

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL <u>Scrutiny Report Template</u>	
Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
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Subject:	The Governance Structure and Delivery Arrangements of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Service Board
Purpose of the Report:	To submit the Governance Structure and Delivery Arrangements of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Service Board
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1 – Recommendation/s

It is requested that the Scrutiny Committee notes:

1. the governance structure of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
2. the delivery arrangements of the Public Services Board at specific stages

2 - Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

The Isle of Anglesey County Council is committed to the principles within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Council provides a range of services which will fulfil its individual well-being objectives, as well as contributing to supporting the well-being objectives of the Public Services Board.

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-

- 3.1 Impact the matter has on individuals and communities
- 3.2 A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality.
- 3.3 A look at any risks
- 3.4 Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role

3.5 Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:

- Long term
- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. How does the Board manage its Forward Work Programme?
2. Can you outline how the Board makes decisions as a strategic partnership?
3. How does the Board manage the performance of the delivery sub-groups?
4. Are there any specific risks or barriers in the delivery of the work programme, in the current financial climate? Does the Member representing the Council have any observations on the delivery of the Board's work programme?

5 - Background / Context**1. Introduction and context**

The aim of the Well-being of the Future Generations Act (2015) is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act highlights seven well-being goals and five ways of working in order to give public bodies a common purpose.

The Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board was established in 2016, in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The decision made by the Anglesey Executive at the time was to establish a Public Services Board. (PSB) for Anglesey which would *collaborate* with the Gwynedd Public Services Board.

The PSB Well-being Assessment for the Anglesey well-being areas was published in May 2017 and, following a series of engagement and consultation sessions, the Well-being Plan was published in 2018. The Well-being Plan confirms the two objectives and six priority fields for which it was agreed that the Board could collaborate in order to ensure the best results for the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey. Therefore, priority fields common to both Counties were agreed upon and the PSB will respond to these matters jointly across both Counties.

The following is a summary of the objectives and priorities of the Well-being Plan.

Well-being Objectives

1. Communities which thrive and are prosperous in the long-term
2. Healthy and independent residents with a good quality of life

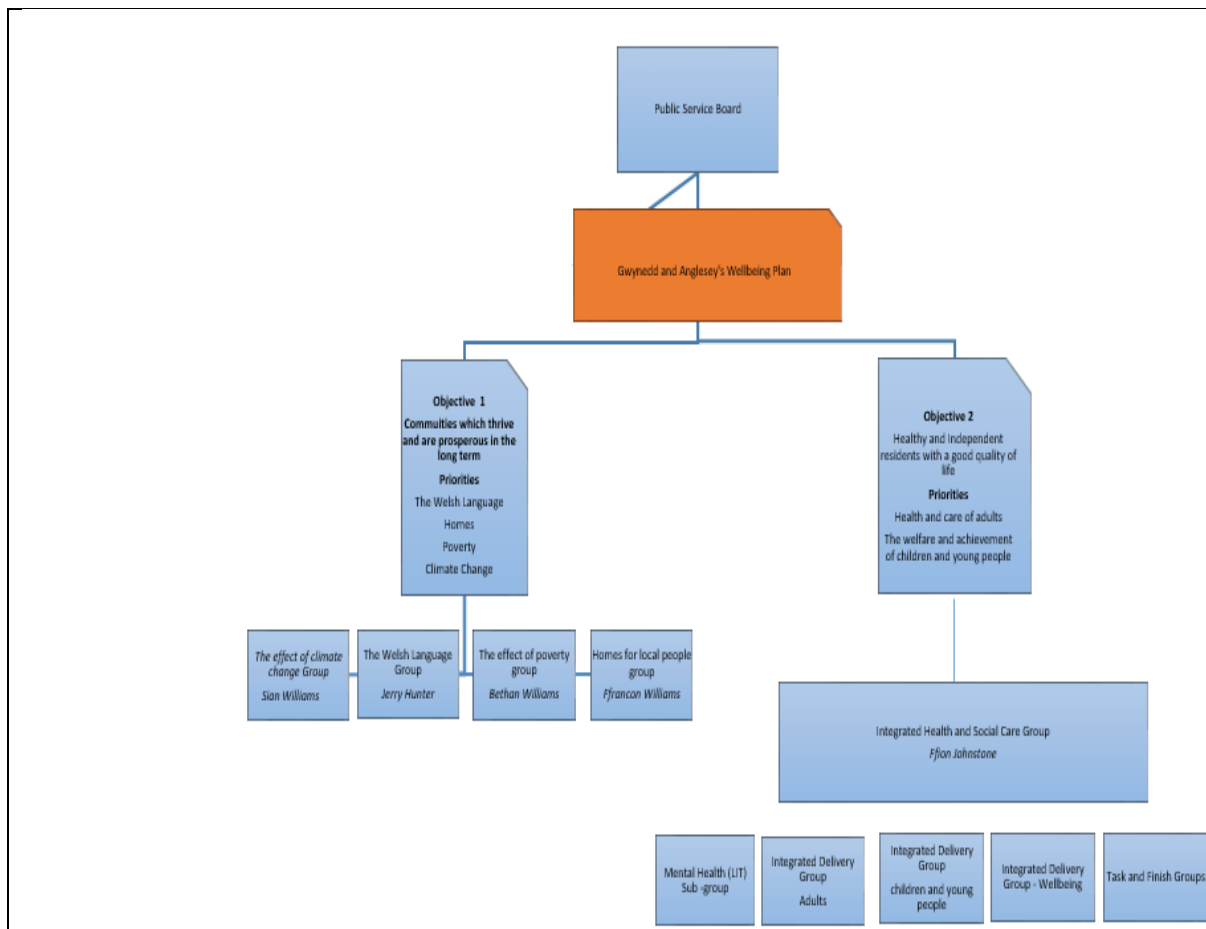
The PSB agreed to six priority fields to deliver the above-mentioned objectives. Five sub-groups were established to address the priority fields and members of the PSB have been nominated as leaders of the sub-groups as follows:

Priority area / Sub-group	The leader of the sub-group
The Welsh language Sub-group	Prof. Jerry Hunter, Bangor University.
Homes for Local People Sub-group	Ffrancon Williams, Chief Executive, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd
The Effect of Poverty on the Well-being of our Communities Sub-group	Bethan Russell Williams, Chief Executive Mantell Gwynedd
The Effect of Climate Change on the Well-being of Communities Sub-group	Sian Williams, North-West Head of Operations, Natural Resources Wales

In relation to the two priority fields 'Health and Care of adults' and 'The welfare and achievement of children and young people' it was agreed to establish one sub-group to address both priorities, namely the West Integrated Health and Care Group. **The leader of this sub-group is Ffion Johnstone, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.**

Health and Care sub-group	Ffion Johnstone, Area Director (West), Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.
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The following is an outline of the governance structure of the sub-groups.



2. Governance

2.1 Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to collaborate across establishment boundaries to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Gwynedd and Anglesey.

The Board has four main tasks:

- Prepare and publish an assessment of the state of the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Anglesey and Gwynedd;
- Prepare and publish a Local Well-being Plan for Anglesey and Gwynedd and establish local objectives and the actions intended to be taken to deliver them;
- Take all reasonable steps to meet the local objectives established by them;
- Prepare and publish an annual report which sets out the Board's progress as it seeks to deliver the local objectives.

2.2 Membership of the Public Services Board

The Board has four statutory members, namely:

- **Gwynedd and Anglesey Local Authorities** (Leader and Chief Executive)
- **Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board** (Chairman and/or Chief Executive)
- **North Wales Fire and Rescue Service** (Chairman and/or Chief Officer)
- **Natural Resources Wales** (Chief Executive)

In addition, the following statutory invitees receive an invitation to participate in the Board's activities:

- Welsh Ministers
- North Wales Police Representative
- North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
- Probation Service Representative
- The Third Sector

The Board has also invited key partners in the area which have a function of a public nature and which have a material interest in the well-being of the area, provide important public services and associated with preparing, implementing and providing the Board's work.

