



## Carmarthenshire Public Services Board

2pm, Tuesday 21 January 2025

Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service HQ, Carmarthen

Present	
Name	Organisation
Councillor Darren Price (Chair)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor John Davies	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Marie Mitchell	Carmarthenshire Voluntary Services Association
Mydrian Harries	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Huwel Manley	Natural Resources Wales
Supt. Jayne Butler	Heddlu Dyfed Powys Police
Dr Jo McCarthy	Hywel Dda University Health Board / Public Health Wales
Andrew Charles	Welsh Government
Carys Morgans	Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Present	
Name	Organisation
Gwyneth Ayers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Jan Coles	Carmarthenshire County Council
Geinor Jones	Hywel Dda Public Health Team
Amy Richmond Jones	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Llinos Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Apologies	
Name	Organisation
Dr Andrew Cornish	Coleg Sir Gâr
Ardiana Gjini	Executive Director of Public Health
Dr Michael Thomas	Hywel Dda Public Health Team
Kate Harrop	Carmarthenshire County Council
Linda Jones	Regional Partnership Board

### 2. Future Generations Report 2025

#### Discussion:

Introduction and discussion led by Gwyneth Ayers

GA outlined the Future Generations Report for 2025, highlighting its importance for PSB Members and organisations and for the Senedd Elections 2026.

The Future Generations Report is a legal requirement for Welsh Ministers, public bodies, and Public Services Boards to consider in setting or revising well-being objectives.

The report assesses public bodies' improvements needed to meet well-being objectives and provides advice for future actions.

The key findings from the **Future Generations Report 2025** are noted here:

- There is strong support for, and pride in, the Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) Act across the public sector. Public servants are working hard to do the right thing for the long-term, not just the short term.
- Inequality levels are getting worse and becoming entrenched. Integrated policies and programmes that address the root causes of inequality are vital, and the public sector must make them a bigger priority.
- The scaling up of prevention activity is both essential and urgent. Action needs to be prioritised and budgets protected.
- Where there is meaningful involvement of communities in decision making, there is better delivery and outcomes. However, good involvement of citizens is not happening as systematically as it should be.
- Partnership and collaboration arrangements are complicated and confusing. They need to be simplified and properly resourced.

The key recommendations from the **Future Generations Report 2025** include:

- Build on the WG foundational economy programme and promote Community Wealth Building approaches across Wales.
- Make culture a statutory requirement on public bodies, and ensure funding is allocated to make that happen.
- Develop national and local food strategies to ensure our ambitions on health, land use, and nature are aligned.
- Establish statutory targets for nature recovery by the Welsh Government.
- Prioritise prevention across policy, law, and action. Allocate funding appropriately, create ringfenced budgets for prevention, and increase it year on year.
- Simplify the partnership landscape in Wales to reduce bureaucracy, allow for greater accountability, and enable more effective collaboration across all sectors.

There will be an opportunity for individual PSB Member organisations to respond to the report; however, concern was noted in terms of the level of resource required to ensure that the recommendations are actioned.

MH noted that the alignment of Well-being Plans across areas and the budget allocations are not reflected within the report. It seems counter intuitive whereby PSB Member organisations are striving to do more but are faced with budgetary and service-based pressures.

CM noted that the recommendation in terms of Making Culture a statutory requirement on public bodies is one that needs clarity and understanding.

AC noted that the recommendations must be tailored for PSBs across Wales. The recommendations need to be broken down and the detail needs to be added, in order to be applicable to various audiences and how the debate can be moved forward.

Cllr. JD noted that the challenge facing PSBs is how to improve services and the process behind this. This must be seen from the perspective of service users across our communities. The reality of service delivery hand in hand with the service pressures is the reality faced.

The final report will be published on the 29 April 2025.

Members questioned the added value of the report but looked forward to further discussion.

**Action Items:**

- Circulate a copy of the Future Generations 2025 report, when published.

**Well-being Objective: To improve well-being and reduce health inequalities**

**3. Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales**

**Discussion:**

Update and discussion led by Geinor Jones.

