

PART 7
CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY
FORA

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Section 1 Consultative and advisory fora [statutory and non-statutory]

A - Statutory

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education S.A.C.R.E.

Background: Established by Council's Education Committee on 2 February 1996 in accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988 and the Education Act 1993 [paras. 88:1 and 2 of Welsh Office Circular 10/94 and Chapter 3 of the Education Act 1996 also refer].

Its main function is to advise the LEA on matters related to Collective Worship in community and other schools and to advise on the religious education given in accordance with their Agreed Syllabus. It can also support effective provision of RE and Collective Worship by way of:

- Giving advice on methods of teaching agreed syllabus RE including choice of teaching materials
- Advising the LEA on the provision of training for teachers
- Monitoring inspection reports on RE, Collective Worship and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development
- Considering complaints about the provision and delivery of Religious Education and Collective Worship referred to it by the LEA.

Council Representation: 5 Councillors (politically balanced and non-executive)

Schools Admissions Forum

Background: The Schools Admissions Forum was established by Cabinet on 21 October 2003 [Minute C278 refers]. The Education (Admission Forum) (Wales) Regulations 2003 implement the relevant Section of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 and require the Council, as LEA, to establish an admissions forum. The principal function of the Forum is to advise on issues relating to pupil admission and the effectiveness of policies and processes.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Learning Services, Children and Young People's Partnership, Chairman of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee,

Schools Budget Forum

Background: The Schools Budget Forum was established by Cabinet on 21 October 2003 [Minute C278 refers]. Section 43 of the Education Act 2002 requires the Council, as LEA, to establish a schools' forum, with the LEA required to consult the Forum, at least annually, on prospective revisions to its scheme for financing schools and in respect of any other issues that affect maintained schools directly or indirectly through their impact on schools' budgets.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Learning Services, Children and Young People's Partnership, Chairman of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Local Access Forum

Background: The Ceredigion Local Access Forum was established by Cabinet on 26 February 2002 [Minute C750 refers] in accordance with the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 [CROW Act] to provide advice to the Council, the Countryside Council for Wales and others as appropriate as to the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area in ways which take account of land management, social, economic, environmental and educational interests.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration.

B – Non-statutory

School Review Panel

Background: Established by the Cabinet in accordance with the Primary School Review Policy, updated in January 2010, to undertake reviews for recommendation to the Cabinet.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Cabinet Member for Learning Services, Children and Young People's Partnership, Chairman of the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and two elected Members appointed by the Cabinet.

Education Transport Appeals Panel

Background: established to enable parents to appeal against a decision to refuse to provide transport for their children from home to school.

Council representation: 4 Councillors politically balanced and non-executive

Corporate Employee Forum

Background: established by the Cabinet on 7 March 2006 as the corporate forum for consultation and negotiation with the recognised trade unions.

Cabinet Representation: Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

Aberaeron, Aberystwyth and New Quay Harbour Users Committees

Background: The Harbour Users Consultative Committees were established by the Council in 1996 as a forum for consulting with the users of the three harbours and now report to Cabinet following the adoption of the Leader and Cabinet executive arrangements in May 2003.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services, and relevant Local Members.

Ceredigion Traffic Management Consultative Forum

Background: The Traffic Management Consultative Forum is a forum for consulting local stakeholders on traffic management issues and reports to Cabinet. The Forum will be convened on a biannual basis to discuss County wide matters.

Cabinet / Council Representation: Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services, Chairman of the Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and relevant Local Members.

Ceredigion 50+ Forum

Background: The 50+ forum was established by the Cabinet and the PSB in

order to represent the voice of the older people (50+) within the County and to enable them to have a voice in developing strategies and services.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Cabinet Member Porth Gofal Targeted Intervention Service

Development Management Committee - Site Inspection Panel

Background: The Site Inspection Panel was established by the Development Management Committee to undertake visits to sites which are the subject of planning applications, prior to the Committee making a decision, in order to identify features of a proposal which may be difficult to convey in a written report.

Functions:

- Fact finding exercises;
- Not part of the formal consideration of the application (therefore public rights of attendance do not apply);
- To enable officers to point out relevant features;
- To enable questions to be asked on site for clarification. However, discussion on the application will only take place at the subsequent Committee or Council as all relevant parties may not attend on site.
- The Committee is not bound by any recommendations made.

Council representation: Five members to comprise the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the Immediate Past Chairman of the Committee and two other members on a monthly rota basis.

