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PWYLLGOR SGRIWTINI PARTNERIAETH AC ADFYWIO	PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DYDD IAU, 12 MAWRTH, 2015 am 2 o'r gloch	THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2015 at 2.00 pm
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John Griffith, Carwyn Jones, Alun W Mummery (Is-Gadeirydd/Vice-Chair) and Dylan Rees

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Parch./Rev. Robert Townsend (Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru/The Church in Wales) and Mr. Keith Roberts (Yr Eglwys Babyddol Rufeinig/The Roman Catholic Church)

**Aelod Cyfetholedig/Co-opted Member (Dim Hawl Pleidleisio/No Voting Rights)
Mr Gerallt Llewelyn Jones (Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr/Managing Director - Mentor Môn)**

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive any declaration of interest by any Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)

To submit, for confirmation, the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January, 2015.

4 WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS BILL AND KEY PRIORITIES OF GWYNEDD & YNYS MÔN (Pages 9 - 12)

To submit report by the Senior Partnerships Manager (Gwynedd & Ynys Môn) in relation to the above.

5 ANNUAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (Pages 13 - 22)

To submit report by the Community Safety Delivery Manager for Gwynedd and Anglesey in relation to the above.

6 PARTNERSHIP WORKING PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO SECURING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE A5025 AND OTHER HIGHWAYS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS OF HORIZON NUCLEAR POWER. (Pages 23 - 30)

To submit a report by the Head of Environment and Technical Services in relation to the above.

7 EARLY YEARS BUDGET (Pages 31 - 34)

To submit a report by the Education Officer in relation to the above.

8 UPDATE BY THE CHAIR OR VICE-CHAIR

9 WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 35 - 40)

To submit a report by the Scrutiny Officer.

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2015

- PRESENT:** Councillor Derlwyn Rees Hughes (Chair)
Councillor Alun Wyn Mummery (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors John Griffith, R LI Jones, Richard Owain Jones and Dylan Rees
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Corporate Director (Community),
Head of Children's Services (In respect of Items 5 & 6),
Head of Adult's Services (In respect of Items 5 & 6),
Scrutiny Officer (GR),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors William Thomas Hughes, Carwyn Jones, Dafydd Rhys Thomas.
Mr. Keith Roberts (The Roman Catholic Church).
Mr. Gerallt LI. Jones (Managing Director – Menter Môn).
- ALSO PRESENT:** Leader of the Council (Item 4),
Portfolio Holder (Social Services & Housing),
Shadow Portfolio Holder (Social Services & Housing),
Senior Partnership Manager (Gwynedd & Môn) (AD) (Item 4),
Ms. Vicky Poole – Regional Director – North Wales (CSSIW) (Item 5),
Mr. Mark Roberts – CSSIW (Item 5).
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1 APOLOGIES

Apologies as noted above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Ann Griffith declared a personal interest in respect of Item 6.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November, 2014 were confirmed.

4 PROPOSED JOINT LOCAL SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

Submitted – a joint report by the Senior Partnership Manager, Gwynedd and Anglesey, Democratic Services Manager, Gwynedd Council and the Scrutiny Officer in relation to the above.

The Scrutiny Officer reported that a joint report had been published by the WLGA and CfPS in 2010 entitled 'Scrutiny of Multi-Agency Partnerships' outlining some of the lessons learned from the development of scrutiny arrangements of Local Services Boards and identified some important points to bear in mind when developing arrangements. These were outlined within the report.

In order to be in a position to advise Members on possible options to scrutinise the Gwynedd and Anglesey LSB, a multi-agency Task and Finish Project Group had been established. Membership included representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, North Wales Police, Snowdonia National Park and Scrutiny Officers from both Councils. In order to obtain an independent perspective the Centre for Public Scrutiny was also invited to comment and input to the range of options for consideration by the Elected Members of both Local Authorities. The Task and Finish Group had also sought the views of both Medrwn Môn and Mantell Gwynedd as the umbrella organisations representing the interests of the Third Sector. In light of its deliberations, the multi-agency Task and Finish Group and Centre for Public Scrutiny proposed that there were three options for Elected Member consideration which can be summarised as :-

Option A – Maintain existing scrutiny committee arrangements in both Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council.

Option B – Establish a Joint Gwynedd and Anglesey LSB Scrutiny Panel.

Option C – Establish a Joint Gwynedd and Anglesey LSB Scrutiny Committee.

Although each option had its own advantages and disadvantages, the multi-agency Task and Finish Group were of the unanimous view that Option B be proposed as the preferred option for consideration by Elected Members of both Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Dependent upon which option was supported by Elected Members of both Councils, the next step would be for the multi-agency Task and Finish Group to reconvene in order to consider practical arrangements as to membership of the joint scrutiny forum, implementation and training arrangements, meeting schedule and venue etc. The Centre for Public Scrutiny would continue to provide support and mentoring.

The Officers stated that 3 Members of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee would need to be nominated on the LSB Scrutiny Panel.

Issues raised by Members:-

- Members supported Option B which was to establish a Joint Gwynedd and Anglesey LSB Scrutiny Panel with the membership referred to at Appendix 2. However it was considered that the interests of Community Voices Gwynedd & Anglesey should be represented on the Panel. The Officers responded that it was considered that 3rd Sector representation on the proposed Panel would address this issue.

- Questions were raised as regards who would administrate the LSB Scrutiny Panel. The Officers responded that the matter would need to be discussed at the first meeting of the LSB Scrutiny Panel.
- Members deliberated regarding the propriety of also nominating a substitute Elected Member on the LSB Scrutiny Panel.

Officers advised that this report would be considered by Gwynedd Council's Corporate Scrutiny Committee at its meeting to be convened on 15th January, 2015.

RESOLVED:-

- **Proceed with Option B – to establish a Joint Gwynedd and Anglesey Local Services Board Scrutiny Panel and request Officers to progress the practical arrangements, meetings schedule and venue.**
- **Nominate the following Members as representatives of Anglesey County Council on the Local Services Board Scrutiny Panel :-**

**Chair and Vice-Chair of the Partnership & Regeneration Committee
Councillor John Griffith
Councillor Dylan Rees – Substitute Member**

ACTION: An update report be submitted to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Committee.

5 ANNUAL COUNCIL REPORTING FRAMEWORK (ARCF) LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTION EVALUATION & REVIEW

The Chair welcomed Ms. Vicky Poole, Regional Director (North Wales) CSSIW and Mr. Mark Roberts from CSSIW to the meeting.

Submitted – a report by the Corporate Director (Community) in relation to the above.

The Corporate Director (Community) reported that the Annual Council Reporting Framework is an agreed framework within Wales in order to evaluate, in public and transparent manner, the performance of the Social Services functions within each Local Authority. The letter acknowledges the progress made by the Authority whilst highlighting the need to maintain commitment and progress with the required changes. CCIW makes reference to the ongoing potential risks identified by the Inspectorate.