GJ thanked the PSB for the opportunity to present an update to members, further to the Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales workshop held in December 2024.

The focus area across the region will be Access to Food, the includes availability and affordability of food. The team will now engage with partners who are involved and have commissioned Social network analysis, with further details to be circulated in the next three weeks.

A learning network will be established, and Jan Evans will be circulating further information in due course.

The team will be working closely with Alex Cook as Food Strategy Development Manager.

The new Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales delivery plan will be published in April 2025 and circulated to PSB members.

Cllr. JD noted key discussion on food will relate to how you use food so the education piece will be key to getting people back to understand how to prepare food from fresh. Affordability will also be key. Initiatives such as Cook 24 will be central to this approach

GJ noted that purpose is to bring various workstreams and developments together, not to duplicate or start afresh.

HM noted that local sourcing of vegetables and fruit will be key as Wales/UK markets currently outsourcing most of the produce they create. Access and use of food produced locally is key.

**Action Items:**

- Social Network Analysis information to be circulated (Geinor Jones / PSB Support Team).

#### **4. Public Services Board Matters**

##### **Discussion:**

Records and issues from 19 November 2024 and action log.

Minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

#### **5. Corporate Parenting Charter**

##### **Discussion:**

Introduction and discussion led by Jan Coles, Head of Children's Services, Carmarthenshire County Council.

Jan Coles joined the meeting to introduce the Corporate Parenting Charter to PSB members. The Charter was signed by the then First Minister, Mark Drakeford on 22 September 2023.

The Charter sets out 11 principles and nine promises and encourages public sector organisations and third sector organisations to sign up.

Jan noted that care experienced young people are disadvantaged in all elements of life and she shared the principles for corporate parents such as Equality, Support, and Good Health.

Various organisations, including politicians, local authorities, health boards, and social care providers, are identified as corporate parents. JC emphasised the collective responsibility of the public sector in safeguarding care-experienced children.

Potential offerings include free access to lifelong learning, protected job status, priority for apprenticeships, reduced council tax, and avoiding unnecessary criminalization of children in care. Additional services include priority funding for school activities, reduced rate childcare, and free/reduced rate access to leisure facilities.

JC asked members to nominate individuals to participate in a multi-agency working group to develop the offer to deliver the Charter for care experienced young people in Carmarthenshire.

Superintendent Jayne Butler noted support for the Charter and noted that Dyfed Powys Police would be able to assist in many of the positive interventions suggested. Jayne noted that she would be happy to participate in the multi-agency working group.

HM noted that there may be opportunities within Natural Resources Wales and will discuss further with Jan following the meeting.

MH noted that this works well from a Community Safety perspective and in terms of Future Leaders. The MAWW Fire & Rescue Service will form part of the multi-agency working group.

AC noted his personal support for the Charter and noted that this is a positive step.

JM thanked Jan for her presentation and for bringing ideas and suggestions and ideas to the table for discussion by members. JM will consider a nomination to attend the group.

Further information on the multi-agency group will be circulated and members will be able to send nominations to Jan.

**Action Items:**

- Further information on the Corporate Parenting Charter and the multi-agency group to be circulated by Jan Coles / PSB Support Team.

**6. Any other business**

**Discussion:**

Forward work programme and Climate Change Risk Assessment.

Members were reminded to forward nominations for the Climate Change Risk Assessment task and finish group.

**Action Items:**

- JB to confirm Police representation,
- CM noted that a new Sustainability Officer has been appointed, who may be able to form part of the group.
- JM noted that Bruce Bowlan, Public Health Wales could be appropriate. Confirmation to be received from Jo.

**7. Future meetings**

**Discussion:**

Forward Work Programme and date of next meeting.

**Action Items:**

- Potential item in relation to Domestic Abuse and Violence against Women to be researched.
- Potential item in terms of the outcome of the WLGA Regional meeting on Water Quality to be researched and discussed with Huwel Manley.
- Add Jo McCarthy to the PSB circulation list.

Next meeting scheduled for 25 March 2025 (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM) on Teams.