

<u>BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL</u>	
Report to	The Chair and Members of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee
Report Subject	Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee Interim Terms of Reference
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Report Information Summary

1.	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of the report is to present the Public Service Board (PSB) Scrutiny Committee draft Terms of Reference to be followed in the interim until the Constitution is formally updated with reference to the PSB Scrutiny Committee following the local elections in May 2017.
2.	Scope of the Report
2.1	Attached in appendix 2 are the draft terms of reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee.
2.2	The report outlines the requirements of the PSB Scrutiny Committee following the usual rules of procedure for a Scrutiny Committee with the nuance of scrutinising partnership activity rather than Council activity.
2.3	Following the elections in May 2017, the information contained within the interim terms of reference will be included within the Council's Constitution and the Scrutiny Committee will be formally adopted and included into the cycle of meetings.
3.	Contribution to the National Well-Being Goals – Detail attached as Appendix 1
4.	Recommendation(s) / Endorsement by other groups, e.g. CMT/Committees/Other groups
4.1	The Corporate Services DSMT have considered the draft interim terms of reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee and recommend for them to be approved by the PSB Scrutiny Committee.
5.	Recommendation/s for Consideration
5.1	To consider the draft interim terms of reference found in appendix 2 and either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the terms of reference; or• Make amendment to the terms of reference.

Why this topic is a priority for the Council?						
Single Integrated Plan (SIP)	Corporate Improvement Plan (CIP)	Performance Management Improvement Framework (PMIF)	Operating Model	Transforming Blaenau Gwent (TBG Programme)	Relevant legislation	Other (please state)
					WBFGA	

Reporting Pathway							
Directorate Management Team (DMT)	Corporate Management Team (CMT)	Audit	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny	Executive	Council	Other (please state)
02/02/17				13/02/17			

Main Report

1.	Background and Context
1.1	To assure local accountability there is a requirement, under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, to establish Scrutiny arrangements of the PSB.
1.2	The purpose of the Public Service Board is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the people living in the Blaenau Gwent area.
1.3	On 27 th October 2016, Council approved the establishment of a PSB Scrutiny Committee, with the Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee undertaking this role.
1.4	National guidance to support the development of PSB scrutiny is anticipated in early 2017, and opportunities for training for Elected Members planned nationally.
1.5	The draft interim terms of reference support current Scrutiny arrangements as set out in the Constitution.
1.6	As the Constitution will not be updated until post May 2017, the draft terms of reference provide a structure for the scrutiny committee to follow in the interim.
1.7	These interim terms of reference will be used to update the Constitution.
1.8	The PSB Scrutiny Committee will operate in the same way as other Council Scrutiny Committees but will hold the PSB to account rather than the Executive Committee. Arrangements for pre meetings and post evaluation meetings will be established as part of the committee arrangements within the new cycle from May 2017.
2.	Performance Evidence and Information
2.1	Research has been undertaken across other local authorities to consider the approaches undertaken to establish PSB Scrutiny Committees and these are varied across Wales.
2.2	The Board will operate within sustainable development principles. This means acting in a manner that seeks to ensure

	that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
3.	Risk Implications
3.1	It is important to recognise that the PSB Scrutiny Committee, under the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, can only scrutinise the ‘corporate body’ of the PSB and not individual members or organisations. The legislation states that: <i>“The committee can require any member of the board to give evidence, but only in respect of the exercise of joint functions conferred on them as a member of the board under this Act.”</i>
3.2	It is crucial that the PSB Scrutiny Committee operates within this criteria.
4.	Financial Implications
4.1	There are no additional financial requirements from forming a PSB Scrutiny Committee.
5.	Staffing/Workforce Development Implications
5.1	The PSB Scrutiny Committee will be facilitated in line with the current support arrangements to scrutiny committees.
5.2	The Head of Policy and Performance will act as the Advisor on the PSB Scrutiny Committee.
6.	Options for Consideration
6.1	<u>Option 1</u> To approve the draft interim terms of reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee as set out in appendix 2.
6.2	<u>Option 2</u> To provide comment and amendment to the draft interim terms of reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee before approval.
7.	Impact Assessment Against Proposals / Options*
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking for the long term As part of the forward work programme the PSB Scrutiny Committee will consider the impact of decisions made on future generations.

7.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking an integrated approach <p>Under the requirements of the Act the well-being assessment objectives and subsequent plan will consider the partnership contribution to the national well-being goals.</p>
7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking a preventative approach <p>This is a key feature of the Act and will need to be reflected in the well-being objectives and plan.</p>
7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating <p>The nature of the PSB is collaborative and partners will be working together to contribute to the successful implementation of the Wellbeing Plan. A collaborative approach has been undertaken to develop the well-being assessment with partners across Gwent working together alongside the Data Unit.</p>
7.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement <p>This is a key feature of the Act and work has been undertaken to develop the first phase of the engagement plan to involve people to inform the well-being assessment - <i>The Blaenau Gwent We Want</i>.</p>
7.6	<p>Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)</p> <p>The PSB will strive to work in accordance with the Equality Act 2010, and therefore no negative impact on people from the protected characteristics is anticipated.</p>
8.	Conclusion
8.1	<p>The report and appendix outlines the draft terms of reference for the PSB Scrutiny Committee, providing interim arrangements until the Constitution is updated post May 2017.</p>

Assess how well your project / activity will result in multiple benefits for our communities and contribute to the national well-being goals.		
Description of the Well-being goals	How will your project / activity deliver benefits to our communities under the national well-being goals?	Is there anyway to maximise the benefits or minimise any negative impacts to our communities (and the contribution to the national well-being goals)?
<p>A prosperous Wales An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>The purpose of the PSB Scrutiny Committee is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the people living in the Blaenau Gwent area.</p> <p>In pursuing this purpose, the PSB Scrutiny Committee will deliver against the national well-being goals.</p>	<p>As part of the work programme of the PSB and PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>A resilient Wales A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).</p>	<p>The purpose of the PSB Scrutiny Committee is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the people living in the Blaenau Gwent area.</p> <p>In pursuing this purpose, the PSB Scrutiny Committee will deliver against the national well-being goals.</p>	<p>As part of the work programme of the PSB and PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>A healthier Wales A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</p>	<p>The purpose of the PSB Scrutiny Committee is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the people living in the Blaenau Gwent area.</p> <p>In pursuing this purpose, the PSB Scrutiny Committee will deliver against the national well-being goals.</p>	<p>As part of the work programme of the PSB and PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p>

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<p>A more equal Wales A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).</p>	<p>The purpose of the PSB Scrutiny Committee is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the people living in the Blaenau Gwent area.</p> <p>In pursuing this purpose, the PSB Scrutiny Committee will deliver against the national well-being goals.</p>	<p>As part of the work programme of the PSB and PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.</p>	<p>The purpose of the PSB Scrutiny Committee is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the people living in the Blaenau Gwent area.</p> <p>In pursuing this purpose, the PSB Scrutiny Committee will deliver against the national well-being goals.</p>	<p>As part of the work programme of the PSB and PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.</p>	<p>The purpose of the PSB Scrutiny Committee is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the people living in the Blaenau Gwent area.</p> <p>In pursuing this purpose, the PSB Scrutiny Committee will deliver against the national well-being goals.</p>	<p>As part of the work programme of the PSB and PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.</p>	<p>The purpose of the PSB Scrutiny Committee is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the people living in the Blaenau Gwent area.</p> <p>In pursuing this purpose, the PSB Scrutiny Committee will deliver against the national well-being goals.</p>	<p>As part of the work programme of the PSB and PSB Scrutiny Committee.</p>