Specific reference is made to the issues of capacity and the challenge of a small authority addressing the scale of change required in transforming social care services. Performance improvements in Children's Services have been maintained nevertheless risks remain given the comparative inexperience of the workforce and management structure. The letter also notes that there is little reference to the actions required by the Authority in readiness to the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (April 2016). In response

it is maintained that this forms part of a national implementation programme where the authority is appropriately engaged. Additionally the work programme adopted by the Service and Council is in accord with the ambitions and principles of the Act. The letter acknowledges the financial pressures and the challenges faced by the Council in meeting its statutory planning and service delivery responsibilities for Social Services. This requires a continued focus on delivering safe and effective services whilst progressing the required change agenda arising from the transformation programme. The actions and requirements arising from the letter have been incorporated within the business processes and priority programmes within the Council's Transformation Programme and the individual service business plans.

The Corporate Director stated that she considered that the training in specific Social Services matters to newly appointed Members and current Members was essential to highlight the service priorities and pressures on Social Services. She considered that the seminar to Elected Members in respect of Residential Homes was highly beneficial.

Mr. Mark Roberts (CSSIW) stated the Performance Evaluation Report 2013/14 is attached to the Corporate Director's report. He noted that the County Council is in the early stages of implementing an ambitious transformation programme for both adults and children's services. These are significant change and development programmes for a small council and the pace of change is hampered by a lack of capacity. At the same time, a new council has been elected, a third of which are newly appointed members. This has also affected the pace of change as it has been important for officers to invest time in ensuring elected members fully understand the transformation programme. Despite these constraints, there is evidence of steady progress underpinned by political support particularly in relation to service for older adults. Performance has improved in core areas, predominantly in relation to Children's Services although the relative inexperience of the workforce in Children's Services means that risks remains and continued vigilance is required. In Adult Services, the focus given to services to older people has resulted in a lack of focus on services for younger adults including people with physical disabilities, learning disabilities and mental health needs. The Council has been open about what they have achieved and recognise where it is behind schedule. There remains much to do; the Heads of Service reports highlight 50 priorities for action for Adults Services and 23 for Children's Services during 2014/15.

Whilst the Council's Transformation Programme is in line with intentions of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act, there is little specific reference to it in the Director's report. Whilst the more detailed Head of Service's reports do outline development in areas aligned to the requirements of the Act, these links are not explicit. The Council has a strong platform to build upon in relation to integration of services with the Health Board having developed Model Môn over a number of years. This has enabled them to establish an Integrated Delivery Board in partnership with Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board and which is being used as a pilot for the region as a whole in the context of North Wales Statement of Intent for Integration for delivering integrated health and social care for older people with complex needs.

The report highlighted the response to last year's areas of improvement in detail and areas for follow up by CSSIW in the coming year.

Main issues raised by Members :-

- Concerns raised in respect of the areas of improvement within the CSSIW report i.e. Review of the application of DoLS thresholds. Mr. Mark Roberts CSSIW responded that areas of improvement have been noted and there is need to raise awareness and improve practice in relation to DoLS. There is also a need to the development of quality monitoring framework across adults and children's services.
- The Shadow Portfolio Holder considered that there is a priority to include Young Vulnerable Adults with Mental Health problems or learning difficulties on the list of scrutiny in the near future. The Shadow Portfolio Holder further raised that the Social Services and Wellbeing Act is not visible enough for the citizens and she questioned how the Social Services Department will deal with the matter. The Corporate Director (Community) responded that the service will be focusing on Young Vulnerable Adults. She further referred to the matter raised in respect of the Wellbeing Act and noted that as a Corporate Director she considered that this was not a contentious issue within the CSSIW 2013/14 report.
- Questions raised in respect of potential cuts in funding to the Voluntary Sector and the effect on services to the local residents. The Corporate Director (Community) responded that correspondence has been sent to the 3rd Sector on the obligations of a 5% cuts in funding and they have been asked to response to the County Council by next week to highlight the impact of the cuts would have on the services they provide.
- Comments were made in respect of elderly people requesting support from Social Services due to loneliness. The Corporate Director Community responded that AgeWell organise activities for the elderly and she further noted that she and the Head of Adults' Services will be discussing this matter in the near future.

RESOLVED to accept the report and the comments as noted above.

6 CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING (CHILDREN)

Submitted – a report by the Head of Children's Services in relation to the above.

The Head of Children's Services reported that the Local Authority is required, on an Annual basis, to undertake a self-evaluation of its safeguarding children arrangements, and to report its findings to the Regional Safeguarding Board. Appendix 1 contains this report. The report identifies the agreed objectives, progress against these objectives and further areas that require attention. The report includes an analysis of the authority's contribution to the multi-agency context and to the work of the Regional Safeguarding Children Board, the Local Delivery Group and associated regional sub groups. The Head of Children's

Services wished it to be recorded that the Regional North Wales Safeguarding Board discussed the report at its meeting held earlier today. The Board welcomed the report and will consider the recommendations contained therein.

The Authority has achieved improvements in both its Children Services and its Education services, and is currently moving to a phase of developing and improving safeguarding arrangements more generally. The County Council has a Corporate Safeguarding Board in place whose role is to ensure that the Local Authority's key duties in relation to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are being adequately discharged. The Local Authority's policy on safeguarding and the associated safeguarding action plan has been adopted. Whilst progress on the action plan has suffered some delays against original target dates, some key actions have been achieved. The key actions were listed within the report to the Committee.

The Head of Service further reported that there are a number of arrangements in place to ensure that the organisation has services in place to discharge their safeguarding duties – an annual appraisal of each school using a standard safeguarding report card and at a Children's Services level comprising the reporting of statutory performance indicators. This needs to be rolled out on a corporate basis. Therefor for 2015/16 each Heads of Service will set safeguarding objectives and measures and this will be accompanied by the setting up of a Corporate Safeguarding Scorecard. Achieving the objectives of the Safeguarding Policy and Action Plan will help introduce a more effective scrutiny of safeguarding issues.

Main issues raised by Members :-

- The Shadow Portfolio stated that she was pleased to learn that the County Council were at the forefront of the IFSS service. She stated that a short briefing session to Elected Members would be advantageous.
- Questions raised in respect of the turnover of staff within the Social Service Department and especially within the Children's Services. The Head of Children's Services responded that the turnover of staff within the service stabilised over the last year (13/14).

