

## **Carmarthenshire Public Services Board**

**Tuesday, 25 March 2025**

**2:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

**Via Teams**

<b>Present</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Councillor Darren Price (Chair)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Marie Mitchell	Carmarthenshire Voluntary Services Association
Geraint Thomas	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Huwel Manley	Natural Resources Wales
Chief Superintendent Kaamil Garnie	Heddlu Dyfed Powys Police
Dr Jo McCarthy	Hywel Dda University Health Board / Public Health Wales
Dr Andrew Cornish	Coleg Sir Gâr
Carys Morgans	Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Hannah Hyde	Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Andrew Charles	Welsh Government
<b>Present</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Alex Cook	Carmarthenshire County Council
Cathy Richards	Carmarthenshire County Council
Natalie Hancock	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
Sioned Raymond	Carmarthenshire County Council

<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Dr Ardiana Gjini	Executive Director of Public Health
Superintendent Jayne Butler	Heddlu Dyfed Powys Police
Gwyneth Ayers	Carmarthenshire County Council
Kate Harrop	Carmarthenshire County Council
Linda Jones	Regional Partnership Board

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **1. Welcome, Presentations and Apologies**

Councillor Darren Price welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. Carmarthenshire Food Strategy

### Discussion:

Introduction and discussion led by Alex Cook.

AC presented the Vision, Ambition and Mission for the Carmarthenshire Food Strategy. Alex thanked everyone involved in the project over the last few months, highlighting the good interviews with partners and organisations. They mentioned that there will be more opportunities for partners to be involved and asked for agreement in principle on the new strategy format.

The Vision is for 'A Carmarthenshire Food System that produces, promotes and provides healthy and sustainable food for future generations'. The three strategic objectives were outlined: food for public health, public sector provision, and the food economy. Each objective has its own mission and targets, such as ensuring access to local and sustainable food for all residents by 2035 and eliminating non-emergency need for food banks by 2040.

The mission's underneath each of the strategic aims are as follows -

- 100% of residents in Carmarthenshire have access to local, healthy and sustainable food by 2035. *\*access is defined as Skills/Knowledge, Affordability and Physical availability.*
- Carmarthenshire becomes the first county in Wales to eliminate 'non-emergency' need for food banks by creating dignified and universal access by 2040.
- Carmarthenshire adopts 'Health Traffic Lighting' labelling in 100% of Public Sector settings by 2035.
- Significantly decrease the consumption of processed foods and foods that are high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS) and increase the consumption of fruit and vegetables.
- 30% of Public Food Procurement has provenance from organic or sustainability accredited local and Welsh producers by 2030.
- 100% of education settings include Food Literacy as part of Key Stages 1–5 by 2030.
- 75% reduction in the \*environmental footprint of public sector food procurement by 2035 \*full life cycle of food, from production to waste.
- Work to increase employment opportunities in the agricultural sector (primary food production) by 2030.
- 100% of Carmarthenshire Food Sector Jobs paid the real living wage by 2035.
- Increase the amount of Community Food and Social Enterprises, spread equitably across the county.

Alex presented the economic, environmental, and social outcomes of the strategy, including more established pathways into food sector careers, lower carbon and environmental footprint, and improved health outcomes.

AC recommended approving the strategy in principle, designing and publishing the strategy, and establishing a task and finish group to deliver the next steps. This includes mapping and engaging key stakeholders, developing an action plan, and setting up governance and monitoring frameworks.

Cllr Darren Price thanked Alex for his presentation which is an important piece of work. It was emphasised that there are lots of positive opportunities there in terms of health, environmental and economic benefits.

Members agreed the importance of undertaking a wide discussion with a wide range of stakeholders and agreed to support the action points as recommended.

Actions:

- AC to look into the possibility of holding a public event to discuss the draft Food Strategy with members of the public.
- AC to lead on establishing a task & finish group to support the work.

### **3. Violence against Women and Girls**

#### **Discussion:**

Presentation by Natalie Hancock and Cathy Richards.

Natalie Hancock presented the regional strategy for violence against women, domestic abuse, and sexual violence, highlighting the six key priority areas and the governance structure supporting the strategy. The governance structure for the strategy includes a regional safeguarding board, which acts as the executive for the strategy, a strategic board, and a delivery group that focuses on operational aspects. This structure ensures coordinated efforts and accountability in addressing violence against women and girls.

There are six priority areas -

- Priority one is around communications and engagement, which initially raised awareness of the VAWDASV legislation.
- Priority two is in relation to children and young people. NH noted specific campaigns in terms of children and young people and this support will be delivered face to face in our communities and amongst staff. There is also a focus on the RSE Curriculum; however, there's no consistent material in terms of VAWDASV. The team are working closely with RSE leads across the region to improve this.

- Priority three is in relation to perpetrators of domestic abuse and sexual violence, where over the last three years the team has been developing their offer in respect of perpetuate intervention and now has a consistent regional offer across the four local authorities. The team are also working with boys and young men around consent and misogyny, supported by Welsh Government. The work will be introduced in Pembrokeshire first before being rolled out in Carmarthenshire.
- Priority four relates to early intervention and prevention which is a wide area of the delivery plan.
- Priority five is around training and how it links into the National training framework around VAWDASV.
- Priority six then is in relation to commissioning where a regional service specification is in place which underlines the requirement for all local authorities across mid and West Wales.

Natalie emphasised the role of the Survivor Advisory Panel in informing regional work and working with key partners to improve service delivery. The panel's membership is being expanded to ensure representation of all victims. These experiences are integral to the local planning work to support individuals.

