

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 21 June 2023

- PRESENT:** Councillor Dylan Rees (Chair)
Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors Non Dafydd, John Ifan Jones, Euryn Morris,
Margaret M Roberts, Ken Taylor and Sonia Williams
- Mr John Tierney (Roman Catholic Church) (Co-opted Member)
- Councillor Robin Williams – Deputy Leader of the Council and
Portfolio Member for Finance
- Councillor Neville Evans – Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism
and Maritime)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Deputy Chief Executive,
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,
Head of Regulation and Economic Development,
Head of Democracy,
Policy and Welsh Language Manager (FO) (for item 4),
Visitor Economy and Coastal Areas Manager (AG) (for item 8),
Scrutiny Manager (AD),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jeff M Evans, Pip O'Neill, Derek Owen
- Leader of the Council – Councillor Llinos Medi.
Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Member for Adults' Services)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Carwyn Jones – Portfolio Member for Corporate and
Customer Experience);
Councillor Nicola Roberts – Portfolio Member for Planning, Public
Protection and Climate Change).
- Gwynedd & Anglesey Public Services Board Programme Manager
(ST) (for item 7).

The Chair welcomed Councillor Sonia Williams to her first meeting of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

1 APOLOGIES

As noted above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Euryrn Morris declared a personal interest in respect of Item 7 – Annual Report – Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board and Item 9 – Quarter 4 : 2022/2023 – Progress Report – North Wales Growth Bid (North Wales Economic Ambition Board).

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were confirmed as correct:-

- Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April, 2023;
- Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May, 2023 (Election of Chair/Vice-Chair).

4 WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS - ANNUAL REPORT - 2022/2023

The Welsh Language Annual Standards Report was presented for the Committee's consideration and for comment prior to its submission for delegated approval by the Portfolio Member for publication.

The Deputy Leader, in the absence of the Leader of the Council, said the report evaluates the Council's compliance with the Welsh Language Standards Regulations and documents the ways in which the Council promoted and facilitated opportunities to use the Welsh language during the year. He referred that there have been a number of highlights within the year with mainly: making the Welsh language a strategic priority within the Council; Care Inspectorate Wales identifying the good work as regards to the Welsh language with vulnerable residents; Estyn highlighted the good work undertaken within the Education Service as regards to the Welsh Language within education; technical prominence for on-line users; staff praising the support given to improve their Welsh language skills.

The Head of Democracy reported that the Annual Report has been structured in accordance with the requirement of the Welsh Language Commissioner and to comply with the Standards headings that are required to be reported upon. He said that Anglesey's perspective has also been incorporated within the report so as to highlight the wider successes attained within the Authority during the last year. He further referred to the language policy of the Council which explains how the Welsh Language Standards are achieved and also the Council's aim to make the Welsh language the main administration language of this Authority. The Head of Democracy further said that intensive work has been undertaken with specific departments within the Authority to give training and support to staff to use the Welsh language on a daily basis.

In considering the report, the Committee discussed the following matters:-

- Questions were raised as to whether there are specific risks that raise concern about the Council's compliance with the Welsh language standards? The Head of Democracy responded that non-compliance with the Welsh Language Standards would be a specific risk which would result in an investigation by the Welsh Language Commissioner. He noted that the complaints received about

non-compliance is low with only 6 complaints last year and it is hoped that the new CRM system within the Council will assist in addressing concerns by the public in a constructive manner. He further noted that there is a higher risk when working with third party organisations which staff need to be aware of so as to comply with the Welsh language standards. Compliance with the policy impact assessment process can be of higher risks due to its complex nature at times and expert advice is sought through the Welsh Language Commissioner. He further said that during a recent meeting with the Welsh Commissioner positive comments were received as to how the Council is complying with the Welsh Language Standards.

