

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Shared Purpose Shared Delivery – a consultation from Welsh Government

Purpose of Report

To provide an opportunity for Members to discuss and approve a response to the consultation

Introduction

WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION (WG14131)

Shared Purpose Shared Delivery

The Welsh Government is consulting on changes to new statutory guidance which is intended to integrate local service planning, streamline partnership working, and strengthen the strategic role and accountability of the local service board.

Details of the consultation are contained in a document which can be found on the Welsh Government's consultation pages at <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dpsp/consultation/100110sharedpurposeen.pdf>

Responses are invited by **Friday 30th March 2012**.

Key information

As a result of this consultation, the role of the Local Service Board, as the body responsible for delivering the single integrated plan, becomes more important. To date the National Park Authority has not been a member of the Pembrokeshire Local Service Board, therefore we are taking the opportunity of making a case that the guidance should ensure that organisations such as National Park Authorities are represented on their Local Service Board.

A draft response is included as Annex A.

Recommendation

Members are recommended to agree the Authority's response to the Welsh Government consultation on *Shared Purpose Shared Delivery*.

Background Documents

Welsh Government consultation WG14131: Shared Purpose Shared Delivery

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Annex A - CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

We are consulting on new statutory guidance which is intended to simplify local service planning, simplify partnership working, and strengthen the strategic role and accountability of the local service board (LSB).

The Guidance is intended to replace existing statutory guidance deriving from a number of pieces of legislation: Community Strategies (Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009), Children and Young People's Plans (Children Act 2004, Children and Families Measure 2010), and Health Social Care and Well-being Strategies (NHS Wales Act 2006). Community Safety planning is non-devolved (Crime and Disorder Act 1998) so the guidance is advisory.

How to respond

Please submit your comments using the online response form or e-mail them to LSBCONSULTATION@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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Consultation Response Form

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1. Does this guidance make clear what is expected and does it provide a sufficiently robust framework for LSB partners to work within?

Comment:

2. Are there any parts of the guidance that require clarification?

Comment:

3. Is there anything that is impractical or should be modified or deleted from the guidance?

Comment:

We note that the proposed Core Membership of LSBs remains narrow and does not include organisations such as National Park Authorities, Fire Authorities or large education providers outside of Local Government. We consider that the Core Membership should be expanded to include these organisations. The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority is the Planning Authority for the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, however, to date we have not been members of the Pembrokeshire LSB. Our involvement has been restricted to attending two meetings and we have been unable to influence the work of the LSB.

As a National Park Authority we are required to develop a National Park Management Plan and a Local Development Plan. Both of these would need to relate to the single integrated plan.

The Authority has played a role in developing the Community Strategy and considers that as a result of these changes it should be a member of the LSB in order to contribute towards the development of the single integrated plan for Pembrokeshire.

The Authority considers that it can contribute towards the delivery of the following:

- Improving health and educational outcomes of children, young people and families living in poverty;
- Preventing poor health and reducing health inequalities;
- More inclusive and cohesive communities; and
- Creating sustainable places for people.

While accepting the requirement to keep membership of a LSB to a manageable level we consider that it is more important that all organisations who can contribute to the development and delivery of the single integrated plan are represented on the LSB.

4. Is anything not covered in the guidance that you think should be?

Comment:

The Authority is required, under Section 62 of the 1995 Environment Act, to produce a National Park Management Plan. This plan recognises the key role of partners in delivering that plan. It would be useful if the guidance clarified the relationship between the single integrated plan and the National Park Management Plan.

5. Are there any policy issues in the guidance that you disagree with?

Comment:

6. Do you think putting LSBs on a statutory footing would help to deliver the policy objectives?

Comment:

7. Do you have any other comments or questions?

Comment:

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