There will be a local Delivery Day in April/May 2025 to discuss potential gaps and how local delivery can meet those.

AC noted that the Well-being Assessment highlighted Domestic Abuse and there is an opportunity through the PSB to ensure that local strategies and legislative duties are met.

CM thanked Natalie for the work in supporting the Police & Crime Commissioners Office and encouraged the PSB to consider all opportunities to strengthen those relationships. HH also thanked Natalie for her work on the Survivor Advisory Panel and ensuring that those lived experiences are reflected upon. Workshops will be held in Carmarthenshire, Powys, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

The Chair raised a question in terms of the RSE Curriculum and Natalie confirmed the discussion in terms of the inclusion of VAWDSV as part of the curriculum. Education based staff must have the confidence to explain and support this agenda well.

CM noted that the Commissioner is keen to review the offer in the School Support provision and it was agreed that CM and Natalie link in to discuss further.

#### **Actions:**

- Carys Morgans and Natalie Hancock to discuss the School Support based offer to ensure that VAWDASV is considered and delivered as part of the programme.

#### **4. Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029**

##### **Discussion:**

Presentation by Carys Morgans and Hannah Hyde.

CM outlined the background for the Police and Crime Plan and the Strategic Policing Requirement. CM thanked colleagues for their diligent work in researching and preparing the Plan and a recent audit has reflected well on the work undertaken.

HH presented the Police and Crime Plan for 2025-2029, highlighting the three priorities: supporting victims and preventing victimization, supporting safe communities by preventing harm, and supporting a more effective justice system. Hannah explained the performance measurement framework, which includes quarterly reports and an annual roundup to demonstrate progress in each priority area. The framework will use both qualitative and quantitative data to assess impact.

Current work is being done to develop the business plan which will set up specific work that the office and Commissioner are going to be undertaking. The Commissioner's overarching aim is to improve trust and confidence in local policing.

The Commissioner is committed to working with partners to tackle the challenges faced by our communities by influencing and advocating change within the criminal justice system and important, improving the experience for victims and witnesses.

HH asked Members of the PSB to discuss organisational opportunities to support the delivery of the Policing Plan. Members are welcome to contact Hannah for a further discussion regarding this.

Hannah discussed the importance of partnership working and introduced the new Select Committee review process. The first review will focus on crime and anti-social behaviour, intervention, prevention, and engagement services for young people aged 18 to 25. Members were invited to note their interest in the work and being involved in the future.

AC noted that there is a concern in Further Education in terms of boys and young men. These concerns include misogyny, influencers etc alongside areas such as county lines. AC suggested an opportunity to bring PSB members and other support agencies together to discuss further. Coleg Sir Gar would be willing to host and ask the Commissioner's Office to consider this suggestion further.

##### **Actions:**

- Geraint Thomas to pass the information to the Intervention Team within MAWW Fire & Rescue Service, specifically in relation to Road Safety.

- Members to consider participation in the Select Committee review focusing on the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour intervention, prevention, and engagement services for young people aged 18 to 25.
- Andrew Cornish to meet with Hannah and Carys to discuss preventative opportunities further, linking Coleg Sir Gâr with the Policing Plan.

## **5. Whole Systems Approach to Healthy Weight Update (Hywel Dda and Swansea Bay Region)**

### **Discussion:**

Update provided by Geinor Jones.

Geinor Jones thanked everyone who completed the social network survey. The analysis work has started and once completed a report will be shared with the group.

It was agreed that they will continue to communicate with Alex Cook who will be a key stakeholder going forwards as well as the PSB.

Engagement work has been done within the communities, specifically in Ceredigion around Lampeter area. Training will be provided for people to go out into the communities and map assets around food.

It was agreed to create the links with Ceredigion PSB, with a view to working with Pembrokeshire PSB in future.

### **Actions:**

- Alex Cook to link in with Geinor Jones to discuss opportunities to work with Ceredigion PSB on the asset mapping work.

## **6. Public Service Board Matters**

Review of minutes from 21 January 2025 and action log.

No issues were raised in relation to the previous meetings minutes and action log.

## **7. Any other business**

### **Discussion:**

#### **Climate Change Risk Assessment**

LLE outlined the Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA3) for Wales and the requirements placed on PSBs in terms of conducting local climate risk assessments,

collaborating with stakeholders, establish governance structures, and incorporate climate adaptation into well-being plans to enhance community resilience.

Members agreed on the following:

- To undertake the local CCRA work in partnership with Ceredigion PSB.
- To ensure representation at a meeting scheduled for the 28 March (11-12 via Teams) to discuss governance, organising a dedicated workshop and agree resources.
- Members to check nominations for the CCRA Task & Finish and forward any additional names to the PSB Support Team.

Jo McCarthy confirmed that Bruce Bolam is happy to be contacted about being the HDdUHB representative.

### **Age Friendly Communities**

LLE outlined the proposal for the World Health Organisation's Age Friendly Communities programme. The aim of the programme is to create inclusive environments for older adults through a global network of over 1,300 communities and identifies eight essential domains for age-friendly cities.

Members agreed on the following:

- Commit to the Initiative: Demonstrate a strong commitment to becoming an age-friendly community by joining the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. Carmarthenshire County Council will lead the application.
- Monitor and Evaluate Progress: Establish a system for monitoring and evaluating the impact of age-friendly initiatives to ensure continuous improvement and adaptation to the needs of the community.

### **Action:**

- Policy & Involvement Team to lead on the Carmarthenshire submission to the World Health Organisation Age-friendly Communities.

### **8. Future Meetings**

Next meeting scheduled for 20 May 2025 (2-4 PM).

Meeting to be held face to face.