- Reference was made to the Welsh language courses afforded to the staff of the Council as noted within the report. Questions were raised whether these members of staff are the same staff attending these courses as last year? The Policy and Welsh Language Manager responded that it is a combination of staff members who may have developed their Welsh language skills and moving to higher level courses. She emphasised that there is a wider learning platform for staff members and especially when some Welsh learners expressed that they had lost out on the ability to use the Welsh language during the pandemic. She further noted that the best way to facilitate the use of the Welsh language is by creating conditions whereby individuals whatever their Welsh language skills level can practice using the language in an inclusive, welcoming and non-judgemental environment. Work has been undertaken with the Training Section of the Council to provide facilities for staff members to be able to attend internal courses;
- Questions were raised as to how the Council is encouraging staff to develop their Welsh language skills? The Policy and Welsh Language Manager responded that releasing staff to attend courses is a continuous challenge, however it is important that Managers within the departments of the Council are supportive to encourage staff members to attend Welsh language courses and that they can see the value in releasing officers to receive support and training opportunities. She further referred that Welsh language writing skills can be offered to Welsh speaking staff to improve their ability and their confidence;
- Questions were raised whether there is additional information that would add value to the Annual Report.? The Head of Democracy responded that internal discussions have been undertaken as to how the Annual Report can be improved in the future and especially the use of data as regards to the use of the Welsh language within the services offered by the Council and the language choice of the customers. Including more case studies was another area that could enhance the Annual Report;
- Questions were raised as to the risk as regards to recruitment of non-Welsh speakers? The Head of Democracy responded that it can be difficult to recruit Welsh speakers in some sectors specifically but the data shows that the percentage of Welsh speaking Officers in the Council is high and not an immediate risk at present;
- Reference was made that Cymdeithas yr Iaith has been critical of the Council's progress without recognising the good work that has taken place as regards to the Welsh Language Strategy. Questions were raised as to whether there are developments to include Cymdeithas yr Iaith within the Forum? The Policy and Welsh Language Manager responded that Cymdeithas yr Iaith are considered to be a member of the Welsh Language Forum and are included within the Terms

of Reference of the Committee since the establishment of the Forum. She expressed that there is a welcome for relevant bodies to join or re-joining the Forum to strengthen the Welsh language on the Island;

- Questions were raised as to the challenges faced in terms of increasing the use of the Welsh language services to the residents of Anglesey? The Policy and Welsh Language Manager responded that the use of data needs to be considered carefully as confidence in speaking and writing the Welsh language can differ and there is a duty to ensure that the level of the Welsh language addresses the needs of the residents whilst requesting the services of the Council. She noted that digital information needs to be accessible to people with visual impairment. She further that the Welsh Language Sub-Group of the Public Services Board has raised that the use of the Welsh language needs to be enhanced within the reception areas of the Council owned premises;
- Reference was made that previously representatives from different departments would attend this meeting to report on the level of Welsh speakers within their department and the progress made to support and afford training to those to improve their verbal and written Welsh language skills. The Head of Democracy said that he agreed that there is a need to recognise the achievements of individuals who have been able to improve their Welsh language skills and the matter can be discussed within the internal Welsh Language Promotion Group as to how to escalate the promotion of the achievements of the staff;
- Questions were raised as to how the promotion of the use of the Welsh language can be improved within cafes and hospitality premises with Welsh language signage etc. The Head of Democracy responded that the matter can be discussed within the Welsh Language Forum where all the local partner organisations are present and able to discuss relevant issues.

It was RESOLVED:-

- **To accept the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report for 2022/23;**
- **To note its contents and that Scrutiny's comments be forwarded to the Portfolio Member as part of its submission for delegated approval and subsequent publication.**

ACTION : As noted above.

5 WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN 2022/2023 - PROGRESS REPORT

Submitted – a report by the Director of Education, Skills and Young People for consideration by the Committee.

The Deputy Leader, in the absence of the Leader of the Council, said that the purpose of the report is to provide an annual update on the progress made as regards to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

The Director of Education, Skills and Young People reported that the report is set out in three sections which highlights update on data, arrangements for the re-categorizing of Anglesey school in terms of language in accordance with national and non-statutory guidance and the latest development within schools and organisations on the Island. He said that the Welsh language is one of the six

