

# **PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2016**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Derlwyn Rees Hughes (Chair)  
Councillor Alun Wyn Mummery (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors Jim Evans, T LI Hughes, Carwyn Jones, R LI Jones, Dylan Rees and Dafydd Rhys Thomas.
- Councillor K.P. Hughes – Portfolio Holder (Education)
- Other Members of the County Council invited with regard to Items 4 & 5**
- Councillors Lewis Davies, Jeff M. Evans, John Griffith, G.O. Jones, R. Meirion Jones, Llinos M. Huws, Bob Parry OBE, Alwyn Rowlands.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Business Process Transformation),  
Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community and Service Improvements),  
Head of Learning (in respect of item 4),  
Principal Youth Officer (in respect of item 4),  
Programme Manager (CS) (in respect of Item 4),  
Head of Adult's Services (in respect of Item 5),  
Interim Head of Children's Services (LBR) (in respect of Item 4),  
Integration and Engagement Manager (MP) (in respect of Item 5),  
Scrutiny Officer (GR),  
Committee Officer (MEH).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor Richard Owain Jones – Member of the Committee
- Councillors A.M. Jones, H.E. Jones, J. Arwel Roberts, Ieuan Williams.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. Ffion Johnstone – Area Director (West) – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board,  
Dr. Stephen McVicar – Area Medical Director (West) Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board,  
Ms. Sian Purcell - Chief Officer (Medrwn Môn).

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The Chair welcomed Councillor Jim Evans as a new Member of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to his first meeting.

### **1 APOLOGIES**

As noted above.

## **2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jeff Evans declared a personal interest with regard to item 4.

## **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September, 2016 were confirmed as correct.

## **4 SCRUTINY OPINION ON THE OPTIONS FOR RE-MODELLING THE YOUTH SERVICE**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Learning in relation to the above.

It was reported that as a result of the Corporate Plan and the needs of the service, a detailed review of the Youth Service was carried out from 2013/14 and five options were identified for the future development of the service. Different scenarios were identified which could be delivered with between 28% and 67% efficiency savings. An extensive consultation was carried out with over 1,000 young people during the Autumn of 2015. With the remaining options, a Youth Conference was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 and 54 young people attended, with a cross section of the 11 to 25 age group from all parts of the Island. The service options were also presented to staff in the Staff Seminar on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

In 2013/14 the Lifelong Learning were tasked to find possible cuts of between 10% and 60% in the youth service budget; the net budget for the Youth Service at the time was £560,170. A breakdown of the potential cuts models/options were highlighted within the report.

During the second consultation the following issues were highlighted :-

- The two youth clubs for young people who have special educational needs should be kept open;
- No support for lunchtime accreditation clubs;
- They were unwilling to travel to a town based if the village club closed;
- The clubs should be run by qualified/experienced youth workers, not volunteers;
- Small youth clubs should not be closed down completely in order to keep the large clubs open twice a week;
- It is important that youth workers speak Welsh;
- It is important to have a youth worker in every school;
- They were angry/disappointed that the Council was making cuts to the youth service.

The Principal Youth Worker said that it is considered that there are risks within the remodelling due to the changes to the part-time staff posts and losing qualified staff with substantial experience. In addition, the same provision will not be available to young people in rural communities, although contact with Youth Workers will be more accessible as they will be working more closely with schools.

Issues raised by Members :-

- Young people are afforded valuable opportunities within youth clubs and there is a need to protect the service;
- The Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust has recently supported a grant application by the Young Farmers Organisation and the Urdd but youth clubs do not have such an avenue of grant funding;