The representatives who are members of the Board have the authority to make decisions on behalf of their establishment. There is reference above to the PSB's delivery arrangements and leaders have been appointed. The leaders of the sub-groups are responsible for ensuring that progress has been made in their area of work, and they are expected to provide progress reports every quarter in line with the scheduled meetings of the Board. The Board is responsible for approving the sub-group's delivery plans.

3. Delivery

The work programmes submitted by the sub-groups (above) will identify the implementation plans which address the short, medium and long term for the six priority fields. The implementation steps will add value to the Board's partners' existing plans. If the sub-groups make a request for resources to the PSB, a financial evaluation of the options and value for money evidence will be submitted.

The five sub-groups noted above are accountable to the Public Services Board in relation to delivering any work commissioned. The groups will also recommend the future direction of the specific work fields. The sub-group leaders are expected to report back on progress every quarter to the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board. The period of delivering the objectives will be an opportunity for PSB partners to show their willingness and commitment to working collaboratively and innovatively on achievable plans.

The risks associated with the work of delivering the Services Board will be identified and monitored in the form of a risk register. The register will be a live document which will be managed and updated by the PSB's support team.

The PSB acts in accordance with seven principles, namely the five national sustainable development principles noted above, together with two which have been added by the Board, namely 'The Welsh language' and 'Equality'. This means taking action in a way which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

In order to respond to the timetable within the Well-being of Future Generations Act the PSB will publish an annual report by August 2018. The PSB will submit the annual report to the Anglesey Scrutiny Committee prior to that for observations.

4. Scrutiny Arrangements

The Board's work will be checked regularly by the Scrutiny Committees of Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council. The PSB will prepare an annual report to set out progress as it seeks to deliver the well-being objectives. A copy of every annual report will be sent to Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner, the Auditor General for Wales and the councils' scrutiny committees.

The well-being act and the associated national guidance¹ set out 3 main roles for local authority's scrutiny committees in providing democratic accountability to the public services Board:

- Review of the governance arrangements of the PSB
- Acting as statutory consultees on the well-being assessment and well-being plan
- Monitoring progress on the PSBs implementation of the well-being plan and engagement in the PSB planning cycle;

The Public Services Board is currently subject to scrutiny by the designated Scrutiny Committees of Gwynedd and Anglesey local authorities. At the establishment of the PSB it was agreed that a joint scrutiny panel between the two counties would be developed to undertake this work across Gwynedd and Anglesey. The next meeting of the PSB is on 10 December 2018 will consider the milestones and key action steps in relation to establishing a joint panel.

¹ Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards

5. Engagement and participation

The Board will continue to hold a purposeful relationship with the people and communities of the area, including children and young people, Welsh-speakers and those people who have protected characteristics in all aspects of its work.

The Board will commit to the following when undertaking the consultation and engagement work:

- Open meetings to the public at appropriate times so that they can see and ask questions regarding any significant item on the agenda.
- Invite interested parties to give presentations to the Board on any items being addressed. However, the Board will take care and ensure the propriety of its processes and that it is impartial and the Board will be aware of the risks which could arise if it is found that a specific group has more access to the Board's discussions or more influence on them.
- The Board will take additional steps outside the meetings in order to ensure that the voice of the public is heard and assists to form the well-being assessment and the well-being plan. This is expected to include consultation exercises and opportunities in order for people to raise and discuss ideas via on-line engagement arrangements or other methods.
- The Board will be considerate of the fact that the PSB is subject to scrutiny by the Councils' Scrutiny Committees and this process provides another method for the public to engage.

6. Resources

Management and administrative support for the Board is provided by the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council. The Board's support team has been established and undertakes its role in full to support the work of the Board and the associated sub-groups.

As mentioned above, resources for delivering the work of the sub-groups will be the responsibility of all statutory members equally. The contributions will be agreed and reviewed by the Board as and when necessary.

6 – Equality Impact Assessment [include impact on the Welsh language]

The delivery sub-groups will prepare equality and language impact assessments, where appropriate, in line with their implementation plans. The impact assessments will be live documents which will change and evolve alongside the delivery work.

7 - Financial Implications

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8 - Appendices

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9 - Background Papers (please contact the Report author for any further information):

1. Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-being Plan