RESOLVED :-

- **That the Committee notes the corporate arrangements to implement its Safeguarding Policy.**
- **That the Committee notes the conclusion of the self-evaluation presented to the Regional Safeguarding Board and the proposed actions.**
- **That the Committee notes the establishment of the Corporate Safeguarding Board.**
- **That the Committee scrutinise the corporate safeguarding arrangements on an Annual basis.**

- **That the Committee notes that the Authority awaits the final report of the Wales Audit Office review of the Councils' assurance and accountability arrangements for ensuring that safeguarding policies and procedures are in place and are being adhered to.**

7 UPDATE BY THE CHAIR OR VICE-CHAIR

The Chair stated that a Scrutiny Open Forum with Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs was held on 18th December, 2014. Two of the Community Councils expressed importance of the Council communicating better with Town/Community Councils. The concern raised was that Town and Community Councils were not aware of proposed decisions to be taken by the Executive.

8 WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted - the draft Work Programme.

The Scrutiny Officer stated that the following items have been requested to be place on the Committee's Work Programme for the next meeting :-

Community Safety

Upgrading the highway to Wylfa Newydd – Contract with County Council and Horizon UK

RESOLVED to note the draft Work Programme and to approve the extra two items on the Agenda of the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4.00 pm

**COUNCILLOR D.R. HUGHES
CHAIR**

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REPORT TO	Partnerships and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
DATE	12/03/15
TITLE	Well-being of Future Generations Bill and Key Priorities of the Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Local Services Board
PURPOSE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brief the Scrutiny Committee on the implications of the Well-being of Future Generations Bill; 2. Update the Executive on the transformation journey of the Local Services Board – Key Priorities. 3. Invite comments of the Scrutiny Committee.
PORTFOLIO HOLDER	Councillor Ieuan Williams, Council Leader
AUTHOR	Anwen Davies, Senior Partnerships Manager (Gwynedd & Ynys Môn)

Key issues for consideration:

- I. **The Well-being of Future Generations Bill places responsibilities upon public authorities to mainstream sustainable development in their work. It also sets the Local Services Boards as they currently stand on a statutory footing and places specific responsibilities upon them;**
- II. **Raise awareness of the forthcoming Bill and its implications for the Isle of Anglesey County Council;**
- III. **Note progress to date on the Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Local Services Board’s Key Priorities work-stream.**

1. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS BILL – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

1.1 It is the intention of this part of the proposed legislation to ensure that sustainable development is a core consideration in the strategic decision making process by Welsh Government and other public bodies and to also ensure that their governance arrangements take the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations into consideration. The key objective of the Bill is for public bodies to improve the **economic, social and environmental well-being** of Wales in accordance with sustainable development principles.

1.2 The Bill cites **6 well-being goals** namely:

- A prosperous Wales (the economy);
- A resilient Wales (the environment);
- A Healthier Wales;
- A more equal Wales;
- A Wales of cohesive communities; AND
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language.

There will be an expectation upon every public body to publish well-being objectives which will aim to ensure a contribution towards realising these goals and to publish an annual report on achievements.

1.3 The Bill also notes the importance of abiding by sustainable development principles when public bodies set and implement the objectives namely:

- 1.3.1 Significance of balancing short term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to respond to long term needs;
 - 1.3.2 The benefits of taking an integrated approach by giving consideration to how the:
 - Objectives can affect each of the well-being goals as well as the social, economic and environmental aspects; AND
 - Objectives of the organisation effect each other and also the effect on the objectives of other public bodies.
 - 1.3.3 Importance of including those with an interest in the objectives and seeking their views as well as taking their views into consideration;
 - 1.3.4 How collaboration with any other body can benefit the organisation to realise its objectives or assist another body to deliver on their objectives;
 - 1.3.5 How utilising resources to prevent problems from arising or intensifying can contribute to the objectives of the organisation or other bodies.
- 1.4 There is now an expectation upon public bodies to set objectives in order to implement these national goals and to consider how they will implement the requirements of the Bill. The response to the proposed legislation could be far reaching but there is an element of discretion around the degree to which the Council may do this and in which way.
- 1.5 It is true to say that a number of other councils and national parks are already working as pilot sites (known as “*early adopters*”) as regards responding to the requirements which is part of a project led by the Welsh Local Government Association. In light of this, the following initial steps are proposed:
- 1.5.1 Wait to learn from the experiences of other public services bodies before committing to any specific county arrangements;
 - 1.5.2 Proportionate implementation and the arrangements of the Council should focus upon ensuring that sustainable development forms a part of its deliberations on the Council’s key decisions (eg matters considered/decided by the Executive);
 - 1.5.3 Draw the attention of the scrutiny regime to the requirements of the Bill so that scrutiny may ensure the Council’s consideration of sustainable development principles.

2. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS BILL – LOCAL SERVICES BOARD AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

2.1 The Local Services Boards will become **statutory Public Services Boards**. There will be three levels to their membership:

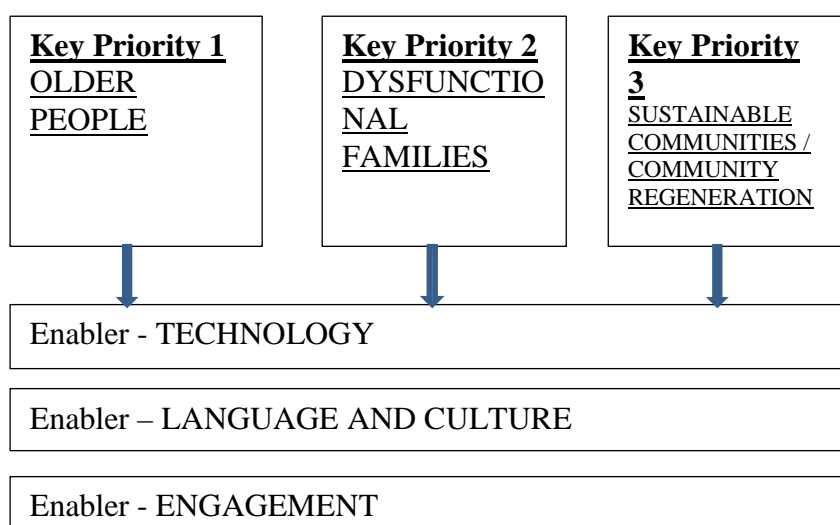
- a. **Statutory Members** – Local Authorities, Local Health Board, Fire and Rescue Service and Natural Resources Wales [these core members will hold the statutory responsibilities];
- b. **Invited Participants** – bodies that must be invited namely Welsh Government Ministers, National Parks, The Police and Police & Crime Commissioner and the Third Sector;
- c. **Other Partners** – Public Health Wales, Higher and Further Education Establishments, Probation Service and Community Councils.

All partners will not therefore be on an equal footing to the future with the statutory responsibility being with the Statutory Members.