strategic proprieties of the Council and is reflected within the Education Service so as to increase the provision for children and young people who study through the medium of Welsh. He further said that regulations made under the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 requires local authorities to prepare a Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) which must include a requirement to 'set a target outlining the expected increase during the lifespan of the Plan in the amount of Welsh-medium education provided in its maintained schools which provide education through the medium of both English and Welsh'. WESP data reports on the position of Welsh in education on Anglesey over the period of June 2022 to June 2023. The report notes the stability of outcomes 1,2,3, 5 and 6 and growth in outcomes 4 and 7 (the Anglesey's WESP data for 2022/2023) was included within the appendices to the report. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People referred to the School Categorisation process conducted over this year, and the Learning Service has mapped, informed the process and consulted with schools to steer the profile of Schools Categorisation. He noted that the Learning Service has consulted on and discussed Language Categories with schools before coming to a decision on the category. The Learning Service has 3 categories – Category 1 – English medium; Category 2 – Dual Language; Category 3 – Welsh medium. All primary schools part from one and three of the secondary schools are in Category 3. Since one of the intentions of the new regime of categorisation is to encourage Anglesey schools to increase their Welsh language provision, one primary school has been placed in Category 2 and two secondary schools are in a transitional sub-category T2 to facilitate the process for schools to move to Category 3.

The Director of Education, Skills and Young People further referred to the early years' 'Makaton and Language Journey' programme which was highlighted within the report. He referred specifically to the guidance on the transfer of Year 6 language cohort information that all schools have received guidance, support and assistance to report on the language cohort of each pupil. Reference was also given to the Anglesey language centre which have received recognition for their work by schools, through social media and on television programmes. He expressed that the aim is to ensure that every child within the education system is bilingual and is able to communicate in Welsh and English.

In considering the report, the Committee raised the following matters:-

- Reference was made as to the schools categorisation process and to what extent the schools categorisation data was accurate. Questions were raised as to how thorough the process of assessing schools in respect of the categorisation based on language skills? The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the categorisations data results from the discussions with each individual school together with the use of the language cohort information; information from the Co-ordinators from Gw is also used to monitor the data an annual basis. The Deputy Chief Executive said that the Estyn report on the Education Service highlighted that the Education Service has the necessary data and that the Authority has a good awareness of the schools on the Island;
- Questions were raised as to how primary school children in Year 6 (who are categorised within Category 3) will be able to continue to receive their education

through the medium of the Welsh language as two secondary schools are in Category T2. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that each individual pupil is assessed as regards to their Welsh language skills which is transferred to the language cohort information to the secondary schools and it is the responsibility of the secondary schools to provide the provision of Welsh medium education to the pupils. Further questions were raised as to whether the secondary schools have the provision to enable to provide Welsh medium education with teachers able to teach through the medium of Welsh? The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the outcome of the WESP identifies as to how many teachers are able to teach through the medium of Welsh. He noted that the recruitment of teachers in specialist subjects is a challenge but there was a small improvements within the schools last year;

- Reference was made that the use of the Welsh language outside school hours is as important as the education of pupils within the schools environment. Questions were raised as to whether the Education Service is able to support activities outside school hours when there is a decline in grant funding? The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that it is important that there are opportunities for children and young people to be able to enjoy and receive activities outside school hours through the medium of the Welsh language with afterschool clubs and activities afforded within the communities. He noted that parents should be also be encourage to use the Welsh language within the home environment ;
- Questions were raised as to what degree does the Language Centres fully respond to the Authority's immersion needs? The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the Authority has two Language Centres for newcomers to receive timely immersion intervention. Immersion grants are used to support the Learning Centres and this year, the use of grants has meant that immersion occurs through members of the centre at the secondary schools for the first time in some years. 36 children are supported during each term but there is a waiting list for access to the Learning Centres. He expressed that supporting the Learning Centres is a financial challenge and a third Learning Centre would be welcomed so that children would not need to travel as far and would it would address transport costs. The Committee raised that it has been reported that there is a waiting list for the Learning Centres and questions were raised as to the support given within the schools for these pupils that are awaiting access to the Learning Centres. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that learning packs are afforded to the schools where pupils are awaiting access to the Learning Centres and staff are afforded training sessions. Further questions were raised as to the support for pupils that attend the Learning Centres during the school holidays with some households not been able to speak the Welsh language and it is a challenge for schools to sustain the Welsh language for these pupils. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that he agreed that the summer schools holidays it a long period of time for pupils not speaking the Welsh language. He noted that the Education Service has been working closely with the Leisure Centre who provide opportunities during the school holidays. He further said that some schools will afford activities for pupils to during the school holidays;
- Reference was made that it is noted within the report that 90% of teaching staff are able to afford Welsh medium education. Questions were raised as to

whether this percentage is misleading? The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the data is received from the schools following discussions with the teaching staff as to the percentage of staff that can teach through the medium of Welsh. He reiterated that there is a challenge in the recruitment of specific subject teachers who are able to teach through the medium of Welsh;

