

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive Committee
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Subject:	Public Services Board
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Local Members:	

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s
<p>The members are asked to consider what option they would prefer when establishing a Public Services Board for Anglesey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Public Services Board for Anglesey only • A Public Services Board that would collaborate with the Gwynedd Public Services Board. • Merge the Anglesey Public Services Board and the Gwynedd Public Services Board. <p>Note that the decision is not a decision for the county councils only but the decision of the Public Services Boards.</p> <p>The Well-being of Future Generations Act is about ‘sustainable development’ which is the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, by taking action in accordance with the sustainable development principles aim at achieving the 7 well-being goals.</p> <p>The Act establishes a statutory board, known as a public services board, in each local authority area in Wales.</p> <p>There are four statutory members of each board; they are the Local Authority, the Local Health Board, the fire and rescue authority for the area and Natural Resources Wales. Statutory members are collectively responsible for fulfilling the board’s statutory duties.</p>

The statutory duties of the Board includes preparing and publishing a Local Well-being Assessment and a Local Well-being Plan every 4 years and an Annual Progress Report.

The Anglesey and Gwynedd Local Service Board will be discontinued with the advent of these new arrangements

Legally a Public Services Board must be established for the area of Anglesey Local Authority and for Gwynedd Local Authority.

However, the Act provides for two or more public services boards to be able to merge or collaborate if this would assist them in contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals.

The Board may merge only if the same Local Health Board is a member of each board.

Where boards have decided to merge or collaborate, a clear rationale for reaching that determination should be formally documented and considered and any such decision should be formally recorded in the minutes along with the board's determination that they consider the merger or collaboration would assist them in contributing to the achievement of the well-being goals.

Considerations for collaboration / merger:

Collaboration:

The statutory guidance notes the points below regarding collaboration;

A board collaborates if it -

- Co-operates with another board,
- Facilitates the activities of another board,
- Co-ordinates its activities with another board,
- Exercises another board's function on its behalf, or
- Provides staff, goods, services or accommodation to another board.

There is no further guidance but following discussion with Welsh Government Officials, it is understood that the Board has the right to decide and agree the level of collaboration. This can mean that a Board that collaborates can agree to produce one Well-being Assessment and one Well-being Plan etc.

Merge:

The statutory guidance notes the points below regarding merging;

Boards may only merge if–

- (a) The same Local Health Board is a member of each boards seeking or being directed to merge, and
- (b) No other Local Health Board is a member of any of those boards.

However, should two boards merge there is no provision within the act for the boards to de-merge.

Delivery and Administrative support – The Partnership Unit has been established jointly and is jointly funded by the two county councils. The Act notes that it is the responsibility of the authorities to fund the administration of the board but all statutory members are responsible for the delivery of the work.

Statutory Partners – it is likely that the statutory partners and the invited participants will want to continue with the current arrangements and establish a Public Services Board with Gwynedd. These bodies currently work regionally or nationally.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

Not applicable

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

Under the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 a Public Services Board for the area of Anglesey Council must be established. The Public Services Board is a statutory Board.

CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

Not applicable

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

No additional costs for the Partnership Unit.

DD – Who did you consult?

What did they say?

1	Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	Leader and Chief Executives are statutory members of the Board
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	
5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Scrutiny	
8	Local Members	
9	Any external bodies / other/s	

E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)		
1	Economic	
2	Anti-poverty	
3	Crime and Disorder	
4	Environmental	
5	Equalities	
6	Outcome Agreements	
7	Other	

F - Appendices:

FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) 2015 Act