
CONWY AND DENBIGHSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

Wednesday, 24 September 2025 at 10.00 am
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:	Councillor Jason McLellan (Chair)	Denbighshire County Council
	Graham Boase Helen MacArthur Councillor Charlie McCoubrey	Denbighshire County Council North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Conwy County Borough Council
In attendance:	Tom Barham Lee Boycott Ceri Christian-Mullineux Mike Corcoran Justin Hanson Helen Kirk Iona Hughes Louise Woodfine Matthew York	Denbighshire County Council North Wales Police Welsh Government Co-production Network for Wales Natural Resources Wales North Wales Housing Natural Resources Wales Public Health Wales Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board
Officers:	Tom Barham Berwyn Jones Robyn Lovelock Iolo McGregor	Denbighshire County Council Conwy County Borough Council Denbighshire County Council Conwy County Borough Council

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Steven Grayston and Delyth Jones (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board), Rhun ap Gareth and Fran Lewis (Conwy County Borough Council), Andrew Dunbobbin and Wayne Jones (Police and Crime Commissioner's Office), Owain Llewelyn, (North Wales Police), Helen Milliband and Martin Cox (Natural Resources Wales), Steven McGregor (Welsh Government) and Andy Jones (National Probation Service).

23. MINUTES

The minutes of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board held on 8 April 2025 were submitted for approval.

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board held on 8 April 2025 be approved.

24. HEALTHY TRAVEL CHARTER

Louise Woodfine and Matthew York (Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board) gave a presentation on the Healthy Travel Charter.

The Healthy Travel Charter was a collaborative initiative aimed at promoting sustainable travel and reducing health inequalities, focusing on increasing active travel, reducing car use and improving air quality.

Whilst there had been a few different sector organisations that had signed up to the Charter, engagement was slower from local authorities and the voluntary sector. The need for support from local authorities was highlighted.

Barriers to engagement, especially in the voluntary sector were noted, with limited resources mentioned as a hurdle to overcome. Sharing of information, including needing a knowledge portal, was an important tool to enable smaller and voluntary organisations to engage fully with the asks within the Charter.

Linking the Healthy Travel Charter with other active travel and health initiatives, such as Active North Wales Partnership, and ensuring alignment with regional and national strategies was welcomed.

RESOLVED –

That the Charter was noted, with a further update on developments due in the new year.

25. **AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM SECURITY**

Robyn Lovelock (Denbighshire County Council) introduced an update on Agri-Food System Security.

The North Wales Food System report had identified risks such as food insecurity, climate disruptions and health inequalities that could increase food and fuel poverty.

There were several options for progressing the agri-food agenda, including consulting on forming a Public Service Board Working Group, the commissioning of a sector routeway plan, commissioning a feasibility study for a food hub and reviewing the Future Generations Commissioner's recommendations. Funding of between £12,000 and £15,000 had been identified for the initial work.

The need for a regional approach was highlighted, with suggestions that collaboration across the three Public Services Boards and inclusion of partners, such as framing unions, being essential to ensure necessary progress.

Linking with Healthy Weight Healthy Wales, healthy schools and other programmes was noted as an important aspect, though leveraging current partnerships was stressed to avoid duplication.

Concerns were raised regarding the fragility of the water infrastructure, with recent supply distribution highlighted, and it was a consideration moving forward with regards to emergency planning and food system resilience.

RESOLVED –

(a) That discussions with the other Public Services Boards continue, clarifying ongoing work and governance, with an aim of forming a Working Group to identify priority actions.

(b) That a further update be provided in the spring 2026.

26. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Iolo McGregor (Conwy County Borough Council) presented minor amendments to the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Service Board's Terms of Reference, which were reviewed biennially and included amendments relating to the addition of the North Wales Public Sector Equality Network as a partner and clarifications of champions and representation for public health and voluntary services.

RESOLVED –

That the updates to the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board's Terms of Reference be approved.

27. **FORWARD WORK PLAN**

The Chair gave an update on the Forward Work Plan as follows: -

- The Agri-Food System Security Report was due to return for a further update in 2026.
- There was an Informal Meeting of the Public Services Board on 30 October 2025, with the formal meeting on 10 December 2025.
- An update on the Healthy Travel Charter would be presented in 6 months.

Conwy's Strategy, Performance and Engagement Manager advised that Conwy County Borough Council would be holding its Panel Performance Assessment in December 2026; support from members for interviews and focus groups would be of great help for the process.

RESOLVED –

That the Forward Work Plan be approved, subject to the addition of the items listed above.

(The meeting ended at 11.30 am)
