

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

Powys County Council
21st October 2015

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Barry Thomas, Leader

SUBJECT: **DRAFT One Powys Plan Annual Performance Evaluation and Summary 2014 - 15**

REPORT FOR: **Approval**

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the draft One Powys Plan Annual Performance Summary (attached at appendix A) and Evaluation (APE) 2014-15 (attached at appendix B) for approval. The APE sets out Powys Local Service Boards achievements and performance against the commitments and measures that were agreed in the One Powys Plan (2014-17), approved in March 2014.

1.2 The Local Service Board has a statutory duty under 'Shared purpose-shared delivery' to publish a summary report once a year. The report should contain a balanced summary of the delivery of planned priorities and outcomes and the plan's effectiveness over the previous year. The report should include the following key elements:

- Progress made by LSB organisations towards delivering the outcomes identified in the One Powys Plan 2014-17
- an account of delivery of the Information strategy and engagement strategy
- an account of LSB governance and the processes it has in place to manage performance
- an account of local authority scrutiny of the LSB
- a summary of regulatory reports
- changes to the plan for the following year (*One Powys Plan Update 2015*)

1.3 Similarly, the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 places a duty on all councils in Wales to publish an annual performance report before the end of October each year, to show how they performed in the previous year.

1.4 The performance report should be an honest evaluation of how the council has performed against the set of commitments it agreed in its improvement plan at the beginning of the previous financial year.

1.5 Last year the council merged its improvement plan (Powys Change Plan) into the One Powys Plan, it was agreed to produce one performance report that satisfies the requirements of both 'Shared purpose-shared delivery' and the Local Government (Wales) Measures 2009.

1.6 The process for developing the Annual Performance Evaluation began with the completion of a series of performance evaluation grids (PEGs) for each of the One Powys Plan priorities. Programme and project managers completed the PEG's, detailing what was achieved during 2014-15, is anyone better off and also what we need to improve.

1.4 Six out of the ten PEGs were challenged by three scrutiny working groups during June 2015. Scrutiny members identified a number of areas where they felt that the quality of information in the PEG's could be improved. In order to help strengthen the challenge process, portfolio holders, directors and heads of service were present at the workshops to hear the comments first hand and to provide direct responses to scrutiny as required. The information in the remaining four PEG's (relating to Adults and Children's Services) were challenged through the Councils Annual Council Reporting Framework in February 2015.

1.5 The draft Annual Performance Evaluation 2014 - 2015 has been produced using information from the final PEGs and has been developed in consultation with Local Service Board partners. This sets out the technical and detailed information for each of the commitments and measures and is designed to meet our statutory requirements.

1.7 Working with the Communications team we have developed the Annual Performance Summary which pulls key information from the APE, summarising the difference we have made in delivering on our key areas for improvement. Aimed at the public, this summary version is easy to read and also addresses the concerns raised by our regulators. It focusses on 'what difference we have made' and draws out evaluations of how successful/unsuccessful we have been in delivering each of our commitments.

1.8 The draft reports were presented to Joint Chairs and Vice Chairs Steering Group electronically and feedback requested. This feedback has been considered and the APS and Evaluation adjusted where appropriate. This virtual approach was necessary because the meeting scheduled for the 18th September 2015 was cancelled.

2. Proposal

2.1 It is proposed that Powys County Council approve the content of the DRAFT One Powys Plan Annual Performance Evaluation and Summary 2014 – 2015.

3. One Powys Plan

3.1 The Annual Performance Evaluation 2014 - 2015 sets out performance against the One Powys Plan 2014-17. It provides an assessment of the Local Service Boards view of its success in achieving its priorities for the period April 2014 – March 2015.

4. Options Considered/Available

4.1 n/a

5. Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc.

5.1 The Annual Performance Evaluation 2015 gives an account of what the council has done during 2014-15 to embed its key principles – Equalities & Welsh Language and Sustainable Development. The summary will be published bilingually and will also be made available in large print, braille and audiotape on request.

6. Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

6.1 Progress in addressing Children and Young people's issues are covered as part of the Vulnerable families section of the APR.

7. Local Member(s)

7.1 The One Powys Plan Annual Performance Evaluation impacts with equal force across the whole County.

8. Other Front Line Services

8.1 The Annual Performance Evaluation 2014-15 focuses on progress made against the five One Powys Plan programmes:

- Integrated Health and Adult Social Care
- Children and Young People
- Transforming Learning and Skills
- Stronger Communities
- Organisation and partnership development

9. Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc.

9.1 The Annual Performance Evaluation 2014 – 2015 is an account of the Powys Local Service Boards performance against the One Powys Plan 2014-17. It makes specific reference to the council's commitment to deliver services in partnership where viable and outlines key partnership success during 2014-15.

10. Communications

10.1 The Annual Performance Evaluation and Summary will be published on the 'One Powys' page on the council's website. Hard copies of the public facing summary document will be made available in the LSB partners main customer facing buildings. Publication of the report will be publicised via the council's facebook and twitter feeds.

11. Statutory Officers

11.1 The Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) notes the report.

11.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer): "I have nothing to add to the report".

12. Members' Interests

13.1 The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve the DRAFT One Powys Plan Annual Performance Evaluation and Summary 2014 – 2015.	To ensure the report gives a balanced and open account of the Local Service Boards performance during the 2014-15 financial year, against the commitments and measures that were set out in the One Powys Plan 2014-17. To ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations as outlined in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and Shared Purpose – Shared Delivery guidance.

Relevant Policy (ies):	One Powys Plan 2014/17 - LG (Wales) Measure 2009 and Shared Purpose; Shared delivery		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	21 October 2015

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