- 2.2** There will be a responsibility upon us to prepare a **Well-being Plan** (to replace the Single Integrated Plan) which will be in synergy with the timeline of local government elections. In preparing the Plan, there will be an expectation upon Public Services Boards to seek the advice of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and forward a copy to Ministers, The Auditor General and the local scrutiny committee. The Well-being Plan will be based upon an **assessment of need** which will need to be completed a year prior to the publication of the Plan and there will be a requirement to consult on the contents with the Commissioner and others (as previously detailed in this paragraph).
- 2.3** There is an expectation upon every Public Services Board to establish well-being objectives for inclusion in the Well-being Plan and to report annually to the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, Ministers, The Auditor General and the local scrutiny committee. It should be noted that this is in addition to the annual requirements upon the individual public bodies under the Bill.
- 2.4** Ministers will not need to approve the Plan but they will have powers to refer plans considered to be “inadequate” or any under-performance to the local scrutiny committee who must report back on the matter to the Minister. Scrutiny committees can also insist that members of the Board appear before them to submit evidence. Ministers will also have powers to set performance measures if a Board does not set its own performance arrangements in a timely manner.
- 2.5** It is anticipated that the National Assembly scrutiny process associated with the introduction of the Bill will continue over the coming weeks with a view to receiving Royal Assent by April, 2015. All public bodies will be subject to the duties of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill from April, 2016 although the details of the milestones associated with the duties of the proposed Act have not yet been finalised.

3. GWYNEDD & YNYS MÔN LOCAL SERVICES BOARD KEY PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee will be aware of the transformation journey of the Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Local Services Board over the past few months. One of the key tasks has been to support the Board to agree a small number of key priorities to be delivered over the next few years. The Local Services Board at its meeting convened on 28 November confirmed the following Key Priorities:



3.2 The Board also delegated the lead responsibility for each Key Priority to named LSB members as follows:

- **Older People** – Health Board (Andrew Jones, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board/Prof. Jerry Hunter, Bangor University resuming joint interim responsibility until details of the Health Board lead have been confirmed);
- **Dysfunctional Families** – Sup. Peter Newton, North Wales Police;
- **Sustainable Communities/Community Regeneration** – Dilwyn Williams, Chief Executive Gwynedd Council.

The Key Priorities work-stream leads have responsibility for overseeing the developmental work, unblocking any barriers to progress and reporting on progress to the Local Services Board.

3.3 The current development phase (December, 2014 – June, 2015) is prioritising the work of articulating the:

- Proposals for improving performance through collaborative working;
- Desired citizen and organisational outcomes per Proposal for each LSB partner;
- Evidence base for each Proposal;
- Contribution of LSB partners to each work-stream;
- Delivery structure and governance under the Local Services Board to progress each Key Priority and Enabler.

Draft high level proposals on the 3 Key Priority work-streams will be considered by the Local Services Board at its next meeting to be convened on 31 March, 2015. This work-stream is currently on track and to timescale.

4. DELIBERATIONS OF THE INFORMAL EXECUTIVE

At a meeting of the Informal Executive convened on 26 January, 2015 consideration was given to the implications of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill. It was resolved to:

- Delay progressing with the implementation of the sustainable development requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Bill – in order to learn from others' experiences;
- Raise awareness through Scrutiny Committee Members of the implications of the proposed Future Generations legislation;
- Future updates/awareness-raising to form part of the Council's monthly briefing sessions for Elected Members.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee is requested to:

R1 Note a decision of the Informal Executive at its meeting of 26 January, 2015 to delay progressing with the implementation of the sustainable development requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Bill in order to learn from others' experiences (whom are taking part in the pilot of early adopters);

R2 Confirm the need to continue to raise awareness as part of the Council's preparations in readiness for the new legislation;

R3 Note the requirements of the Bill on sustainable development and in particular the future role for scrutineers;

R4 Note progress to date on the Local Services Board Key Priorities work-stream.

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
REPORT TO :	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
DATE:	12 March 2015
SUBJECT :	Annual Community Safety Partnership Update
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1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To provide Members with an overview of the Anglesey and Gwynedd Community Safety Partnership's (CSP) activities over the past year.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this committee on an annual basis to provide an overview of activities undertaken over the previous twelve months. This ensures that the Partnership meets its obligations under sections 19 and 20 of the Police & Criminal Justice Act 2006. The legislation came into effect in Wales on 1 October 2009 through the Crime & Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

The committee duty is to scrutinise the work of the Partnership, and not that of the individual members.

2.02 **Local Authorities** have a statutory duty under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, and the subsequent amendments by the 2002 and the 2006 Police and Justice Act, to work in partnership with the **Police, Health service, Probation and Fire/rescue service** to address the local community safety agenda. Collectively they make up the Community Safety Partnership. The Partnership has a duty to tackle –

- Crime and Disorder
- Substance Misuse
- Reduce re-offending
- Undertake a strategic assessment to identify priorities (now undertaken on a regional basis)
- Have plans in place to tackle these priority issues (a plan now exists on a regional and local basis)

2.03 There has been a partnership in existence in both Anglesey and Gwynedd since 1999. To support their work, the Partnership is served by a core team of local authority and Police officers. The support teams both within the Local Authorities and the Police have decreased in capacity, and now work on a two County basis. There is a possibility that the Local Authority support team will reduce further because of the current financial cuts.

3.00 **PARTNERSHIP RESTRUCTURE**

3.01 The two County partnership structure has now been in place for two years, sitting under the two County Local Service Board (LSB). The LSB determined it's priorities in December 2014, none of which are specific areas of work for the CSP. Since the last report, the regional (North Wales) Safer Communities Board (SCB) has also determined a new remit and governance structure. The Board is now an advisory committee and has agreed the below as it's main tasks –

a. To commission services funded through specific regional grants
b. Strategic accountability of the North Wales Area Planning Board
c. Establishing a common and consistent framework for strategic, tactical and operational delivery at regional, sub regional and local levels through the production of an annual strategic assessment and community safety plan (to be mirrored by a similar approach for youth justice).
d. Identifying shared and/or common priorities in the fields of community safety and youth justice
e. Acting as a formal representative voice to influence the Welsh Government, Home Office and local Policing Body.

3.02 Over the past year great progress has also been made in the way Community Safety Partnerships in North Wales have worked together. The establishment of the North Wales Safer Communities Board (SCB) in July 2012 has been the most significant regional development. This Board represents a partnership between all the statutory authorities across the region (as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998), along with the voluntary sector, Welsh Government, and the Police Commissioner.

