

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2018

- PRESENT:** Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Chair)
Councillor Robert Llewelyn Jones (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors John Griffith, Glyn Haynes, K P Hughes,
Vaughan Hughes, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts and
Margaret Murley Roberts.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Business Process
Transformation),
Head of Adult's Services (for Item 4),
Scrutiny Officer (GR),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- APOLOGIES:** Mr Keith Roberts – The Roman Catholic Church,
Mrs Anest Fraser – The Church in Wales.
- Leader of the Council – Councillor Llinos M Huws.
Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community and Service
Improvements).
- ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Executive,
Community Safety Delivery Manager (Anglesey & Gwynedd) (for
Item 5).
- Scrutiny Manager (AD).

The Chair referred that the Vice-Chair, Councillor Robert LI Jones and his wife Mrs Gillian Jones will be celebrating their Golden Wedding on 30 September, 2018. Members and Officers extended their best wishes to Councillor Jones and Mrs Jones.

1 APOLOGIES

As noted above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings were confirmed as follows :-

- Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June, 2018;
- Minutes of the special meeting held on 9 July, 2018.

4 ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18 - NORTH WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Submitted – the Annual Report of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board 2017/18.

The Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Business Process Transformation) reported that it is a requirement within the Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 that each Regional Partnership Board prepares, publishes and submits its annual report to Welsh Government (a copy of the report was Attached as Appendix 1 to the report).

She noted that the purpose of Part 9 of the Act is to improve outcomes and well-being of people, as well as improving the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery. The key aims of co-operation, partnership and integration are :-

- To improve care and support, ensuring people have more say and control;
- To improve outcomes and health and wellbeing;
- Provide co-ordinated, person centered care and support;
- Make more effective use of resources, skills and expertise.

The Board continues to meet monthly at present and as well as business meetings, workshops and development sessions have been held. The Board has representation from all the required organisations outlined in the Act and has also co-opted members from Voluntary Services Council, North Wales Police and North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. The Board has also agreed to increase its individual and carer representatives to two each and is currently working through an expressions of interest process. The membership of the Committee was highlighted within the report.

The Assistant Chief Executive further said that Welsh Government have responded to the Parliamentary Review of health and social care and thereafter resulting in a document being published 'A Healthier Wales'. Furthermore Welsh Government are now offering substantial grants towards the Health Service, Local Authorities and Third Sector Organisations to encourage integrated working between the sectors.

The Head of Adult's Services said that there are priority areas noted within the report as regard to Older Adult's with complex needs, Learning Disabilities, Acute Needs, Integrated Services for Families and Carers Needs. The Regional Board has an overview of the Integrated Care Fund and is also responsible for moving towards pooled budgets arrangements within these services.

The committee considered the report and raised the following matters :-

- Reference was made to the partnership working success of the Alltwen Hospital in Tremadoc and questions were raised whether a similar example of partnership

working exists on Anglesey. The Head of Adult's Services responded that the Alltwen model is specific for a particular area. This Council has partnership working projects with our partners in the health service including the outsourcing Domiciliary Care services and the development of the facility for dementia care at Garreglwyd, Holyhead;

- Clarification was sought as to how the Public Services Board and the North Wales Regional Partnership Board are able to work together. The Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community and Service Improvements) responded that the role of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board is to address complex needs of people in respect of care and health issues. The Public Services Boards role is wider within its outlook and focuses on the well-being of local communities in general. The Public Services Board has investigated how services on a local level can be addressed and a number of sub-group have been established to discuss issues suitable to afford the collaboration of services for local people. She noted that a Western Integrated Health and Social Care Group has been established between Anglesey and Gwynedd to make sure that the services needs of local people takes place effectively across both counties;
- A Member referred to the work of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board over the last two years and some concerns have been highlighted within the report. The Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community and Service Improvements) responded that the North Wales Regional Partnership Board is a fairly new Board and the Board is given a specific remit within the legislation to integrate health and care closer together. The North Wales region historically has had an effective partnership working over the years, as has the sub-region of Anglesey and Gwynedd. She noted that it is a challenge to bring all the organisations together and she highlighted that it can be difficult for the third sector and people who care for individuals to effectively understand and input into the discussions required by the Act. The Committee considered that examples of good practice of health care provision would be advantages for members to gauge the effectiveness of the Board in the future;
- Reference was made that whilst accepting that health services must comply with the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014, questions were raised as to the practical benefit for the residents of the Island that will materialise from the North Wales Regional Partnership Board and to make sure that it does not result in another tier of a 'talking-shop'. The Head of Adult's Services responded that Regional Board give a level of governance and tries to ensure that there is equality of health provision for people across North Wales;
- The Vice-Chair referred to the problems that may arise from Brexit and the Board needs to be aware of this. The Assistant Chief Executive responded that Welsh Government are looking at the effects of Brexit on recruitment of staff especially within the health and social care sectors.

It was RESOLVED :-

- **To note the work and progress in 2017-18 of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board;**
- **That an update report be afforded to this Committee in the New Year outlining examples of joint working practices relevant to Anglesey within the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.**

ACTION : As noted above.