- Young people who attend their village youth clubs are unwilling to travel to youth clubs located in town locations as their affiliation and ownership of their youth club is paramount. The closure of community youth clubs may result in the congregation of young people causing antisocial behaviour within the community due to lack of a place for them to socialise; some villages do not have a local Young Farmers Club nor a Urdd facility;
- The reduction in community youth clubs would deprive young people of cultural and historical visits to different locations within the UK;
- Young people have the opportunity to discuss a variety of different subjects i.e. bullying, sex education, abuse, drugs and alcohol problems etc.;
- Questions were asked whether youth clubs could take over/help with some elements of the Welsh Baccalaureate i.e. community voluntary work. The Principal Youth Officer responded that locating Youth Workers within secondary schools would afford young people a contact link for voluntary/community work;
- Under the new arrangement young people would continue to have the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme within their school in all but one of the service options;
- Young people are afforded the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme within the youth clubs;
- Recently an after school facility for children and young people has been opened in Holyhead by Communities First. The 'Holyhead Pod' affords activities for young people to await until parents/carers are home from work. Questions were raised as to whether such a facility would affect the attendance levels of the youth club at Jesse Hughes Centre. The Principal Youth Officer said that the 'Holyhead Pod' facility attracts children and young people who come from school rather than the youth club which is open later in the evening. Members suggested that a 'Pod' facility could be beneficial in other towns/communities on the Island. The Principal Youth Officer responded that duplication of services needed to be considered before considering such a 'Pod' facility when there is an youth club within a town location;
- Concerns raised that the Executive has decided not to discuss the future of the Youth Services until after the Council's Budget Consultation has taken place.

**It was RESOLVED to recommend to the Executive :-**

- **That Option 1, a cut of the minimum of 28%, be the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's preferred option;**
- **To express concern that the Executive will not consider the matter until February 2017.**

**ACTION : As note above.**

## **5 INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES FOR ANGLESEY**

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

The Chair welcomed Mrs. Ffion Johnstone – Area Director (West) – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (West), Dr. Stephen McVicar – Area Medical Director (West) - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Ms. Sian Purcell - Chief Officer (Medrwn Môn) to the meeting. He also welcomed the Officers from the Social Services Department to the meeting.

The Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Business Process Transformation) referred to the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 which sets out the legal framework for local authorities and health boards to work together to assess people's care

needs, support needs, and the support needs of carers. She stated that the 6 local authorities across North Wales are collaborating with the local health board to produce a North Wales Population Needs Assessment which identifies the current and future care and support needs of people and also supports the integration of services. The assessment will be published in April 2017. The local authorities and local health board will thereafter need to formulate an area plan within twelve months.

A brief presentation was afforded to the meeting which highlighted the partnership working between the Authority, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and the Third Sector with regard to the integrated Health and Social Care Services for Anglesey. The service boards established and their role was explained to the Committee as follows :-

- Joint Public Services Board (Gwynedd & Môn);
- Children and Young People's Partnership (Anglesey);
- Regional Partnership Board;
- Model Môn;
- Integrated Delivery Board (Anglesey);
- SPOA Project Board;
- SCS Management Board;
- North Wales Family Support Board;
- IFSS Local Management Board;
- Nightowls;
- Community Weekend working team

Dr. McVicar explained the role of the Môn Enhanced Care Team which supports GP's to keep patients with acute medical problems at home when they would otherwise have had to be admitted to hospital. The Team is based within the Social Services Department in Llangefni and is made up of Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Assistant Practitioners and GP's and offers care for frail elderly people to help them to stay at their home safely. Dr. McVicar referred to the Model Môn Team which is made up of representatives from the Health Board, Anglesey Council's Social Services and the Third Sector and monitors various projects that deliver integrated health and social care to the residents of the Island.

Dr. McVicar referred to the 'Nightowls' team which has been established from the Integrated Care Fund. 'Nightowls' are a group of 6 experienced carers with 3 working shift on a rota basis. 'Nightowls' offer care to people at night who have come from hospital and are within their home environment. He explained the Community Weekend working team which consist of a Social Worker, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and a District Nursing Team enabling the service to be available 7 days a week for the people of Anglesey.

The Acting Head of Children's Services explained the work of the Integrated Family Support Service which works with families where alcohol or substance misuse is the main risk factor. The service covers Gwynedd and Môn; it is a small team of 6 people (4 Council staff and 2 Health Board staff).

The Chief Officer, Medrwn Môn explained the role of the Môn Community Link information service which was established in January 2016 by Medrwn Môn. Môn Community Link affords information to residents regarding community activities and support groups which are offered in Ynys Môn.

