC, one of which was in respect of the different priorities of partners of both Boards. In response Profession Longley stated that the Health Board has a lot of issues under Health and Well-being which cannot be dealt with under one single entity and therefore the members of both Boards are key players in delivering the tasks that they have been assigned to do in accordance with the Act. For example, one of the areas of concern that came out of the consultation in respect of the Cwm Taf Well-being Plan was accessibility of health services

as many patients found difficulty in getting to see a GP as the surgery is too far away and the same problems are experienced in attending hospital appointments. Such matters come within the remit of the PSB and can be eased by working together. The findings of the consultation will inform the PSB's Work Programme and respective action plan which when published will subsequently be scrutinised by this JOSOC.

Mr.N.Williams of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service reported that from a Fire Service perspective the role that that service as a statutory partner of the PSB has to play is clear and he would therefore be happy to give an overview of its role at a future meeting of the JOSOC. However, it must be recognised that the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service which has 11 stations is partnered with nine Public Service Boards and Cwm Taf is the only one that is joined with two Local Authorities (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf).

Mr.Williams reported that currently 3,500 home checks (fire risks) are undertaken in Cwm Taf and those individuals are identified through a number of needs. As from the 1st April, 2018 these home safety checks will be enhanced whereby time will be spent with the individuals concerned to ascertain any other needs e.g. prevention from falling and the necessary referrals will be made for adaptations and support.

Following a general discussion, it was **RESOLVED** –

1. To note the comments made by both Professor M.Longley and Dr.K.Nnoaham regarding their respective roles;
2. That Mr.N.Williams of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service be invite to give a presentation at a future meeting of this Committee;
3. That when available, the JOSOC be furnished with copies of the Work Programme and the Action Plan (following the feedback from the Well-being Plan consultation) of the Cwm Taf Public Service Board.

Note: At this juncture in the proceedings, Professor Longley and Dr.Nnoaham left the meeting.

15 HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

In accordance with Minute No.7(3) of the meeting of this Committee held on the 18th December, 2017, Members received Mrs.C.Forbes-Thompson, Head of Democratic Services (Caerphilly County Borough Council) who reported on the current arrangements that are in place in the scrutiny of Caerphilly Public Service Board. At its first meeting held in September, 2016, the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee considered the terms of reference together with co-option.

Members of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee were keen for young individuals to be co-opted onto the Committee as the title of the Act is the

Well-being of Future Generations. The Chair of the Youth Forum is co-opted onto the Committee and the Deputy Chair of the Forum is the substitute. Mrs.Forbes-Thompson reported that at the meeting held in September, 2016, Members agreed that they would like to see a greater diversity of representation when scrutinising the work of the Public Services Board and felt it important that they sit on the Committee in their own right, rather than by invitation. It was therefore agreed that in addition to a co-opted place being offered to the Youth Forum, co-option be also sought from an equalities organisation, a disability organisation giving a Committee membership of 16 Councillors, 6 co-opted members (3 statutory partner agencies and 3 others) and up to 6 invited representatives.

At its second meeting held in February, 2017, the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee considered the Governance Arrangements and the Draft Well-being Assessment. Following this meeting a letter was sent to the PSB asking that they put Affordable Housing back into the plan.

Ms.Forbes-Thompson further outlined the items that were considered at the following two meetings of the Committee and stated that from September, 2016 to date the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee has met on four occasions.

Following the observations made by Ms.Forbes-Thompson and the responses to the queries of Members, the Chair thanked her for her attendance at today's meeting and it was **RESOLVED** – to note the information.

**J.BONETTO
CHAIR**

The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.