

## Wrexham PSB – Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021, 10am

### Action Notes

	<b>Present:</b>
	<p>Sue Price, chair (Coleg Cambria)            Cllr Hugh Jones, deputy chair (Wrexham County Borough Council)            Cllr Mark Pritchard (WCBC)            Lyndsey Rawlinson (Natural Resource Wales)            Karen Evans (WCBC)            John Gallanders (Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham)            Nina Ruddle (Wrexham Glyndwr University)            Stuart Millington (North Wales Fire and Rescue)            Sioned Rees (Welsh Government)            Rob Smith (Betsi Cadwaladr UHB)            Nick Evans (North Wales Police)            Amanda Aldridge (Department of Work and Pensions)            Ian Bancroft (WCBC)            Helen Douglas (NWP)</p> <p>Michael Cantwell (WCBC)</p>
	<p><b>Speakers</b>            Alwena Watkin, Head of Early Years Transformation Programme, Welsh Government</p> <p>Tricia Bridgewater, Wrexham County Borough Council            Jo Spender, Wrexham County Borough Council</p> <p>Donna Dickenson, Wrexham County Borough Council            Caroline Bennett, Wrexham County Borough Council            Bev Carroll, Flintshire County Council</p> <p>Natalie Edwards, Wrexham Glyndwr University</p>

1	Early Years Integration.	
	Alwena Watkin outlined the Welsh Government early years integration programme, and Tricia Bridgewater presented the proposed partnership structure to enable a project for Wrexham.	AW/TB
	It was questioned whether this would be short term funding as this impacts on staff recruitment and retention. It is, but as one of Welsh Government's priority areas for funding it is likely to be extended annually and other successful projects across Wales have been running for a number of years.	
	It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To establish an Early Years Integration Project in Wrexham</li> </ul>	TB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To apply for Early Years Integration Pathway Funding</li> <li>To manage and support the project from the Council</li> <li>To work jointly with Flintshire and other counties where appropriate</li> <li>To report annual progress to the Public Service Board</li> </ul>	
2	The Big Ask - Foster carer recruitment and retention	
	Jo Spender presented the Council's Big Ask campaign which aims to increase the number and diversity of foster carers in order to improve the outcomes for local children.	
	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share presentation so that PSB partners to contact Jo directly, to discuss how their organisation or their employees could support the Big Ask</li> <li>Share Big Ask newsletter/comms over the summer for PSB partners to cascade to their organisations</li> <li>produce a Big Ask pledge for PSB partners to sign before the Oct PSB meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>MC</p> <p>MC/JS</p> <p>MC/JS</p>
3	Children and young people: Life in the Year of Covid	
	Donna Dickenson, Caroline Bennett and Bev Carroll presented findings showing the impact of COVID on young people, especially in terms of mental health.	
4	Children's University	
	Natalie Edwards updated the meeting with progress about setting up a children's university. A full update will be brought to a future meeting to enable partners to engage with and discuss the outcome of the initial pilot project which will focus on a small number of schools across Wrexham and Flintshire, from September 2021.	
5	PSB actions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RAG rated action plan and the updated handbook were agreed.</li> </ul>	
	<p>NR updated the meeting on the good progress that is being made on the well-being assessment/engagement by the regional PSB officers group, developing a regional framework that will be delivered locally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Wrexham Glyndwr University team will be in touch over the summer for PSB partner's ideas /data/insights with the intention of producing an assessment by Sept. This will inform our well-being planning as a PSB from 2022, aligning with futures analysis from Welsh Government which will be produced by the Autumn.</li> </ul>	NR/MC
	Sally Holland, the Children's Commissioner for Wales has attended Wrexham PSB meetings in 2018 and 2019, and will attend the October 2021 Wrexham PSB meeting.	MC
	A number of PSB partners will meet with WCBC's scrutiny committee on 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 to fulfil the statutory requirements for the 19/20 annual report to be discussed.	JG/IB/ KE/ (MC)

	Work will begin on the for 20/21 PSB annual report in June 2021. This will cover the work of Wrexham PSB plus the joint recovery work with Flintshire PSB.	MC/ALL
	<b>AOB</b>	
	AVOW has carried out research into the impacts of COVID on volunteering, which will be presented at the next PSB meeting.	JG
	The next meeting will have a discussion about the Shared Prosperity Fund.	JG
	<b>Future Dates</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCBC scrutiny – June 17<sup>th</sup> 2021</li> <li>• Joint PSB meeting – 2pm, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 - recovery action planning</li> <li>• Wrexham PSB – 4pm, Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021</li> </ul>	
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