- Reference was made that the Urdd National Eisteddfod has been invited to Anglesey in 2026. Questions were raised as to whether the invitation of the Urdd Eisteddfod to Anglesey in 2026 will enhance the willingness to speak Welsh and whether plans are in place to prepare for the Urdd Eisteddfod coming to the Island? The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that a public meeting is to be held at Corn Hir School to discuss arrangement in welcoming the Urdd Eisteddfod to Anglesey in 2026. He noted that when such an event is invited to any County there is enthusiasm as regards to the culture and history of the area. He further noted that Anglesey attained success recently at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Camarthenshire and schools in the tier 3 competed in the Eisteddfod.

It was RESOLVED :-

- **To note the update on Anglesey WESP 2022-2023 data and the propose method of sharing this information;**
- **To confirm arrangements to re-categorise Anglesey schools in line with national non-statutory guidelines.**

ACTION : As noted above.

6 EDUCATION SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT

Submitted – a verbal report by the Chair of the Education Scrutiny Panel for consideration by the Committee.

The Chair of the Education Scrutiny Panel said that the Panel at its meeting held on 13 June, 2023 considered the report on the Welsh Language Standards – Annual Report: 2022/2023 with the Director of Education, Skills and Young People, Primary Sector Senior Manager and the Lead Teacher from the Language Unit in attendance. The Panel was given the opportunity to consider in detail the progress in 2022/2023 against the key outcomes of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan. The vision, aims and objectives in Anglesey for Welsh medium education were considered and detailed consideration was given to a case study looking at the work of the Language Unit. He noted that the Panel raised the following matters:-

- The Panel ascertained the opportunities for children and young people to use the Welsh language and to what extent there is a scope to further extend these opportunities;
- The effects of the pandemic on pupils to develop language skills and to use the Welsh language verbally was discussed;
- Discussions were undertaken as to the schools categorisation process and to what extent the schools categorisation data is accurate. Consideration was

also given as to the arrangements to provide evidence when categorising individual schools;

- Discussions were undertaken as to 'dashboard 7' of the Welsh Education Strategic Plans (WESP's) as a tool to measure performance and progress;
- Discussions as to the possible effect of the immersion provision for children and young people who move to the Island through the language units at Cybi and Moelfre Schools and arrangements for secondary schools. Questions were raised as to the extent the current resources are appropriate to ensure provision and opportunities to increase Welsh speakers;
- Consideration was given to the risks to the immersion provision and it was noted that resources was the highest risk with the dependence on grant funding from Welsh Government to re-enforce the core budget.

The Education Scrutiny Panel recommended that the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee :-

- **Accepts the progress report on the Welsh Education Strategic Plan 2022/23;**
- **To confirm the arrangements for the re-categorisation of Anglesey schools in accordance with the national non-statutory guidelines.**

It was RESOLVED to note the progress report.

ACTION : As noted above.

7 ANNUAL REPORT - GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

Submitted – a report by the Chief Executive for consideration by the Committee.

The Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Programme Manager reported that this is the final year of the Boards Well-being for 2018 – 2023. The report reflects what has been achieved as a Board to improve the well-being of communities during the period 2022/2023. She noted that the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on public bodies to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act also established the Public Services Boards with representation from public bodies and the third sector. Every five years, Public Services Boards must prepare and publish an assessment of the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in their areas and use this as a basis for the Well-being Plan for the next five years. She further said that the Board has started preparing for the 2023 – 2028 Well-being Plan and in May 2022, Local Well-being Assessments for Gwynedd and Anglesey were published. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, a public consultation was held on the draft plan for a period of 12 weeks between 12 December 2022 and 6 March 2023 with appropriate opportunities provided for individuals, interested groups and organisations to participate in the consultation process by holding workshops and information sessions. She noted that it is an intention to re-visit the local communities so that they can assist with the fulfilment plan for the new Well-Being Plan. The Programme Manager referred that a Climate Change Sub-Group was established, under the leadership of NRW, to encourage collaboration among public organisations on mitigating the impact of climate

change. She further said that work has been undertaken by the Board as regards to the Welsh language as it is important to local communities to be able to live their lives through the medium of Welsh and having access to services and activities in Welsh. The Board has undertaken collaborating with partnerships and other national bodies to avoid duplication and to share ideas to identify gaps and a risk assessment on a strategic level has been undertaken in Gwynedd and Anglesey.

