

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2014

- PRESENT:** Councillor Derlwyn Rees Hughes (Chair)
Councillor Alun Wyn Mummery (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors John Griffith, W T Hughes, Richard Owain Jones and Dylan Rees.
- Mr. Gerallt Ll. Jones – Managing Director, Menter Môn
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Corporate Assets Transformation Manager (CS),
Scrutiny Officer (GWR),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Carwyn Jones, Robert Llewelyn Jones and Dafydd Rhys Thomas.
- Councillor K.P. Hughes – Portfolio Holder (Social Services & Housing).
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Ieuan Williams – Leader of the Council;
Councillor Alwyn Rowlands – Portfolio Holder (Performance Transformation, Corporate Plan and Human Resources).
- Mr. J. R. Jones – Chief Officer (Medrwn Môn).
- Senior Partnership Manager Gwynedd & Ynys Môn (AD),
Development Officer, Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Local Services Board (RBH).
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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies as recorded above.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest received.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March, 2014 were confirmed.

The Chair wished it to be recorded that he considered that this meeting had been a successful scrutiny of the topic for discussion by the Committee.

4. COMMITTEE NOMINATION TO THE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Submitted – a report by the Scrutiny Officer in relation to the above.

RESOLVED to re-appoint Councillor Dylan Rees on the Corporate Parenting Panel.

5. SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN

Submitted a report and presentation, by the Senior Partnerships Manager Gwynedd and Ynys Môn in relation to the above.

The Senior Partnerships Manager stated that Welsh Government Statutory Guidance places a strategic planning duty upon Local Authorities to prepare a Single Integrated Plan for its area. The Plan offers the opportunity to develop preventative and early intervention initiatives which begin to address inequalities and cycles of dependency upon core statutory services as previously agreed by the Local Services Board. It also needs to meet the statutory responsibilities in relation to Children and Young People; Health, Social Care and Well-being; and Community Safety. The Plan will also address the former purpose of the Community Strategies.

The Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Local Services Board made a number of significant decisions relating to its future vision and strategic direction which was highlighted within the report.

In accordance with the commissioning work completed separately, projects are already in place across both Gwynedd and Ynys Môn and at this time it is intended to continue with these work-streams in order to allow the transformation journey of the Local Services Board to evolve and translate into priorities and specific work-streams. It will therefore be necessary to revise the Single Integrated Plan priorities and work programmes over the coming year to reflect the new ambition, vision and strategic direction of the Local Service Board. The timeline was outlined to the Committee as noted at Page 4 of the report.

The key drivers for Gwynedd and Ynys Môn were outlined as follows :-

- Demographic effects;
- Financial pressures becoming more acute;
- Increasing demands on frontline services;
- Citizen expectations;
- Economic decline increasing demand on services;
- Response to legislative changes underpinning statutory services;
- Service transformation – different models of service delivery;
- Prioritise public expenditure to avoid negative outcomes;
- Much in common across both Counties.

Issues raised by Members :-

- Partnerships are at present being reviewed across North Wales as service integration becomes an increased focus. Questions were raised around whether

the Single Integrated Plan was currently premature and whether it would be wise to await the results of this review of partnerships. The Senior Partnerships Manager responded that 2 or 3 reviews had currently been commissioned. The review referred to within the report to this Committee has been commissioned by the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board. It is expected that some Regional recommendations will materialise from the review in due course. She also referred to the Williams Report which stressed the need for local partnerships on local and sub-regional levels.

- Members challenged whether a new and different Plan needs to be prepared by next year as new Plans are to be published in the form of a Wellbeing Plan. Questions were also raised regarding if there is a requirement to prepare a Single Integrated Plan at present. The Senior Partnerships Manager responded that technically in accordance Welsh Government Guidance (shared purpose – shared delivery) a Single Integrated Plan must be prepared for the area. The Corporate Assessment scheduled to take place at this Council in February 2015 would appraise our strategic planning arrangements. Welsh Government needed assurance that local authorities have a Single Integrated Plan in place. She further stated that the style and format of the new Single Integrated Plan will be different to the current Plan.

- Members were concerned that duplication might arise with other existing initiatives i.e. Welfare Reform Bill and the Local Support Framework. The sharing of resources between authorities might also be an issue due to the context of size of both authorities. The Senior Partnerships Manager responded to clarify that the objective was to ensure that the local implementation of national initiatives were complementary, avoiding duplication.

The Chair invited Mr. J. R. Jones, Chief Officer (Medwrn Môn) and Mr. Gerallt Ll. Jones, Managing Director – Menter Môn to address the meeting.

Mr. J.R. Jones stated that he had some concerns regarding the status of the Single Integrated Plan as there are a number of regional partnerships which already exist. He stated that he was cautious as to how this Plan between Gwynedd and Ynys Môn will influence and be taken on board by existing partnerships. He further stated that it is important for the local residents of the Island to have awareness of the changes associated with the Single Integrated Plan.

Mr. Gerallt Ll. Jones stated that there is a need for serious and in-depth discussion between partnerships in respect of the potential of social enterprises and to gauge the appetite for externalisation of some services which are not statutory. He stated that in England there had been more progress to establish enterprises .

Following further deliberations it was **RESOLVED :-**

- **To note the progress to date in preparing the Single Integrated Plan for Gwynedd and Ynys Môn;**
- **To submit observations on the content of the Single Integrated Plan in its current form as a means of providing assurances that the interests of the people of Anglesey are safeguarded;**

- To submit observations of the Local Services Board transformation journey.

ACTION : That the Senior Partnerships Manager be invited back to this Committee in the Autumn to give an update on the Single Integrated Plan.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to adopt the following :-

“Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A (Category 16) of the said Act.”

7. CLEARING OF FILES FROM OLD YSGOL Y GRAIG, LLANGFNI

Submitted – the report of the Corporate Assets Transformation Manager outlining the actions required and considerations involved in ensuring compliance with the recommendations of the Information Commissioners Office who undertook a full audit covering the Councils management of Data Protection Governance, Records Management and Security of Personal Information. One of the actions required was the need to remove all stored files from Hen Ysgol y Graig building.

Members were concerned that risks continue to be in place due to the location of storage files of the authority.

Following deliberations it was **RESOLVED** that the matter be monitored in due course to comply with the Information Commissioners Office.

ACTION : That the matter be monitored following the Information Commissioners Office revisiting the Council in September.

8. UPDATE BY THE CHAIR OR VICE-CHAIR

No update by the Chair or Vice-Chair to report.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted and noted – the draft Work Programme.

It was noted that an update report on the Single Integrated Plan will be presented to the October.

RESOLVED to accept the report.

The meeting concluded at 4.00 pm

**COUNCILLOR D R HUGHES
CHAIR**