3.03 Since the last report submitted to this committee, there have been a number of developments in relation to the Area Planning Board (APB) which is the new regional Board responsible for the commissioning of substance Misuse Services for North Wales. The main changes are –

- The development of a regional Board, which is required to discharge the statutory function of CSP's on a regional level, the APB has already been established, and there is now no local SMAT (Substance Misuse Action Team) in Gwynedd or Anglesey, as in past years.
- The development of a regional substance misuse commissioning strategy for North Wales is now completed.
- The transition of the substance misuse fund into a regional grant has been completed, with Wrexham being the regional Banker. There is no longer a local Substance Misuse Coordinator in each County, but rather a team of - regional Manager, and three regional coordinators (two County based), plus a finance officer.

4.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.01 It is evident that partnership working improves how agencies tackle crime and disorder. Rates of recorded crime continued to fall. Below is a summary of some of the key findings:

There are fewer recorded crimes in Anglesey and Gwynedd now than 4 years ago

There are fewer recorded crimes in Anglesey and Gwynedd now than in 2011.

When comparing figures from January – December 2011 to the same period in 2014;

In Anglesey there were 628 fewer crimes reported (-19%) and in Gwynedd there were 1493 fewer crimes reported (-20%).

This has been contributed to by the following specific reductions;

- 97 less violence against a person offences, an 11% reduction.
- 55 fewer non domestic burglaries, 25% reduction.
- 118 fewer incidents of theft and handling, 15% reduction
- 66 fewer drug related incidents, 32% reduction

- 4.02 The Community Safety Partnership's Strategic Plan is now a regional plan, the North Wales plan is currently in draft form – priority areas are shown in the table below but are being reviewed by a regional working group in order to reflect perception in a recently published strategic assessment document.

4.03 North Wales Strategic assessment priorities, for the next 12 months

- Rape (predicted to rise)
- Serious Sexual Offences(predicted to remain stable or rise)
- Child sexual exploitation(reporting predicted to rise)
- Burglary Dwelling(Continues to decrease)
- Cyber crime (predicted to rise)
- Domestic Abuse(continues to rise)
- Modern slavery(emerging threat)
- Organised Crime Groups, drugs (remain unchanged)
- Anti Social Behaviour(continues to decrease)
- Vehicle crime(continues to decline)
- Shoplifting(Consistent)
- Other thefts(Consistent)
- Criminal damage(Small decreases)
- Arson(continues to decrease)

The document noted the following strategic conclusions as regards the causes/contributing factors in relation to offending

- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Mental Health vulnerabilities for victims and offenders
- Victim vulnerability and increased offender capability created by advancement in technology (from low level fraud to child sexual exploitation CSE)
- Hidden crimes (crimes which go unreported, such as CSE, slavery, rape and domestic abuse)

4.05 North Wales plan priority areas - (currently under review and update)

Priority	Outcomes	Performance Indicators
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence	<p>People are more confident, and aware, to report domestic abuse and sexual violence offences</p> <p>Young people are aware of the nature and implications of sexual violence, and where to access support</p> <p>Deal effectively first</p>	<p>Number of domestic violence incidents reported to North Wales Police</p> <p>Number of sexual offences reported to North Wales Police</p> <p>Well informed young people in relation to</p>

	time with high risk cases of domestic abuse through successful MARAC intervention	sexual violence (monitored via post intervention surveys) Number of cases referred more than once to MARAC
Acquisitive Crime	Identify locally emerging trends in relation to acquisitive crime and develop targeted and appropriate responses to those trends Jointly address those who cause the greatest harm in our communities	Number of reported offences of acquisitive crime Number of offences committed by repeat offenders in relation to acquisitive crimes
Anti-Social Behaviour	Support high risk and repeat victims of antisocial behaviour Providing appropriate interventions to locally identified anti-social behaviour problems in our communities	Number of repeat high risk victims of Anti Social Behaviour Number of reported anti-social behavior incidents
Substance Misuse	Improving availability and quality of education, prevention and treatment services and related support, with the emphasis on the relationship between alcohol, drugs and crime	Meeting the Welsh Government's Key Performance Indicators on substance misuse services

5.00 **2014/15 ACTIVITIES**

During the past 2 years, the Partnership has been subjected to a

significant amount of restructuring, both on a regional and local basis. All the grant funds received by the CSP have been subjected to changes. The supporting resources have been reduced, and some regional restructuring processes are still to be completed. However, The CSP is committed to undertaking the most effective and manageable activity in order to meet statutory obligations. Listed below are the main activities.

5.01 Regional Activities and Progress

The North Wales Safer Communities Board has now been established. Local members and Local Authority Directors represent Local Authorities on the Board, the following has been agreed -

- i. Approval of a North Wales Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment for 2015/16
- ii. Agreement and approval to produce a regional Community Safety Strategic Plan, which has been refreshed according to the new strategic assessment
- iii. Strategic oversight of the Substance Misuse Area Planning Board, which now rests with the SCB, but is also looked at locally within the CSP.
- iv. Co-ordinated response to the Welsh Government's 10,000 Safer Lives Initiative –which relates to domestic abuse, continues
- v. Consistency of approach to regionally commissioned grants, namely the Youth Crime Prevention Fund and Substance Misuse Action Plan Fund –both of which are now regional grants
- vi. Membership and participation of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), which enables the required relationship between CSP's and PCC's.
- vii. Recommendation of a Commissioning Framework for the PCC, which also sits within the SCB on a regional basis

All actions have been completed, or are progressing to plan.

5.02 Local Activities and Progress

At a local level some of the key milestones have been as follows:

- i. Restructured the CSP support structures, moving to a two County structure. This may be subject to further change as a result of the LA financial cuts.
- ii. Leading the development of a regional Community Safety Plan, and local action plan, this is annual and ongoing. This year the CSP will consider following a Results based accountability process (RBA)
- iii. Review of all former CSP sub groups, in order to assess if our reduced resources are being used in the most effective way,

- has now been completed
- iv. Co-ordinating the regional response to the 10,000 Safer Lives initiative –which relates to domestic abuse developments, continues on a local level
 - v. Obtaining formal approval of funding for the following grants: Community Safety Fund, Substance Misuse Action Plan Fund, Domestic Abuse Services Grant and the Youth Crime prevention Fund. To date the main challenge has been the loss of some financial contributions towards the Domestic Abuse agenda, which has resulted in some services we commission having to be reduced. The Domestic Homicide review which was undertaken in Gwynedd from March 2012, was finally published in July 2014. In October 2014 we held a workshop for colleagues across the region, to share experience and good practice based on our experience.
 - vi. Established a two County group to take forward the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) function, this has now been completed.
 - vii. The Domestic Abuse Multi agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) in both Counties has recently undergone a formal review by CAADA (National Accreditors) we are awaiting the response, and will formulate a response plan to take forward the recommendations. The Partnership has also had to make the decision to cease the use of redeployable cameras, due to lack of funds to deploy, and the age and reliability of the cameras. The Police are looking to apply a different intervention for Antisocial Behaviour.
 - viii. Supporting a local substance misuse service user support group in Anglesey and Gwynedd (AGRO), we have managed to maintain funding for this local group via the regional structure for a further year.
 - ix. Moved to a ‘process system control’ method of monitoring priority areas, so that Partnerships are able to operate in a strategic manner
 - x. Have put in place a domestic abuse workplace policy in Gwynedd and Anglesey Local Authorities

All actions have been completed, or are progressing to plan.

