

**ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIPS AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>27 November, 2014</b>
<b>SUBJECT :</b>	<b>1. Single Integrated Plan - Gwynedd ac Ynys Môn; 2. Proposed Joint Local Services Board scrutiny arrangements.</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>1. Invite initial views on the Local Services Board proposed Key Priorities and Enablers; 2. Update Members on progress to date in developing elected member joint scrutiny arrangements underpinning the work of the Local Services Board.</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO MEMBER(S):</b>	<b>Councillor Ieuan Williams, Council Leader</b>
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**1. BACKGROUND/CONTEXT**

- 1.1 Public sector organisations have come together to form Local Services Boards (LSB) across the Principality in an attempt to co-ordinate and deliver better outcomes jointly. Members will be aware that it was decided to establish a joint Local Services Board for Gwynedd and Ynys Môn which was established in April, 2013;
- 1.2 The LSB is a high level strategic board which is reflected in its membership comprising Chief Executives and Leaders of the principal public service organisations. It is responsible for:
- Agreeing outcomes for local people and local strategic priorities for multi-agency working to support the broader agenda set out in the National Programme for Government and responding to local needs identified through a local needs assessment, as the basis for an integrated plan;
  - Ensuring appropriate governance and performance management arrangements are in place to achieve improvements, that managers and front line staff across agencies are working together effectively and that agreed priorities are reflected in individual organisations' corporate plans;
  - Ensuring partnership and delivery structures are fit for purpose and accountable;
  - Challenging where there is underperformance or coasting and implementing changes that reflect evidenced best practice to improve outcomes for the local population;
  - Reviewing and reporting annually on progress to the public, Welsh Government, democratically elected members and LSB member organisations.

The Local Services Board is the statutory partnership for all the areas within its area of work. There is one exception which is that of Community Safety which remains with the Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership.

## 2. THE GWYNEDD & YNYS MÔN LOCAL SERVICES BOARD TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY – KEY SHARED PRIORITIES [SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN]

2.1 The Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Local Services Board<sup>1</sup> have made a number of significant decisions relating to its future vision and strategic direction. These decisions include:

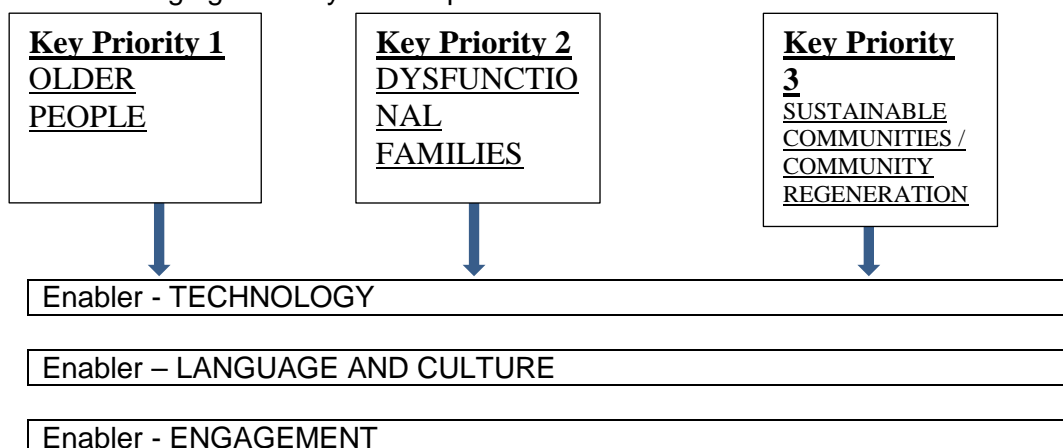
- A new ambition to be developed giving greater credence than previously to bridging the funding gap in public services – by ensuring more co-ordination of and focus upon demand management (improving public services) and introducing a programme of interventions that have a positive impact on behaviours which drive demand (co-design and production);
- A small number of key work-streams to be prioritised over the coming year or two which will enable the Local Services Board to make evidenced progress in pursuance of its emerging ambition.

2.2 Members will be aware that there are 3 initial steps underpinning the transformation journey of the LSB. Significant progress has been made over the past 6 months in delivering against the agreed milestones. Further work has been programmed over the coming months to enable the Board to begin to fully realise its new emerging ambition and strategic direction;

2.3 At the last meeting of the Local Services Board convened on 26 September, 2014 consideration was given to a number of matters:

- Draft set of operating principles to underpin the functioning and work of the Board;
- Some underpinning partnership values;
- A draft terms of reference;
- Key shared priorities for delivery over the next 2 years;
- TOP 10 LSB issues on the radar.

The emerging LSB key shared priorities can be summarised as follows:



Subject to LSB approval to the above Key Priorities and underpinning Enablers on 28 November, the next step will be to further develop each of the work-streams giving particular consideration to the following matters:

<sup>1</sup> Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Local Services Board meeting convened 12 March, 2014

- I. Desired organisational outcomes per Key Priority and Enabler for each LSB partner over the next 2 years;
- II. Evidence base for each Priority/Enabler;
- III. Contribution of LSB partners to each work-stream;
- IV. Delivery structure and governance under the Local Services Board to progress each Key Priority and Enabler.

### 3. TOWARDS ROBUST AND EFFECTIVE JOINT LSB SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 Members will recall that one current prioritised work-stream is that of further developing elected member scrutiny arrangements underpinning the work of the Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Local Services Board. The principle objective has been to consider how we might further develop robust scrutiny arrangements, providing an appropriate level of challenge to the Board – jointly across both Counties to reflect the mandate of the LSB. Part 2 of the 2009 Local Government Measure sets out the requirement upon us: *“...local authorities should have in place effective scrutiny processes to ensure local democratic accountability for partnership actions...”*

3.2 In light of Elected Member support of both Ynys Môn and Gwynedd Councils<sup>2</sup>, work has progressed in developing joint LSB scrutiny arrangements. Below is a resume of developments thus far:

- Multi-agency Task & Finish Project Group established. Membership includes Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales Fire & Rescue Service, North Wales Police, Snowdonia National Park, Local Authorities. The Group is currently negotiating 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector representation;
- Initial options paper developed outlining the possible joint scrutiny models to be considered by Elected Members;
- Negotiated input and mentoring by the Centre for Public Scrutiny throughout the process of developing the joint scrutiny arrangements for Ynys Môn and Gwynedd.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

- I. Finalise an options appraisal paper giving consideration to the advantages and disadvantages of each proposed scrutiny model;
- II. Submit joint scrutiny arrangement proposals for consideration by the Elected Member scrutiny committees of both Local Authorities early in the New Year. Proposals will include a full options appraisal for each model;
- III. Seek 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector input to the Options Appraisal of the scrutiny models.

### 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Partnerships and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is requested to:

- R1 Comment on the Local Services Board proposed Key Priorities and Enablers (as detailed in paragraph 2.3 above);**
- R2 Form a view on progress to date/proposed next steps in developing elected member joint scrutiny arrangements underpinning the work of the LSB.**

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<sup>2</sup> Partnerships & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee convened on 25 September, 2014 (Ynys Môn) / Corporate Scrutiny Committee convened on 11 September, 2014 (Gwynedd)