5 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Submitted – the Annual Report by the Community Safety Delivery Manager (Anglesey and Gwynedd on the Community Safety Partnership).

The Community Safety Delivery Manager reported that the Community Safety Partnership is required to present an overview of its activities to this Committee annually. This ensures that the Partnership delivers its obligations in accordance with Sections 19 and 20 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2006. There is a statutory duty on Local Authorities, in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent amendments, to work in partnership with the Police, Health Service, Probation Service and the Fire and Rescue Service to address local community safety agenda. The Community Safety Partnership has a duty to deal with :-

- Crime and Disorder
- Substance Misuse
- Reducing reoffending
- Delivering a strategic assessment to identify priorities (work that is now undertaken on a regional basis)
- Putting plans in place to deal with these priorities (a plan now exists on a regional and local basis)

It was noted that the Community Safety Partnership works to an annual plan which is based on a three year regional plan. The 2017/18 end of year performance report, and 2018/19 plan were attached to the report to this Committee. The following seven priorities are the Partnerships focus for 2017/18 and 2018/19 :-

- Reducing victim based crimes (acquisitive crimes only)
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour
- Supporting vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime
- Raising confidence to report incidents of domestic abuse
- Raising confidence to report sexual abuse
- Addressing substance misuse in the area
- Reducing re-offending.

The main messages deriving from the activities of the Community Safety Partnership for 2017/18 were included at Pages 3 and 4 of the report.

The Community Safety Delivery Manager further said that victim based crime has increased in Anglesey by 24% in 2017/18. Analysis has evidenced that this is an increase in crime recording effectiveness rather than an increase in offending; these changes have had a particular impact on the number of recorded Violence and Sexual offences. Anglesey has experienced a reduction of 10% in Acquisitive Crime, including residential burglary. Antisocial behaviour reported to North Wales

Police is highly seasonal with a significantly higher number of incidents reported during summer months compared to winter months. Hate Crime in Anglesey has increase in recent months with racially aggravated crime being the most common type though overall numbers are very small. Recorded levels of High Risk Sexual Violence have remained relatively stable, although there were spikes in offending linked to historic reporting.

The committee considered the report and raised the following matters :-

- Clarification was sought as to problems with drug related issues and whether there are issues with gangs carrying drugs to the Island. The Community Safety Delivery Manager responded that the police are working closely with partnerships within the 'Organised Crime Group' in Gwynedd and Ynys Môn to share information and to tackle drugs related crime. She further said that violence can also be an issue as regard to drugs related crime and these offences are on an increase locally and nationally;
- Reference was made to the number of police officers which has decreased over the years. Questions raised as to whether it is an issue as regard to the lack of police officers patrolling the streets and the unavailability to be able to speak with local people and to gain information of potential crime related issues. The Community Safety Delivery Manger responded that she was unable to gauge as to the effects on crime related incidents due to the decrease of police officers patrolling the streets; she note that the police have developed a number of specialist units, in addition to local teams. Members suggested that a letter be sent on behalf of this Committee to the Home Office to express concerns as to the decrease of police offices and that consideration be given to increasing the funding of police authorities to enable recruitment of additional police officers;
- Questions raised as to the increase in hate crime issues locally. The Community Safety Delivery Manager responded that due to the increase in hate crime a review was undertake which showed that the issues related to arguments between people and 'name calling' resulted from those arguments. She noted that no specific pattern has resulted within hate crime issues in Gwynedd and Anglesey and that overall numbers remain low;
- Reference were raised as to recent complaints to delay/non-response to the police non-emergency 101 number. The Community Safety Delivery Manager responded that the Police Authority is restructuring the procedure for the non-emergency telephone number as concerns have been received as to the delay in answering calls. She further said that the 'Crime Stoppers' line is available to report community crime issues; the Police Authority must respond to such inquiries through Crime Stoppers;
- Clarification was sought as to whether 'cyber-crime' is a matter for the Community Safety Partnership. The Community Safety Delivery Manager responded that 'cyber-crime' needs specialist investigation and the Police Authority has invested in tackling cyber-crime. She noted that the Community Safety Partnership has a limited budget and has to prioritise;
- Reference was made to the importance of the education of children within the local schools as related to crime and drugs issues and the consequence resulting from such issues. The Community Safety Delivery Manager responded that School Liaison Officers already attend local schools, however, it

is understood that this service is to come to an end in the near future. She noted that Welsh Government is establishing an 'All Schools Curriculum' which will include issues of crime being taught through all subjects within schools.

It was RESOLVED :-

- **To note the report and attached documents and to support the properties and future direction of work of the Community Safety Partnership;**
- **That a letter be sent on behalf of this Committee to the Home Office expressing concern as to decrease of police officers and the need to increase the Police Authorities budgets to enable recruitment of additional Police Officers.**

ACTION : As noted above.

6 WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted – a report by the Scrutiny Officer on the Committee's Work Programme to July 2019.

It was RESOLVED to note the Work Programme to July 2019.

**COUNCILLOR GWILYM O JONES
CHAIR**