The Head of Adult's Services explained the role of the Community Mental Health Team which is a co-located team of health and social care staff who deliver mental health services in the community for the residents of Ynys Môn. The service supports adults with

acute, short-term and long-term mental health issues, including those with enduring mental illness. He referred to the Community Learning Disability Team which is a co-located team of social care and health staff that support individuals with a learning disability in Ynys Môn. The team is one of six similar across North Wales. Adult Social Care are the lead agency in the delivery of a social care model of learning disability, with health colleagues providing specialised health interventions for people on the Learning Disability Register. The Head of Adult's Services further referred to a Specialist Children's Service which is a multi-agency team, made up of staff from the local Health Board and the Children's Social Services team at the County Council. The service was set up under the auspices of a Section 33 Agreement between both agencies in 2013. The service works with disabled children and young people with complex needs who are between the ages of 0 – 18 years, and who live on the Island.

The Head of Adult's Service stated that there are at least 49 staff from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and 52 Social Services staff working together (excluding staff working for the ICF projects) on a daily basis. The annual budget for all the services is £8.6m, with £6.7m for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities services. The budget comes from various sources i.e. County Council, Health Board and Welsh Government. There are over 11,000 adults and 150 families and their children who benefit from the services in one year.

Matters raised by Members :-

- Whilst welcoming the services offered by the local Health Board, County Council and the Third Sector it was considered that local residents needs to be informed of the services available to them and where to access such services. The Assistant Chief Executive responded that a wide ranging information system needs to be incorporated to inform people of the services available i.e. social media, video presentation in hospital clinics and G.P., surgeries together with information in the recently opened Cyswllt Môn at the Council Offices;
- Members referred to the Alltwen facility at Porthmadog which caters for improved access to health care services locally for patients. This service at Alltwen has received high praise from the services provided. Members questioned if such a facility could be afforded in Penrhos Stanley Hospital, Holyhead. Mrs. Ffion Johnstone representing the Health Board responded that the facility in Alltwen encompasses the care and health services i.e. community nursing, hospital staff together with G.P's as part of the service provided. The Care and Repair service is also part of the service. The facility methodology is that one person deals with the needs of the individual. She said that there is a similar model afforded at the Penrhos Stanley Hospital where a team is co-located but not fully integrated at present;
- Members considered that recording of patients details either requiring care or health care, needs to be recorded on a computer system in detail. Questions were raised as to whether the Council had a shared computer system with the health service to record patient's details. The Assistant Chief Executive responded that Welsh Local Authorities and NHS Wales organisations are working in partnership towards a shared system. The Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS), will enable safe sharing of information and help to deliver improved care and support for people across Wales. Gwynedd, Wrexham and Ynys Môn local authorities will incorporate this system as from August 2017. She stated that the WCCIS will improve the sharing of information between local authorities and the health sector immensely;
- Members referred to loneliness as being a major issue for elderly people living on their own. Questions were raised as to how the health board and the local authority were addressing this issue. The Head of Adult's Services responded that the local authority is encouraging integration with the health board in facilitating activities

through Age Well Centres and Intermediate Care funding has helped activities already in place ie. Llanfairpwll, Amlwch and Llangefni.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Medrwn Môn for attending the meeting to all Members and Officers of the County Council for their contribution to this item.

**RESOLVED :-**

- **To accept the report as a formal update regarding integrated health and social care services provided in partnership;**
- **To support the future partnership and joint working under the ICF Grant provided by Welsh Government.**

**ACTION : As noted above.**

**6 WORK PROGRAMME**

Submitted – the Scrutiny Officer’s report on the Committee’s draft Work Programme to May, 2017.

A Member expressed concern that large potential developers on the Island had not attended the Scrutiny Committee. He noted that there is a need for such developers to inform and discuss the potential job opportunities which will be created by such developments on the Island and that a special meeting should be arranged to discuss such issues. The Scrutiny Officer informed members that he had approached developers of the Land and Lakes project (Holyhead) in the past and that they would not be able to accept the invitation as they were in the process of submitting planning applications to the local authority and they did not wish to prejudice any decisions and commercially sensitive discussions with other organisations.

**RESOLVED to note the draft Work Programme and that the Scrutiny Officer be requested to approach large developers to attend a special meeting of the Committee in due course.**

**ACTION : As noted above.**

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm

**COUNCILLOR DERLWYN R. HUGHES  
CHAIR**