

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2018

CARMARTHENSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) MINUTES MARCH 2018

To consider and comment on the following issues:

To consider and scrutinise the content of the PSB minutes from its meeting on 8 March 2018.

Reasons:

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 notes the requirement that a designated local government scrutiny committee is appointed to scrutinise the work of the PSB. In Carmarthenshire, the Council's Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee has been designated as the relevant scrutiny committee.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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In order to ensure PSBs are democratically accountable, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a requirement on councils to designate an overview and scrutiny committee to scrutinise the work of the PSB. In the 'Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards' issued by Welsh Government in August 2017 it notes:

'Under the provisions contained in the Act, overview and scrutiny committees have extensive powers to review the PSB's governance arrangements as well as any decisions made or actions taken by the PSB. In addition, overview and scrutiny committees are provided with considerable reporting powers as they are required to share copies of any reports or recommendations made in connection with the board's function or governance arrangement with the Welsh Ministers, the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and the Auditor General for Wales.'

In Carmarthenshire, the Council's Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee has been designated as the relevant scrutiny.

The minutes of the March 2018 Carmarthenshire PSB meeting were approved by the PSB at its 2 May 2018 meeting. One amendment agreed to the published minutes was the need to add Geraint Thomas, Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service to the list of attendees.

The minutes are presented to the Council's Policy & Resources Scrutiny for further consideration and scrutiny.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Wendy Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The presentation of PSB minutes to a designated overview and scrutiny committee is a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Paragraph 181 of Statutory Guidance SPSF 3: Collective role notes:

'The (scrutiny) committee must send a copy of any report or recommendation it makes to the Welsh Ministers, the (Future Generations) Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales.'

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Wendy Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy

1. Local Member(s) N/A

2. Community / Town Council N/A

3. Relevant Partners Through the Public Services Board meeting

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
SPSF 3 – Guidance on the collective role through public services boards		Cymraeg http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/161111-spsf-3-collective-role-cy.pdf English http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/161111-spsf-3-collective-role-en.pdf
Guidance for Local Authority Scrutiny Committees on the scrutiny of Public Services Boards		Cymraeg http://gov.wales/docs/dpsp/publications/170817-public-services-boards-guidance-cy.pdf English http://gov.wales/docs/dpsp/publications/170817-public-services-boards-guidance-en.pdf