

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**CABINET EXECUTIVE  
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**REPORT TITLE:** Partnership Agreement for the provision of the Regional  
Partnership Board Regional Infrastructure Team from  
April 2022 to March 2026

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision / Discussion

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this paper is to highlight the development and seek approval on a Partnership Agreement between Powys County Council, Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations ( See Appendix 1) for the provision of the Powys Regional Partnership Board Regional Infrastructure Team.
- 1.2** This agreement sets out funding in relation to the Regional Infrastructure Team, which provides management of the Regional Partnership Board functions, as required by duties under Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014.
- 1.3** The purpose of the agreement is to formalise the use of the Regional Integration Fund (RIF) in delivering the Regional Infrastructure Team, as required by the Welsh Government's RIF Guidance.
- 1.4** The Regional Infrastructure Team will ensure that there is sufficient resource in place to support the co-ordination of the Powys Regional Partnership Board to enable the Board and its partners to effectively carry out its duties.

**2. Background**

- 2.1** Currently, the Regional Infrastructure Team is funded through the Integrated Care Fund (ICF), however, this funding stream is ending in March 2022. In order to ensure the Regional Partnership Board has a sufficient level of infrastructure support to enable the board to deliver on its priorities, it is imperative that resource is secured to support this.
- 2.2** PTHB, PCC and PAVO are committed to working together in partnership to improve the lives of Powys residents, so that people can start well, live

well and age well, living as independently as possible for as long as possible.

**2.3** The Regional Partnership Board works according to agreed guiding principles, values and behaviours as defined within the Powys RPB Terms of Reference and the Joint Health and Care Strategy, including those set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014, and the Future Generations Act 2015.

**2.4** Each RPB has statutory duties as set out in the SSWBA. It is important that to effectively deliver against these duties, the RPB has a minimum number of core posts. The following key roles were identified as being required in each RPB as part of a recent Welsh Government mapping exercise of RPB Teams across Wales:

- Strategic support to the RPB, programme coordination and relationship management
- Strategic support, coordinating delivery of key RPB priority areas and priority models of care
- Core programme support, reporting and monitoring of key programmes using a flexible approach to programme / project management that focuses on meeting agreed outcomes
- Communications and engagement including citizen voice support
- Administration
- Strategic management of budgets and financial reporting
- Performance reporting and development of evaluation frameworks

**2.5** Welsh Government have committed to a new 5 year funding programme – the Health and Social Care Regional Integration Fund (RIF). As part of this investment, Welsh Government have stipulated that at a minimum the above posts should be supported through the RIF to ensure sufficient infrastructure support is in place for RPBs to carry out their duties.

**2.6** Welsh Government have stipulated within the RIF Guidance that RPBs must develop and agree partnership agreements to support good governance, accountability and decision-making processes with utilisation of RIF funding – this Partnership Written Agreement would therefore support this requirement in relation to the RPB Regional Infrastructure Team.

**2.7** Respective organisational governance processes will be followed for Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations in recognition that this is a Partnership agreement that will need consideration and approval by all relevant partners.

### **3. Advice**

**3.1** It is being proposed for Cabinet to:

- Discuss and offer any further comment on the Partnership Agreement
- Subject to any further comments, approve the Partnership Agreement for the provision of the Regional Partnership Board Regional Infrastructure Team.

3.2 Each RPB has statutory duties as set out in the SSWBA. The Regional Infrastructure Team is essential to effectively delivering against these duties.

3.3 The partners will comply with any statutory inspection requirements in relation to Services and will liaise as required with the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) and/or Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) and/or other regulatory bodies such as the Welsh Audit Office (WAO) and will also include the partners' appointed Internal Auditing Teams if required to do so.

## 4 Resource Implications

4.1 These proposals are within existing Council budgets.

4.2 The funding of the Regional Infrastructure Team is ringfenced within the Regional Integrated Fund. This requires an element of match funding from the partner organisations, which can be either monetary and/or resources match and is 25% of the total value of the team. The intention is for the Council to provide match through existing staff resources which are in the base budget of the commissioning service and, therefore, there are no further financial implications to the Council. For the core RPB Team this equates to the approximate value of £70k to the Council (this is from fully funded, existing staffing resource and therefore these proposals are within existing Council budgets.)

4.3 A breakdown of the full RPB Partnership Support arrangements is presented as follows:

CORE RPB FUNCTION & SUPPORT Costs - Staff / Non-Staff		
STAFF		
Function	Detail	Cost
RPB Coordinator	Strategic support to RPB, programme coordination, relationships	£93,350.00
Strategic Commissioning and Projects Manager	Strategic support, coordinating delivery of RPB priority areas	£67,550.00
Partnership and Programme Support Officer	Programme support, reporting and monitoring of key programmes	£47,209.00
RPB Project / Administration Officer	Admin / project support to support RPB Team	£16,430.00
Communications and Engagement Officer	Coordination of RPB Comms and Engagement, strengthening co-production and continuous engagement approaches across partnerships / programmes	£51,350.00
RPB Citizen / Carer Member Support	Supporting citizen / carer voice within RPB partnership / programme arrangements	£21,196.00
Start Well Change Manager	Strategic Partnership / Programme support for Start Well Partnership	£93,350.00
Strategic Workforce Futures Lead	Strategic coordination for joint workforce futures framework, interconnectedness	£68,975.00
Workforce Futures Business Manager	Programme management and support for workforce futures framework	£42,580.00
Workforce Futures Volunteer / Carers Manager	Development of School of Volunteers / Carers offer under H&C Academy	£34,387.00
Integrated Commissioning	Integrated commissioning and pooled funding arrangements (res care)	£61,680.00
Finance Leads	Financial management/ reporting in HB and LA	£75,000.00
Performance and Evaluation Officer	Performance reporting, development of performance / evaluation framework	£47,210.00
<b>Total Staff</b>		<b>£720,267.00</b>
NON-STAFF		
RPB Commissions to support completion of priority / statutory work		£20,000.00
RPB Continuous Engagement / Co-Production		£20,000.00
RPB Operational		£5,000.00
<b>Total non-staff</b>		<b>£45,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL STAFF and NON-STAFF</b>		<b>£765,267.00</b>

4.4 A further breakdown of the RPB Partnership Support arrangements and costs team can be found in **Appendix 1**.

4.5 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the report. The partnership agreement supports the funding of the Regional Infrastructure Team through the Regional Integrated Fund with the Council contributing the match funding element on the basis of existing staff which are funded from the service budget. On this basis the recommendation can be supported.

## **5 Legal implications**

5.1 Legal: the recommendations can be accepted from a legal point of view

5.2 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services ( Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: “ I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

## **6. Recommendation**

6.1 It is being recommended to approve the Partnership Agreement in Appendix 1 for the provision of the Regional Partnership Board Regional Infrastructure Team. This is to ensure there is sufficient resource in place to support the co-ordination of the Powys Regional Partnership Board to enable the Board and its partners to effectively carry out its duties and to meet Welsh Government RIF requirements.

6.2 If minor, not substantial, changes to the agreement are required by partner organisations, these may be approved by the Director of Social Services in consultation with the portfolio holder for Adult Social Care .

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**Appendix 1 – Partnership Agreement** (which has following appendices within it)

- RPB Terms of Reference (and relevant appendices)
- RPB Partnership Support Arrangements Costs – detailed breakdown