5.03 Key Milestones for the Year Ahead

- i. The Chief Constable has initiated a 'stocktake' of CSP's, which is currently under way. We need to participate and respond to the outcomes of that review.
- ii. We will need to respond to the possible further cuts in resources within the Local Authority Community safety support team, and conclude what activity will be possible within the reduced capacity
- iii. We have been informed by the Welsh Government, that the Domestic Abuse fund will continue for a further 12 month, but will thereafter become a regional fund. Currently this funds Independent Domestic Abuse Advisors (IDVA'S) via third sector organisations, and also the Local Authority strategic coordinator. We will have to respond to these changes as they develop.
- iv. Continued support and input into the work of the North Wales Safer Communities Board, and respond effectively to the changes that may yet come to fruition in terms of Partnership structures
- v. Continued support and input into the North Wales Community Safety Plan
- vi. Work effectively within the new regional structures, to both safeguard local need when required, and identify opportunities on a regional basis when appropriate
- vii. Facilitate and respond to the next three year review of the local domestic abuse MARAC (Multi agency risk assessment conference, for victims) structures in both Counties, which began in December
- viii. Implementing the regional work programme for the 10,000 Safer Lives initiatives
- ix. Work with the APB restructuring process, to ensure that we are able to meet both regional and local needs within the new support structure, and manage effectively the changes to existing posts
- x. Review links with Licensing and Trading standard services, to ensure effective processes for test purchasing etc
- xi. Respond to the outcome of the Welsh Government review on domestic abuse services in Wales
- xii. Work with the Police Commissioners office to review and progress the work of the Anti Social Coordinator(s) work, which is funded from the Commissioners fund.
- xiii. Contributing to the LSB Integrated plan, and deliver update reports as required
- xiv. Develop regional expenditure plans for the Youth Crime Prevention Fund, which has also become a regional fund, to ensure best use of available resources locally
- xv. Participating in the Integrated Offender Management Strategy Group for North Wales

6.00 HIGHLIGHTS

There is a possibility that the Local Authority support team will reduce further because of the current financial cuts.

Since the last report submitted to this committee, there have been a number of developments in relation to the Area Planning Board (APB) which is the new regional Board responsible for the commissioning of substance Misuse Services for North Wales.

The North Wales Safer Communities Board has now been established. Local members and Local Authority Directors, represent Local Authorities on the Board,

Agreement and approval to produce a regional Community Safety Strategic Plan, which has been refreshed according to the new strategic assessment

The Domestic Abuse Multi agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) in both Counties has recently undergone a formal review by CAADA (National Accreditors) we are awaiting the response, and will formulate a response plan to take forward the recommendations

7.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.01 To note the contents of the report.

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive Committee (16.03.15) Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (12.03.15)
Date:	12th March and 16th March 2015
Subject:	Partnership working proposals in relation to securing improvements to the A5025 and other highways to facilitate the development proposals of Horizon Nuclear Power.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Richard Dew
Head of Service:	Dewi R Williams
Report Author: Tel: E-mail:	Arwel R Roberts 01248 72311 arrht@anglesey.gov.uk
Local Members:	N/a

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s
<p><u>Reason for reporting:</u></p> <p>1.1 To update Members on the progress of discussions with Horizon Nuclear Power (HNP) in relation to potential highway construction and improvement works required to the A5025 and other highways in order to facilitate the construction and operation of the proposed new nuclear power station at Wylfa.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>1.2 To authorise (a) the entering into by the Council as highway authority of a Collaboration Agreement with HNP in accordance with the Heads of Terms set out herein and (b) the entering into such further agreements or exercising such powers as are considered by the Head of Service (Environment & Technical) as necessary to give effect to the terms of the Collaboration Agreement and to allow any highways works covered by the terms of the Collaboration Agreement to be delivered.</p> <p><u>Reasons for recommendation:</u></p> <p>2.1 Given the timeline the Council understands HNP to have in mind for promoting the highway works, it is crucial that partnership working arrangements between the Council and HNP can be put in place as soon as practicable. The framework for partnership working would be provided by the Collaboration Agreement in the terms set out in the Heads of Terms.</p>

- 2.2 Officers have had informal discussions with HNP over the past 18 months on a number of issues connected with the development of Wylfa Newydd. Part of these discussions have centered around HNPs intentions to undertake or fund highway construction and improvement works to the A5025 and other highways in order to facilitate the construction and operation of the new nuclear power station.
- 2.3 The discussions with Officers identified a number of issues which required further consideration in the context of progressing the consenting of these works. They included design, planning, procurement, consultation and land acquisition. The Executive authorised the progression of discussions by officers with HNP on 9th June 2014 with the intention of creating a framework under which partnership working on the identified issues could be undertaken.
- 2.4 As required by the terms of the previous authorisation, this report sets out the Heads of Terms of a proposed contractual arrangement (Collaboration Agreement) developed by officers for consideration by the Executive. Provided that the Executive is satisfied with the Heads of Terms the report seeks authorisation for the Council to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with HNP in line with the Heads of Terms to give effect to the delivery of highway improvements.

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

The proposed partnership working approach and the limits thereof are the key consideration. The Council may have a role in promoting and procuring highway works which would be undertaken in its capacity as Highways Authority. The Council's reason for entering into partnership working is to protect highway infrastructure and ensure that works are designed and undertaken to the required standards and is therefore acting in the public interest.

The Council's role as Highway Authority and the separation from other roles, particularly as local and Planning Authority have been considered and provided for. The Collaboration Agreement would be entered into by the Council as Highways Authority only, it will not bind any other function of the Council. The highways assessment of any planning applications will be undertaken by officers not involved in the partnership arrangement and who have not been involved in the design work.

A partnership arrangement may risk creating an impression of pre-determination of decisions related to HNP by the Council, particularly planning applications. While measures have been put in place to address this in practice some perception issues may remain. This concern is considered by officers to be outweighed by the essential need to use partnership working to deliver the required road improvements to an appropriate standard within the timescale for the project.

The Council, by entering into the Collaboration Agreement, agrees in principle to exercise statutory Highway Authority powers including those of compulsory purchase. The exercise of any statutory power would be subject to specific consideration of the facts and circumstances as required.

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

The Executive resolved on 9th June 2014 that any partnering or joint working arrangement progressed would be brought back to the Executive for consideration before it is entered into by the Council.