In considering the report, the Committee raised the following matters:-

- Reference was made that as the Public Services Board has undertaken work as regards to the Welsh language during 2018-2023. Questions were raised whether it would be beneficial for a report to be submitted to this Committee as to what the Board has accomplished through their aims as regards to the Welsh Language. The Programme Manager responded that the Welsh language is not one of the specific aims of the Board, which has been challenged, as the Welsh language is part of all of the work achieved by the Board. She further referred that the Board has identified three aims as priority areas over the next year and the Welsh language will be at the forefront of each identified aim;
- Reference was made that the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board do not respond to the required public consultation as regards to planning applications. Questions were raised as to whether the Health Board engages and fulfil their role within the Public Services Board? The Programme Manager responded the Health Board has engaged well with the Public Services Board and fulfilled their strategic requirements as part of the Board. Reference was made that the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board is back in special measures and questions were raised whether this is a challenge and risk for the Public Services Boards to fulfil its aims? The Programme Manager responded that the new Interim Chief Executive of the Health Board will be attending the next meeting of the Public Services Board and discussions will be undertaken to address any issues that arise;
- Questions were raised as to what opportunities, challenges and risks the Public Services Board faces going forward? The Programme Manager responded that the strength of the Board is to working in partnership to challenge and to afford opportunities within communities. She gave an example that Public Services Board has been supporting the application bid for a third bridge over the Menai Straits;
- Reference was made that the Annual Report discusses the last year of the Well-being Plan for 2018- 2023. Questions were raised as to what added value was introduced by working together as a Board? The Programme Manager responded that the members of the Boards have expressed that they consider that working within the Board has given added value, sharing good practice on a strategic level;
- Questions raised as to what extent has the side effects of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis been seen to have an impact on the ability of the Public Services Board's partners to deliver against the key targets and what lessons learnt during the last year of the Well-being Plan? The Programme Manager responded that during the pandemic it was difficult for the partner organisations to respond to the work of the Public Services Board as they had key strategic responsibilities within their own organisations. The new Well-being Plan for 2023 – 2028 will be more realistic in terms of what can be achieved by the partner

organisations and what added value they can afford by working in partnership. She noted that within the new Well-being Plan there are three corporate aims rather than nine in the previous plan;

- Questions were raised as to whether it was considered that the responses to the questionnaire was disappointing as regards to the draft plan? The Programme Manager responded that she considered that the 499 responses received were positive, however, it was considered that face-to-face engagement could have been more effective with community groups. Feedback was also obtained from approximately 200 additional individuals through engagement such as workshops and information sessions and the Well-being Plan was adapted to address the comments received.

It was RESOLVED:-

- **To accept the Annual Report and to note the progress made against the current Well-being Plan – 2018/2023;**
- **To note that the Well-being Plan – 2023/2028 is to be published in July, 2023.**

ACTION : As noted above.

8 DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Submitted – a report by the Head of Regulation and Economic Development for consideration by the Committee.

The Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism and Maritime said that the visitor economy is fundamental to the sustainable economic position of Anglesey with £360m per annum generated into the local economy. However, over the last 3 years, visitor numbers to the Island has increased and this can have a negative impact on local communities and especially on the coastal areas of the Island. He noted that the Destination Management Plan is set out to deal with the opportunities and the challenges for the Island. The Portfolio Member further referred to the priorities of the Plan for 2023-2028, as set out within the report, and especially protecting the Welsh language, heritage and environment of the Island together with the economic benefits for Anglesey. He further said that the draft Destination Management Plan has been submitted for public consultation between 28th April, 2023 to 9th June, 2023 which resulted in 48 responses which is accepted is fairly low response to the documentation. However, the responses were constructive and of high quality. The Portfolio Member said that a Sub-Group is to be established with membership from different establishments with a focus in creating an Action Plan for the balance of attracting tourism to the Island whilst focusing also on the potential effects on local communities.

