

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Executive Board
<b>REPORT NO:</b>	LR/02/18
<b>DATE:</b>	12 June 2018
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	Councillor Hugh Jones, (People – Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Community Safety)
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Lee Robinson, Executive Director
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Wrexham Community Safety Partnership (CSP), Elected Member representative
<b>WARD:</b>	N/A

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To ask Executive Board to agree to the appointment of Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Community Safety, as the Elected Member representative onto the Wrexham Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

**2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Wrexham Community Safety Partnership brings together representatives from 'responsible bodies' and other locally identified organisations to tackle and reduce crime and disorder, in order to fulfil the statutory partners' responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 2.2 This work had previously been undertaken by PDB3, Partnership Board Three: Wrexham is a place that's safe and where everyone feels included, under the reporting mechanism for the Wrexham Local Service Board (LSB) and also reporting to the North Wales Safer Communities Board.
- 2.3 With the enactment of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015, LSB's were dissolved and replaced with Public Service Boards (PSBs). Wrexham's PSB has been working on a well-being assessment and well-being plan for Wrexham. The well-being plan was agreed by all partners (including Wrexham County Borough Council at its Council meeting in May 2018) and the plan has been published.

- 2.4 Whilst the well-being plan recognises the need for the county borough to be a safe place to live, highlighting this as one of its 15 well-being objectives, this is not an immediate priority for the PSB and they have agreed that the CSP should pick up this work as the specialist body for community safety, and continue to report to the North Wales Safer Communities Board.
- 2.5 Wrexham CSP held its inaugural meeting in April 2018. The CSP voted Lee Robinson, Executive Director of WCBC to chair the meetings and voted the Deputy Chair to be Chief Inspector (Wrexham) Mark Williams, North Wales Police – Eastern Division. Other CSP members include representatives from: the National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Company, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, AVOW, HMP Berwyn, North Wales Area Planning Board, and WCBC representatives for Safeguarding, Prevention and Support – Education, Community Safety and Equalities.
- 2.6 Wrexham CSP will be scrutinised by the Safeguarding, Communities and Well-being Scrutiny committee on a six monthly basis. This committee fulfils the statutory function of a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee as defined by sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That Executive Board approves the appointment of Cllr Hugh Jones, in his role as Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Community Safety as the Elected Member representative onto the Wrexham Community Safety Partnership.**

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) To enable an elected member to be part of the statutory community safety partnership, and ensure WCBC fulfils its requirements towards meeting the Crime and Disorder Act 1988.

### **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Previously to April 2018 the statutory function of the community safety partnership was discharged by Wrexham Partnership Delivery Board Three: Wrexham is a place that's safe and where everyone feels included. This board reported directly to both Wrexham Local Service Board and the North Wales Safer Communities Board and was scrutinised bi-annually by the Safeguarding, Communities and Well-being Scrutiny committee.
- 4.2 With the enactment of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act in 2015, the Local Service Board was dissolved and replaced by Wrexham Public Services Board (PSB).

- 4.3 Following the statutory guidance from Welsh Government <sup>1</sup>, Wrexham PSB undertook a well-being assessment of the local area and can be seen here: <https://www.wrexhampsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/030517-wellbeing-assessment.pdf> This was published in April 2017. Following the well-being assessment a well-being plan was agreed that was published in May 2018. This can be seen here: [insert link once agreed at Council]
- 4.4 For the time period between the LSB being dissolved and the PSB agreeing their well-being objectives, (April 2016 to May 2018) the PSB continued with the work that the LSB had been undertaking and PDB3 continued to discharge the statutory duties of the Crime and Disorder Act.
- 4.5 Now that the well-being objectives of the PSB have been agreed the partnerships that support this work have also been reviewed, the PSB have agreed to also dissolve the supporting boards of the LSB, including PDB3. However as this work is statutory it is important that the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act are still met, and it is for this reason that the CSP has been established.
- 4.6 It is suggested that the Lead Member with the responsibility for Community Safety is also the elected member representative on this new Community Safety Partnership.
- 4.7 Scrutiny will continue, and this will be undertaken by the Safeguarding, Communities and Well-being Scrutiny committee on a six monthly basis. This committee fulfils the statutory function of a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee as defined by sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. A scrutiny protocol will be agreed to reflect these new arrangements.

## 5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** – We have a statutory duty to establish a Community Safety Partnership for Wrexham under our duties of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988.
- 5.2 **Budget** – The CSP does not have a budget. Support for the CSP is from officer time from within the PIPs department of Finance. Specifically support from the Partnerships team (Community Safety).
- 5.3 **Legal** – Following the dissolving of the LSB and the supporting boards, the establishment of the CSP ensures compliance of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988.
- 5.4 **Staffing** – There are no additional staffing implications.
- 5.4 **Equality/Human Rights** – A central part of the remit of the CSP is to ensure that equality issues such as modern slavery, child sexual exploitation or human trafficking are addressed locally and these are built onto the delivery plan for the group. The CSP is currently developing its delivery plan and a full EIA will be carried out on this document.

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<sup>1</sup> SPSF3: Collective Role (public service boards) Shared Purpose: Shared Future statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

5.5 **Risks** – No elected member representation on this group will mean we do not fulfil the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988.

**6. CONSULTATION**

6.1 The CSP and PSB have both been consulted on this proposal and both are supportive.

**7. EVALUATION OF OPTIONS**

Not applicable

**8. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

8.1 n/a.

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>WEBSITE INFO.</b>