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

Yes

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

Yes

DD – Who did you consult?		What did they say?
1	Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	
5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Scrutiny	
8(a)	Local Members	
8(b)	Chief Planning Officer	

9	Any external bodies / other/s	<p>‘The Collaboration Agreement relates to the functions and responsibilities of the ‘non-statutory’ elements of the improvements required to the roads associated with the nuclear new build project at Wylfa.</p> <p>It is important for the Members to note that the ‘statutory’ Planning responsibilities of the Authority will be divorced from the terms of the Agreement’.</p>
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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:
1. Summary of Heads of Terms for Collaboration Agreement between Isle of Anglesey County Council as Highways Authority and Horizon Nuclear Power.

FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):
Report to the Executive Committee, 9 th June 2014, on Options in relation to securing improvements to the A5025 to facilitate the development proposals of Horizon Nuclear Power.

Background to Partnership Working with Horizon

Introduction

- 1.1 The development of a new nuclear power plant at Wylfa will require the delivery of improvements to the existing highway network on Anglesey. The Council has set out its evidenced based approach to the assessment of necessary highway improvements within the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). This recognises the need for improvements to the A5025 and Lôn Nanner. The SPG sets out the requirement that such improvements have regard to the key policy messages set out therein and integrate with the wider transport issues rather than being treated as stand-alone points of constraint.
- 1.2 The works proposed to improve the road network by HNP include new stretches of highway and junctions, improvements to existing highways and subsequent alterations to existing highways. Where new stretches of highway are proposed the Council as Highways Authority will become responsible for maintaining these. The Council is ultimately responsible for all publically maintained Highways on Anglesey and therefore requires to be satisfied with the design and construction of any proposed works which it will become responsible for. Where highway construction and improvement works are funded by a private developer, such works need to be approved by the Council as highway authority and strict arrangements put in place to ensure they are delivered and completed in accordance with the Council's requirements. The Council's highway officers have been in discussion with HNP to establish how they can work in partnership to deliver road improvements within the statutory framework, to the required standards and within timescale.

Issues

- 2.1 Officers understand that HNP are working to a tight timescale with respect to consenting and delivering highway construction and improvement works. Therefore a clear strategy needs to be in place in the short term to ensure the consenting, procurement and delivery of such works can be timeously progressed. That strategy will be agreed and managed under the terms of the proposed Collaboration Agreement.
- 2.2 The Collaboration Agreement will cover works to highways which are needed or proposed in relation to the construction and operation of the new nuclear build at Wylfa and includes works to roads, footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths. The Heads of Terms set out in brief the provisions which would be included in the Collaboration Agreement and provides a framework for the progression of the detail of the works.
- 2.3 It is envisaged that the design of the works will be led by HNP and their consultants and agreed by the Council. Officers have had preliminary discussions with HNP which have looked in general at design issues. Works may be procured or carried out by the Council at HNP's cost or by HNP directly depending on the agreed approach and availability of powers in each case.

- 2.4 The works proposed will fall under a variety of statutory provisions and will require the exercise of a number of statutory powers by the Council. These may include providing access to land in connection with the works or the making of side road orders, stopping up orders, traffic regulation orders and diversion orders.
- 2.5 In order to ensure that the works can be progressed timeously a variety of agreements will need to be entered into depending on the particular circumstances of the works. These agreements may include Section 38 (Highways Adoption) agreements, Section 278 (Highways Agreements) and contractual and/or agency agreements regarding procurement of works, transfer of land and reimbursement of costs.
- 2.6 The agreed Heads of Terms outline the scope of the partnership and are summarised at the end of this report. It is recommended that Members consider, in particular, the following key points:
- a) The Council is proposing to enter this Collaboration Agreement as Highways Authority only; it will not bind or affect any decision or action of the Council in any other capacity, including as Planning Authority. In order to ensure that conflicts do not arise the Heads of Terms provide that separate officers will be involved in the partnership working arrangement under this agreement from those allocated to the planning and consenting function.
 - b) The Heads of Terms provides the structure for consenting and procurement strategies to be adopted under the partnership working arrangements following agreement on the detailed proposals.
 - c) The proposed Collaboration Agreement would cover works to Lôn Nanner and the A5025 with the ability to add in works to other highways where agreed.
 - d) By entering into the Collaboration Agreement, the Council is agreeing in principle to use Compulsory Purchase powers if these are necessary to deliver the land to allow the highway works. Given the nature of Compulsory Purchase a decision on whether or not to exercise these powers would require to be made on a case by case basis and this term does not commit the Council to using these powers in any particular case where the public interest requirement or any other pre-requisite of such use is not considered to be met.
 - e) The Collaboration Agreement envisages that the Council, in its capacity as Highways Authority, will undertake statutory processes and use statutory powers to ensure that the works can be delivered; this includes making orders under the Highways Act powers where necessary.
 - f) HNP will be responsible for the costs incurred by the Council in undertaking work under the partnership working arrangement. This will include internal staff costs and external advisors' fees. Any costs incurred by the Council in carrying out any highway improvement works, acquiring any land or using any statutory power to acquire land will also be paid by HNP.

g) Further agreements – The Collaboration Agreement will give the Council the ability to enter into such other documentation as is necessary to give effect to the agreement. This will include Section 278 agreements concerning highways works, contractual arrangements pertaining to the costs of any use of Compulsory Purchase powers, and agreements relating to the procurement, engagement and payment of advisors, consultants and contractors. By entering into the Collaboration Agreement the Council would be able to enter these further agreements as necessary (provided any statutory tests/requirements in relation to each proposed agreement is met).

Summary of Heads of Terms for Collaboration Agreement between Isle of Anglesey County Council as Highways Authority and Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited.

1. The agreement will cover any works affecting highways within IACC's administrative area specifically including Lôn Nanner and the A5025. Other roads can be included by agreement.
2. The Heads of Terms require the parties to work together to deliver the highway works. To do this the parties will agree joint working arrangements (including a document sharing protocol and press protocol) and consenting and procurement strategies setting out how each process will be run and which party will lead on which elements of the project. This will also include a process for agreeing the design of any proposed improvement works.
3. HNP agree to meet the costs of supporting IACC in providing staff to the improvement project and of the Council obtaining external consultants or contractors where appropriate.
4. HNP agree to meet the costs of carrying out the highway improvements.
5. IACC as Highways Authority agrees to support in principle the use of compulsory purchase powers to deliver highways works.
6. The agreement will remain in force until one year after the construction of the last highway improvement unless earlier terminated. Either party may terminate the agreement on giving appropriate notice.
7. A dispute resolution procedure setting out how any dispute can be escalated within the Council and HNP before resorting to external dispute resolution (including court action) is included.
8. IACC will allocate different officers to work under the agreement from those allocated to work on any planning or related application.

