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**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AND  
COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

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**CARDIFF & VALE OF GLAMORGAN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
JOINT AREA PLAN 2023-2028**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To provide Committee Members with background information to enable their pre-decision scrutiny of the Cardiff & Vale Regional Partnership Board Joint Area Plan 2023-28, which is attached at **Appendix A**.

**Scope of Scrutiny**

2. During this scrutiny, Committee Members will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Joint Area Plan (JAP) by:
  - Exploring the development of the JAP.
  - Considering the JAP's proposed priorities and commitments, including how they have been determined and their effectiveness.
  - Providing views on any additional commitments, and any actions required of those commitments, for incorporation into the JAP.
  - Exploring the partnership arrangements in place to implement the JAP's commitments and actions.
3. This agenda item is being considered as a joint scrutiny between Committee Members of the Children & Young People and Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committees. Committee Members are therefore requested to provide questions, comments and observations in **line with the terms of reference of their respective Committee**.

## **Background – Cardiff & Vale Regional Partnership Board**

4. The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board (RPB) was established in April 2016 as part of the requirements of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (here after referred to as 'the Act').
5. Part 9 of the Act deals with partnerships, co-operation and integration, and requires the establishment of a Regional Partnership Board for each region in Wales; the region for Cardiff is 'Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan'.
6. The Act requires local authorities to make arrangements with their relevant partners in relation to adults with needs for care and support, carers and children. The Act places a duty on relevant partners to co-operate with, and provide information to, the local authorities for the purpose of their social services function, ensuring a full integration between the health and social services sector across the region.
7. Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan RPB is made up of representatives from Cardiff Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust, Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC), Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), Llamau, Gofal, YMCA Cardiff, Care Forum Wales and carer representatives.

### Cardiff & Vale RPB Purpose

8. The main purpose of the RPB is to secure better joint working between local health boards, local authorities, and the third sector; and to in turn ensure effective services that best meet the needs of the population. The RPB ensures all partnership bodies within the field of health and social services work effectively together to:
  - Respond to the local population needs assessment carried out in accordance with section 14 of the Act;

- Implement the plans for each of the local authority areas covered by the Board which must also be published under section 14A of the Act;
- Ensure the partnership bodies provide sufficient resources for the partnership arrangements in accordance with their powers under section 167 of the Act;
- Promote the establishment of pooled funds where appropriate;
- Ensure that services and resources are used in the most effective and efficient way to improve outcomes for people in their region – including the use of the Integrated Care Fund;
- Prepare an annual report for Welsh Ministers on the extent to which the board's objectives have been achieved;
- Provide strategic leadership to ensure that information is shared and used effectively to improve the delivery of services, care and support, using technology and common systems to underpin this;
- Inform the development of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Public Service Board's Wellbeing Plan and support delivery in response to the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015.

### **Background – Cardiff & Vale Regional Partnership Board Joint Area Plan**

9. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 inserted section 14A into the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 which requires local RPB's to prepare and publish a plan (the Area Plan) setting out the range and level of services they provide, or will arrange to provide, in response to their Population Needs Assessment and Market Stability Reports.
10. For Members information, Area Plans are designed to set out the RPB's priority areas and the relevant commitments of those priority areas.
11. The Cardiff and Vale Regional Partnership Board is currently preparing their next Area Plan for the period 2023-2028. The purpose of this agenda item is for the RPB to share the current progress of the Joint Area Plan and receive Members' views to inform the final plan.

## Joint Area Plan 2023-28 – Issues for consideration

12. The JAP attached at Appendix A is set out as follows:

- **Summary and Introduction**
- **Commitment 1 – Starting Well** (*pages 14 – 15 of the JAP document attached at Appendix A*).
- **Commitment 2 – Living Well** (*pages 15 – 22 of the JAP document attached at Appendix A*).
- **Commitment 3 - Ageing Well** (*pages 23 - 25 of the JAP document attached at Appendix A*).
- **Strategic Enablers**

13. Under each of the commitments set out in pages 14 – 25 of the JAP, the RPB sets out how it will approach meeting the commitments and its priorities across each commitment. These are as follows:

### **Commitment 1 – Starting Well**

*This Section is more aligned to the work of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee*

- Existing work across the partnership – Cardiff Council with partners; Together, as partners; Vale of Glamorgan with partners.
- Our commitment to **babies, children and young people** - over the next 5 years we will:
  - Work together to keep our babies, children and young people safe from harm
  - Deliver a Nurturing, Empowering, Safe and Trusted approach to emotional wellbeing and mental health
  - Improve the support offer for babies, children and young people with co-occurring complex needs

## **Commitment 2 – Living Well**

*This Section aligns to both Scrutiny Committees*

- Existing work across the partnership – Cardiff Council with partners; Together, as partners; Vale of Glamorgan with partners
- Our commitment to **people with learning disabilities** - Over the next 5 years we will:
  - Develop integrated support services enabling people with learning disabilities to live as independently as possible in their local community
- Our commitment to **unpaid carers** - Over the next 5 years we will:
  - Identify and recognise unpaid carers for the vital contribution they make to the community and the people they care for, and in doing so enable unpaid carers to have a life alongside caring
- Our commitment to reducing **Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence** - Over the next 5 years we will:
  - Ensure that people who live, work, study in and visit Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan can live positive, independent lives without being affected by violence and abuse.
- Our commitment to **people with physical and sensory impairment** - Over the next 5 years we will:
  - Work with people with physical and sensory disabilities to find out more about their needs, experiences and priorities, developing and delivering changes that enable people to do the things that matter most to them.
- Our commitment to **people with neurodiversity** - Over the next 5 years we will:
  - Strengthen provision of neuro-diversity services with a focus on providing the right support at the right time.

- Our commitment to **people with mental health needs** - Over the next 5 years we will:
  - Work with people with mental health needs and other stakeholders to find out more about their experiences and priorities, then develop and deliver services that support people to have good mental health

### **Commitment 3 – Ageing Well**

*This Section is more aligned to the work of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee*

- Existing work across the partnership – Cardiff Council with partners; Together, as partners; Vale of Glamorgan with partners
- Our commitment to **ageing well @Home** - Over the next 5 years we will:
  - Establish integrated, locality-based, health & care services focused on meeting and improving the health and wellbeing of the local population
- Our commitment to **people with dementia** - Over the next 5 years we will:
  - Raise awareness of Dementia and its determinants whilst working to develop community-based services that enable equitable and timely access to diagnosis and person-centred care

14. In addition, the JAP also covers the following, which may be of interest to Members:

- Making a Difference – Our Commitments for 2028 (*page 3 of the JAP document*)
- Working with the Public Services Board (*page 5 of the JAP document*)
- Our Priorities (*page 7 of the JAP document*)
- Our Policy Environment (*page 9 of the JAP document*)
- Our Partnership Environment (*page 10 of the JAP document*)
- Engaging to Build the Plan (*page 11 of the JAP document*)
- Our Shared Outcomes (*page 12 of the JAP document*)

## Previous Scrutiny

15. In March 2018, Cardiff Council's Children and Young People & Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committees contributed to the Cardiff and Vale RPB Area Plan, entitled ['Me, My Home & My Community 2018- 2023'](#) and its relevant [Delivery Plan](#).

## Way Forward

16. At the start of the agenda item, Councillor Norma Mackie, (Cabinet Member for Adult Services), Councillor Ash Lister, (Cabinet Member for Children Services) & Sarah McGill, (Corporate Director for People & Communities) will be offered the opportunity to make a statement. After which, lead officers from the Cardiff & Vale Regional Partnership Board will provide a brief overview of the JAP attached at **Appendix A**. Committee Members will then be able to engage with the attendees via a question-and-answer session.

## Legal Implications

17. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

## **Financial Implications**

18. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- I. Consider the Joint Area Plan attached at **Appendix A**; the background information shared in this Cover Report; and information provided to Members at the meeting; and decide what comments and observations they wish to offer.
- II. Consider the way forward with regard to any further scrutiny of this issue.

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**9 May 2023**