

# Scrutiny Report



## Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

### Part 1

Date: 25 April 2018

### Subject **Public Services Board Scrutiny Recommendations Monitoring**

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Role:
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## Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

### 1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

1. Monitor the Recommendations made by the Public Services Board Scrutiny Review, to date and assess the implementation;
2. Consider the current arrangements for Scrutiny of the PSB and determine if any changes are necessary;
3. Determine if it wishes to make any comments to the Public Services Board and / or Council.
4. If the Committee is satisfied that the recommendations have been implemented, agree to cease monitoring of these recommendations.

### 2 Context

#### Background

- 2.1 A Policy Review Group was set up in 2016 to develop PSB Scrutiny and put an effective framework in place and report back to the SSRS Committee as the designated Committee for overall responsibility for scrutiny of the PSB. The Review Group was comprised of Members from the three Scrutiny Committees in the former Scrutiny Committee structure. The Review Group reported its Final report to the meeting of Street Scene, Regeneration and Safety Scrutiny

Committee held on 20 April 2017, when the Committee made its recommendations upon scrutiny of the PSB.

- 2.2 The Review Group met on 9 occasions, and produced a final report making recommendations on a permanent approach for Scrutiny of the PSB. ***(A link to the Report to the Streetscene, Regeneration and Safety Scrutiny Committee held on 20 April 2017 and Minute is included in Background Papers in Section 8 of this report.)***
- 2.3 Subsequently, as part of the new Scrutiny Committee Structure adopted at Annual Council on 16 May 2017 the Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships was designated the Scrutiny Committee with statutory responsibility for the scrutiny of the Public Services Board.
- 2.4 When agreeing its work programme in July 2017, the Committee agreed to include monitoring of the recommendations made by the review group.

### **3 Information Submitted to the Committee**

- 3.1 An updated Monitoring Table of the Recommendations made regarding scrutiny of the Public Services Board is attached as **Appendix 1** for the Committee to consider.

### **4. Suggested Areas of Focus**

#### **Role of the Committee**

##### **The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:**

- Assess the update upon the implementation to date of the Recommendations made by the PSB Scrutiny Review and consider:
  - Whether the Recommendations have been implemented;
  - The extent to which any outstanding recommendations are being addressed;
  - How well Scrutiny of the PSB has progressed in its first year;
- Conclusions:
  - What was the overall conclusion upon the update?
  - Is the Committee satisfied that it has had sufficient information to base a conclusion?
  - Does the Committee wish to make any Comments to Council and / or PSB?

#### **Suggested Lines of Enquiry**

- 4.1 In evaluating the implementation of the Public Service Board Scrutiny recommendations attached as **Appendix 1**, the Committee may wish to consider:
- The overall view of the Recommendations implementation to date?
  - What is planned to progress any outstanding Recommendations?
  - If there are there any barriers to implementing any of the Recommendations?
  - If the opportunity for the Committee to feedback at the end of each meeting is contributing to improving scrutiny of the Public Services Board?
  - Whether the Committee is satisfied that the recommendations of the Group have been implemented effectively? And what further monitoring of the PSB scrutiny arrangements are required in the future?

## Section B – Supporting Information

### 5 Additional Data and Analysis

#### Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards issued by Welsh Government in August 2017:

- 5.1 *“Research into the practice of collaborative or joint scrutiny in England and Wales identifies that arrangements are effective when they demonstrate the following characteristics:*

#### Characteristics of effective partnership scrutiny

- Scrutiny regards itself as a form of ‘critical friendship with positive intent’ in which scrutiny practitioners act as advocates for the success of joint working.
- Collaborative performance is evaluated from the citizen’s perspective.
- Strong efforts are made to understand the complexity of partnership arrangements and to facilitate learning about the culture and assumptions of different organizations.
- Scrutiny creates positive expectations by focussing on issues regarded as useful to the partnership or where there is consensus that ‘things need to change’.
- Scrutiny demonstrates intellectual independence and investigative rigour in all of its activities.
- Scrutiny demonstrates a positive impact by developing clear, timely, evidence-based recommendations aimed at enhancing collaborative performance.
- Scrutiny critically evaluates its own performance utilising partnership perspectives.

### 6 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

- Newport City Council’s Corporate Plan and Wellbeing objectives:

<b>Well-being Objectives</b>	Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	Improve skills, educational outcomes & employment opportunities	Enable people to be healthy, independent & resilient	Build cohesive & sustainable communities
<b>Corporate Plan Commitments</b>	Thriving City	Aspirational People		Resilient Communities
<b>Supporting Function</b>	Modernised Council			

## 7 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

### 7.1 General questions

- How is this area / policy affected by the new legislation?
- How will this decision / policy / proposal impact upon future generations? What is the long term impact?
- What evidence is provided to demonstrate WFGA has been / is being considered?
- Evidence from Community Profiles / other data?
- (When published:) Evidence of links to Wellbeing Assessment / Objectives / Plan?

### 7.2 Wellbeing Goals

- How are the Wellbeing goals reflected in the policy / proposal / action?
  - *A prosperous Wales*
  - *A resilient Wales*
  - *A healthier Wales*
  - *A more equal Wales*
  - *A Wales of cohesive communities*
  - *A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language*
  - *A globally responsible Wales*

### 7.3 Sustainable Development Principles

- Does the report / proposal demonstrate how as an authority we are working in accordance with the sustainable development principles from the act when planning services?
  - **Long Term**  
*The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs*
  - **Prevention**  
*How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives*
  - **Integration**  
*Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies*
  - **Collaboration**  
*Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives*
  - **Involvement**  
*The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.*

## 8. Background Papers

- Streetscene, Regeneration and Safety Scrutiny Committee held on 20 April 2017 [Report](#) (Item 6 Refers) and [Minutes](#).
- Scrutiny Committee Structure [Report](#) and [Minutes](#) of Meeting of Council AGM held on 16 May 2017
- [Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards](#) (Issued by Welsh Government August 2017)
- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)

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