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
REPORT TO :	Partnership & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
DATE:	12 March 2015
SUBJECT :	Early Years Budget
PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S):	Ieuan Williams
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1.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

R1- The Council to reduce the Early Years Budget by 10% compared to the 14/15 allocation of £483,690.

R2 – The allocation to be as follows -

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total	435,321
Contributions to 48 individual settings	364,266
Contributions to national organisations; MM and WPPA	24,515
Contributions to additional building costs for specific settings	16,620
Training needs of setting staff	6,920
Cynllun Cyfeirio (support for children with special educational needs)	20,000
Reserve	3,000

2.0 REASONS.

2.1 Following discussions last year on the Early Years Budget the Council formed a Task and Finish Group to discuss the budget in detail aiming for an agreement on the way forward. Group membership was elected members, representatives of Mudiad Meithrin and the Wales Pre-School Providers Association, primary school head teachers and Authority officers. The group met on four occasions under the chairmanship of the Portfolio Holder and an agreement was reached on the level of support for the Early Years. The group will continue as the Early Years Group to discuss funding arrangements to the future.

2.2 The budget is composed of

i) Contributions to 48 individual settings.

The Authority provides a contribution towards the costs of running the individual settings so as to ensure the provision of the statutory 10 hours a week education for children from the beginning of the term following their third birthday until they start school. All the other children attending the setting pay a fee.

This was the main focus of the discussions. It was recognised that the Authority needs to change the way it contributes to the individual settings as there is a wide difference in numbers. It was agreed that the Authority would gradually change its method of support so that settings receive time to develop very detailed business plans with the help of their national organisations. Each setting is an independent body with its own committee, registered person and affiliated to one of the two national bodies.

Historically the smaller settings, those with up to 16 children within the statutory age, received finance based on the provision of two staff members and a contribution towards the purchase of resources. Those with higher numbers received finance for an extra staff member for every 8 pupils above the 16. These settings also received a higher contribution for resources. The ratio of one staff member for every 8 pupils is based on the ratio expected for children aged 3 to 5 educated within the Foundation Phase.

For the 14/15 financial year the contribution towards resources was cut in its entirety as well as cuts towards staffing. The cut for 15/16 is a continuation of this process with slight adjustments made towards reflecting the true numbers of statutory aged children attending the setting. The Early Years Group will continue to explore different ways of contributing towards the settings while taking children numbers into account.

- ii) Contributions to national organisations; Mudiad Meithrin and Wales Pre-School Providers Association. This is towards their costs of providing local support for the individual settings.
- iii) Contributions to additional building costs for specific settings. Many settings meet within the local school and so have no associated building costs but others meet within other buildings and need to pay rent or other costs. The Authority contributes towards these costs.
- iv) Training needs of setting staff. This is towards the cost of running statutory courses such as Child Protection and First Aid.
- v) Cynllun Cyfeirio. This is to provide support for children with special educational needs by employing additional staff. This aspect of the budget has not been cut from its 14/15 level.

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PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Chair: Councillor Derlwyn Hughes
Vice- Chair: Councillor Alun Mummery

The table below is the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Work Programme from May 2014 to May 2015. The Work Programme will be reported to each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of reviewing its content, consideration of new items or adjournment / withdrawal of items.

Contact: Geraint Wyn Roberts (Scrutiny Officer)
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Date of Meeting	Item	Purpose	Location /Start Time
Standing items on all Committee Agendas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology • Minutes • Chair and Vice-Chair Announcement • Work Programme 			
13th May 2014	Committee nomination to the Corporate Parenting Panel	Nomination of a Committee member to the Panel that acts on behalf of the Council that ensures services to children /young People in care are of a high standard.	Committee Room 1/2pm
	Single Integrated Plan	Consultation on the Anglesey and Gwynedd Single Integrated Plan.	
	Clearing of files from old Ysgol y Graig	Scrutiny	
11th July 2014	New Nuclear Build- Supplementary Planning Guidance	Pre -decision Scrutiny	Council Chamber/ 10.30am
24th July 2014	North Wales Police	Presentation by North Wales Police Force on their Communications Centre.	Committee Room 1/2pm
	Regional and Local Arrangements to Safeguard Children and Adults.	Pre –decision Scrutiny	
	Regional Commissioning of Children and Young People’s Advocacy Service	Update	
	Island of Enterprise Transformation Project Board	Three programme boards have been established by the Council to drive change and improvement by the	

Date of Meeting	Item	Purpose	Location /Start Time
Standing items on all Committee Agendas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology • Minutes • Chair and Vice-Chair Announcement • Work Programme 			
		authority and to oversee a programme of work. Falling within the scope of this committee is the “Island of Enterprise Transformation Programme Board” and an update is to be provided on the current position and work in progress.	
25th September 2014	Anglesey and Gwynedd Local Services Board	Information	Committee Room 1/2pm
	Mon Communities First	Monitoring progress	
	Housing Strategy	Pre decision scrutiny	
	Fees and Charges for Charter/Pleasure Boats around Anglesey’	Pre decision scrutiny	
	Work Programme of the Health and Social Care Integrated Delivery Board for Anglesey.	Information	
	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service-Improvement and Risk Reduction Plan 2015-16	Consultation	

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Standing items on all Committee Agendas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology • Minutes • Chair and Vice-Chair Announcement • Work Programme 			
27th November 2014	Single Integrated Plan	Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglesey and Gwynedd Single Integrated Plan; and • Joint scrutiny of LSB with Gwynedd Council. 	
	Housing Revenue Account Subsidy	Pre decision scrutiny	
	Amendments to the current Grants Housing Policy	Pre decision scrutiny	
	GwE – Regional School Effectiveness and School Improvement Service	Performance against service level Agreement	
	Social Services Representation and Complaints Procedure 13-14 (Annual Complaints Report)	Performance	
	Adult Safeguarding	Pre decision scrutiny	
14th January 2015	Scrutiny of Local Services Board-Options	Update	Committee Room 1/2pm
	Annual reporting framework - annual review and evaluation of performance 2013/14 letter from CSSIW	Performance	
	Corporate Safeguarding	Performance	
12th March 2015	Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill	Update	Committee Room 1/2pm
	Community Safety -Annual Overview of the Community Safety Partnership.	Performance	

Date of Meeting	Item	Purpose	Location /Start Time
Standing items on all Committee Agendas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology • Minutes • Chair and Vice-Chair Announcement • Work Programme 			
	Highway Improvements –Collaboration with Horizon	Pre-decision	
	Reduction in Early Year Grants	Pre-decision	
12th May 2015	Family Support Strategy	Pre-decision	Committee Room 1/2pm (start time subject to confirmation)

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