The Head of Regulation and Economic Development reiterated the comments by the Portfolio Member that the tourism sector is the largest sector on the Island. The Island experienced an influx of visitors during the last 3 years and it is necessary to mitigate the negative effects of tourism. He noted that there is a need to redefine the relationship with the tourism sector to ensure constructive dialogue.

The Committee considered the report and raised the following matters:-

- Reference was made as regards to improvements for maritime activities noted within the Plan. Concerns were raised as to problems encountered with inconsiderate use jet skis on the coasts of Anglesey. The Head of Regulation and Economic Development responded that the management of the seas is an issue and there is a need for a corporate response in respect of resources as regards to this matter;
- The Chair expressed that he considered that the Anglesey Town Centres Improvement Strategy (which was considered at the last meeting) needs to be incorporated in the Destination Management Plan whilst consideration is given to reviving the local communities and the economy. The Head of Regulation and Economic Development responded that a number of draft documents are currently reviewed for public consultation at present which are his responsibility as Head of Service. He assured that alignment will be undertaken between the documentation;
- Reference was made that it was not considered that 48 responses to the public consultation on the draft Destination Management Plan was sufficient. Questions were raised as to whether the use of social media would improve the responses to such public consultation processes? The Visitor Economy and Coastal Areas Manager responded that he considered that the 48 responses received were constrictive and of a high standard whilst acknowledging that a higher number of responses would have been more favourable. He noted that the current public consultation process was undertaken with the Council's on-line facilities with the use of the website and press releases. The Deputy Chief Executive said that the Senior Leadership Team is investigation as to how the Council is able to increase the responses into public consultation on various documentations at present;
- The Committee expressed that there is a need for sustainable tourism on the Island and that it does not affect local communities. Questions were raised as to the intention to establish a Sub-Group to discuss matters relating to sustainable tourism? The Visitor Economy and Coastal Areas Manager responded that the establishment of a Sub-Group is to enable feedback and ideas to ensure that the tourism sector is more sustainable and also links to the special attractions of the Island as regards to nature, landscape, wildlife and the history of Anglesey;
- Reference was made to the issues of illegal parking of campervans on specific areas on the Island. Comments were made that adequate parking facilities needs to be available for campervans. The Deputy Chief Executive responded that the internal Tourism Management Group has established a Sub-Group to specifically discuss the issues as regards to illegal parking of campervans and the need to address the required facilities for campervans;
- Reference was made to the popularity of Llanddwyn Beach and Newborough Forest by tourist which is causing traffic problems for the local community with emergency services unable to access the village of Newborough with the closure of the road leading to the village . Questions were raised as to the how the Council intends to address the continued traffic problems faced by the residents of Newborough? The Head of Regulation and Economic Development responded that there are currently discussions been undertaken with Natural Resources Wales to alleviate the problems at Newborough so as

to establish a strategic action plan for the area. He noted that the Council are eager to be part of the discussions so as to give confidence to the local community that the traffic issues are been considered.

It was RESOLVED:

- **To recommend that the Destination Management Plan be approved for adoption by the Executive;**
- **The Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum be requested to consider the propriety of programming a specific item on the impact of tourism on local communities for a future meeting of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.**

ACTION : As noted above.

9 QUARTER 4 : 2022/2023 - PROGRESS REPORT - NORTH WALES GROWTH BID (NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD)

Submitted – a report by the Chief Executive for consideration by the Committee.

The Deputy Chief Executive in response to a question by the Chair said that there has been no specific progress since the last quarterly report to this Committee.

In considering the report, the Committee raised the following:-

- Questions raised as to the association between the CJC's and the Economic Ambition Board and as to how the resources are shared? The Deputy Chief Executive responded that there is no formal association between the CJC's and the Ambition Board at present as they have currently separate structures. He noted that there are legal processes currently been undertaken with regard to the implications that may incur for the Ambition Board to be incorporated under the CJC's. He further said that there will be an opportunity for this Committee to scrutinise any decisions taken in due course.

It was RESOLVED to note the progress made during Quarter 4 : 2022/2023.

ACTION : As noted above.

10 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The report of the Scrutiny Manager setting out the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's indicative Forward Work Programme for 2023/2024 was presented for consideration.

It was RESOLVED :-

- **To agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2023/2024;**
- **To note the progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme.**

The meeting concluded at 5.00 pm

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES
CHAIR**