

Carmarthenshire Public Services Board

Tuesday, 20 May 2025

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service HQ

Present	
Name	Organisation
Dr Andrew Cornish (Vice-chair)	Coleg Sir Gâr
Marie Mitchell	Carmarthenshire Voluntary Services Association
Mydrian Harries	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Huwel Manley	Natural Resources Wales
Chief Superintendent Kaamil Garnie	Heddlu Dyfed Powys Police
Cllr. Jane Tremlett	Carmarthenshire County Council – Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care
Dawn Davies	Hywel Dda University Health Board / Public Health Wales
Present	
Name	Organisation
Rhian Rees	Senior Public Health Practitioner
Jenny McConnel	Future Generations Commissioner's Office
Gwyneth Ayers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Amy Richmond Jones	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Llinos Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council

Apologies	
Name	Organisation
Councillor Darren Price	Carmarthenshire County Council
Dr Ardiana Gjini	Executive Director of Public Health
Carys Morgans	Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Dr Jo McCarthy	Hywel Dda University Health Board / Public Health Wales
Dr Michael Thomas	Hywel Dda University Health Board / Public Health Wales
Jessica Thomas	Heddlu Dyfed Powys Police
Andrew Charles	Welsh Government
Cllr. John Davies	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Liz Bowen	Probation Service

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Presentations and Apologies

Andrew Cornish welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Future Generations Report 2025

Responsible: Jenny McConnel, Sustainable Development Advisor

Discussion:

Statutory requirement to publish a Future Generations every 5-years ahead of Senedd elections (will change to every 4-years once new arrangements for Senedd come into place). Takes account of progress since last Future Generations Report and is based on the missions as set-out by the Commissioner, Derek Walker.

Calls to action outlined in the report:

- No more short-term fixes
- Supercharge actions with multiple benefits
- Unlock private sector finance
- A Real Living Wage commitment
- Ringfence prevention funding
- A national food resilience plan
- Culture must be protected
- Rebuild trust in decision-making
- Invest in public services
- Simplify partnerships and funding
- Review and strengthen the WFG Act.

Huwel Manley supported the approach and focus on food resilience and the shift needed for the agricultural sector to develop a more mixed economy.

Andrew Cornish noted that skills development is going to be key to the food and green sector missions. There is a feeling that work is still very siloed and there needs to be much greater cohesion between various agencies.

FG have established a suite of indicators to monitor progress but limited to date.

Follow up session in October with all organisations subject to the Act to check-in on progress with implementing the recommendations.

Mydrian Harries noted that the aspirations are worthy but will need funding to fulfil. What has been Welsh Government's response to the recommendations? Jenny noted that WG have already made an announcement on some of the recommendations and political parties will be reviewing the report and recommendations as they develop their political manifestos for next year's Senedd elections.

Dawn Davies queried the recommendation to ring-fence prevention funding and how that could work in practice.

Andrew Cornish queried if there's likely to be an expansion of organisations subject to the WFG Act. Jenny noted that 6 organisations have recently been added to the legislation but doesn't currently include further and higher education organisations although many of them apply the principles of the Act.

Gwyneth Ayers noted support in principle to the recommendations but putting some of the recommendations into practice will be more challenging. Public sector organisations are currently fire-fighting to keep services open therefore future proofing services, albeit understood to be the right thing to do, is challenging to implement.

Huwel Manley queried what incentives could be put in place to encourage greater collaboration between regional public sector partners.

PSB organisations subject to the Act will need to prepare an organisational response, and PSB response to some recommendations. It was agreed to have a discussion about PSB specific recommendations at the next meeting.

3. Social Model for Health and Well-being

Responsible: Rhian Rees, Senior Public Health Practitioner

Discussion: Introduction and discussion

Rhian Rees gave an outline of the model and the key data sets driving the model. Based on ARCH Health Needs Assessment (November 2023).

Purpose of the model is to work in tackling inequalities in health. No one organisation can achieve this in isolation and the approach towards collaboration needs to further develop.

6 principles identified:

- Complement and integrate
- Strategic commitment
- Involvement and co-production
- Equality and equity
- Prevention and early intervention
- Testing and learning.

Members discussed who the key drivers will be in this work and Rhian noted that we need to celebrate the work that's currently happening and then we need to work collectively to find the levers that can influence and support.

MH thanked Rhian for her presentation and asked where young people featured in this work? Dawn noted the development of the 24/7 approach, which focuses on the 24 most deprived wards and then the 7 key population areas such as young people, our ageing population etc.

HM asked a question in terms of tracking the positive impact on health in terms of the Covid pandemic e.g. the numbers of people walking, use of green and blue spaces etc? Rhian noted that obesity levels had increased slightly during Covid and we have also seen an increase in the number of young people facing mental health difficulties.

GA asked if the PSB could have access to the delivery plan, further to discussion with the Steering Group for the Model. It was noted that PSB members around the table have access to members of the public on a daily basis.

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4. Minutes and Issues

Accepted as an accurate record.

Action Log:

Action 235 – Mydrian Harries confirmed that contact between Fire and Police in relation to road safety has been progressed.

It was agreed to send a gentle reminder on the actions from the previous meeting.

5. Any Other Business

Responsible: Huwel Manley

Discussion: Climate Change Risk Assessment

Thanked partners for input to date, working with Ceredigion PSB to progress the work. Planning session for officers from both PSBs to be held in July to prepare for joint session to be held in the Newcastle Emlyn area on the 16 October.

Huwel Manley asked partners to nominate officers from their respective organisation to contribute to the work of planning and hosting the joint PSB session. **ACTION:** all to confirm nominations.

61 recognised risks with the risk assessment framework – purpose of the session will be to identify significant risks for Carmarthenshire/Ceredigion and then enable collaborative working between PSB organisations to develop action plan and response to key issues.

6. Future Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for 15 July 2025 (2-4 PM).

Meeting to be held via Teams.