
CONWY AND DENBIGHSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

Monday, 16 December 2024 at 2.00 pm
Virtual Meeting

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| PRESENT: | Councillor Jason McLellan (Chair) | Denbighshire County Council |
| | Tom Barham | Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council |
| | Rebecca Colley Jones | Co-Production Lab Wales |
| | Mike Corcoran | Co-Production Network for Wales |
| | Steven Grayston | Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board |
| | Helena Kirk | North Wales Housing Association |
| | Councillor Charlie McCoubrey | Conwy County Borough Council |
| | Louise Woodfine | Public Health Team |
| | Iona Hughes | Natural Resources Wales |
| | Helen Millband | Natural Resources Wales |
| | Justin Hanson | Natural Resources Wales |
| Officers: | Berwyn Jones | Conwy County Borough Council |
| | Fran Lewis | Head of People and Performance |
| | Robyn Lovelock | Denbighshire County Council |

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Caryl Lewis (Co Production Network), Rhun ap Gareth and Iolo McGregor (Conwy County Borough Council), Andy Jones (North Wales Probation Service) and Martin Cox (National Resources Wales).

9. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board held on 20 September 2024 were submitted for approval.

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board held on 20 September 2024 be approved.

10. WELL-BEING INDICATORS

In Iolo McGregor's absence, Robyn Lovelock (Denbighshire County Council) gave a presentation on the Well Being Indicators.

It was suggested that members consider the data and if any areas warranted further exploration within the Forward Work Plan.

After some discussion regarding the discrepancies between Conwy and Denbighshire and the Welsh average, it was proposed that focusing on certain smaller areas, with inequality and prevention of homelessness suggested.

RESOLVED –

That exploration of certain areas of the well-being indicators be undertaken, with a targeted approach to homelessness suggested to ensure the best results.

11. **IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PRESCRIBING FRAMEWORK FOR WALES**

Brian Laing (BCUHB) gave a presentation on the Implementation of the National Social Prescribing Framework for Wales, the purpose of which was to reduce inequalities in health outcomes and improve population health and wellbeing. The plan included forming local action groups, co-designing social prescribing offers based on population needs, and joint commissioning arrangements.

It was suggested that Councillor Jason McLellan (Chair) and Robyn Lovelock (Denbighshire County Council) be involved in facilitating the process, and provide updates to the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board on the progress of the joint commissioning arrangements of the action groups.

RESOLVED –

That Councillor Jason McLellan (Chair) and Robyn Lovelock (Denbighshire County Council) would be involved with facilitating the process, and provide updates to the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board on the progress of the joint commissioning arrangements of action groups.

12. **SHAPING PLACES IN WALES**

Louise Woodfine (BCUHB) gave a verbal update on Shaping Places in Wales.

Following on from the item at the previous Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board (PSB) it was noted that the next series of workshops would be held in February 2025. It was proposed that a representative from the PSB would attend, including Councillor Jason McLellan (Chair), with Louise Woodfine (Public Health Team), Iona Hughes (Natural Resources Wales), and Tom Barham (Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council) expressing interest from a Third Sector perspective.

RESOLVED –

That Councillor Jason McLellan (Chair) attend the Shaping Places in Wales Workshops as the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board representative.

13. **FORWARD WORK PLANNING**

Mike Corcoran (Co-Production Network for Wales) gave an update on the Forward Work Plan and structure.

A continuation of 4 meetings per year was suggested, with a focus on certain key pilot projects, and revisiting these in subsequent meetings to ensure meaningful progress.

Informal meetings would continue to focus on engagement and communication.

The following points were discussed –

- Concerns were raised regarding officer workload and duplication of work in terms of additional subgroups being established.
- Concerns that the subgroups would become officers driving change rather than members of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board (PSB). The need for a risk register workshop in the forthcoming year in order to identify and prioritise areas of focus.
- It was noted that there were outstanding PSB grant monies that were required to be used before the end of the financial year.

As a way forward, it was suggested that a focus on a tight set of topics and avoiding duplication was the best way of utilising limited officer time and resources.

RESOLVED –

That the broad structure proposed be approved, but with an emphasis on avoiding duplicating work and being mindful of officer and resource capacity.

(The meeting ended at 3.35 pm)
