

Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee

20 October 2021

CARMARTHENSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) MINUTES – MAY & JULY 2021

Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. To consider and scrutinise the content of the PSB minutes from its virtual meetings on 4 May and 15 July 2021.

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.

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Emlyn Dole, Leader

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
20 October 2021

Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (PSB) Minutes –
May & July 2021

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 May 2021 Carmarthenshire PSB meeting were approved by the PSB at its 15 July 2021 meeting and the minutes of the July 2021 meeting were approved by the PSB at its 29 September 2021 meeting.

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

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
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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: Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT & Corporate Policy

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

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: Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT & Corporate Policy

1. Scrutiny Committee Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee – 20 October 2021

2. Local Member(s) N/A

3. Community / Town Council

Representatives from one of the seven Carmarthenshire Town & Community Councils subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act in their own right, attend PSB meetings on a rota basis.

4. Relevant Partners Through the Public Services Board meeting

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**
YES

Cllr Emlyn Dole attends PSB meetings on behalf of the Council

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