Non-Domestic Rates Hardship and Council Tax Discretionary Relief Appeals Panel

Background: The Non-Domestic Rates Hardship and Council Tax Discretionary Relief Appeals Panel has been established to determine appeal applications by citizens against a decision to refuse Non-domestic Hardship relief or Council Tax Discretionary Relief.

Council Representation: 7 Members on a rota basis (3 per Panel meeting)

Section 2 Internal Policy Development / Monitoring Groups

Development Group

Background: Considers where future investment should be focussed in order to deliver the Council's objectives and priorities.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Leader; Deputy Leader; Cabinet Member Economy & Regeneration; Cabinet Member Finance & Procurement

Capital Monitoring Group

Background: The Capital Monitoring Group is a working group charged with monitoring the progress of the capital programme and making recommendations on any in-year revisions to Cabinet.

Council Representation: Cabinet Member Finance & Procurement.

Corporate Public Transport Unit (CPTU) Members Reference Group

Background: The Corporate Transport Unit Members reference group was established to meet the statutory requirements in relation to the provision of education and social services transport and in the preparation of policies in relation to integrated transport and traffic reduction; and to advise the Council with respect to any discretionary functions including

- To specify transport services
- To procure and monitor transport services.
- The group is defined as a reference group:

Cabinet Representation: Cabinet Member for Learning Services, Children and Young People's Partnership Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services,, Cabinet Member for Porth Gofal Targeted Intervention Service.

Housing Renovation Grants Panel

Background: The Housing Renovation Grants Panel was established to review the current renovation grants policy and to make recommendations to Cabinet and Council in respect of amendments/improvements to the policy.

Cabinet Representation: Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Porth Gofal Targeted Intervention Service and Cabinet Member Highways and Environmental Services with Housing

Corporate Parenting Group

Background: established in order to plan and commission services for Looked After Children.

Cabinet Representation: Cabinet Member Schools & Culture Services & Porth

Cymorth Cynnar.

Local Operational Group (LOG) Safeguarding

Background: Local Operational Group established as part of the Mid & West Wales Regional Safeguarding Board with a remit regarding performance and practice in relation to safeguarding (through age) in Ceredigion.

Cabinet Representation:

Ceredigion Strategic Safeguarding Board (Children & Adults)

Background: Corporate Strategic responsibility for safeguarding for children and adults.

Cabinet Representation: Cabinet Member Porth Cynnal Specialist Through Age Services & Culture; Cabinet Member Schools and Culture Services & Porth Cymorth Cynnar; Cabinet Member for Porth Gofal Targeted Intervention

Corporate Equalities Working Group

Background: Established by the Cabinet in order to monitor, coordinate, review and develop the corporate equalities policies. Revised in 2012 in order to progress the Strategic Equality Plan.

Cabinet Representation: Leader of the Council (Chair)

Welsh Language Consultative Committee

Background: Established in order to oversee the implementation of the Welsh Language Standards

Cabinet Representation: Leader of the Council and other Members as appointed.

Emergency & Business Continuity Management Group

Background: Established to oversee and develop the Council's Business Continuity Plan.

Cabinet Representation: Leader of the Council; Cabinet Member Finance & Procurement

Cross Party Transformation and Efficiency Group

Background: Established to consider all aspects of the Councils' Transformation programme and activity centred around the long-term vision and supporting objectives of the Council.

Cabinet/Council Representation: 10 Members, politically balanced including Group Leaders and/or their representatives. Overview and Scrutiny

Committee Chairs are invited to attend as non-voting observers.

Cross Party Constitution Working Group

Background: Established to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution and make appropriate recommendations to Council. Also receives confirmation of any minor amendments to the Constitution, as made by the Monitoring Officer

Council Representation: 7 Members, politically balanced, including the relevant portfolio Member as Chair.

Section 3 Partnerships within Ceredigion

Ceredigion Youth Justice and Prevention Service [YJS] Management Board (Statutory)

Background: established in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to implement arrangements to reduce offending by young people.

Cabinet/Council Representation: None

Ceredigion Public Services Board (PSB) (formerly Local Service Board (LSB))

Background: The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 gives a legally-binding common purpose of seven Well-being goals and five ways of working designed to support and deliver a public service that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Act also puts a Well-being duty on specified public bodies (that includes Ceredigion County Council) to act jointly and establish statutory Public Services Boards (PSB) for each local authority area in Wales. Each PSB must improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural Well-being of its area by contributing to the achievement of the Well-being goals.

Cabinet Representation: Leader of the Council, Chief Executive.

Community Safety Partnership ('CSP')

Background: Formed in 1999 following the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, membership of the Community Safety Partnership was further extended by the Police Reform Act, 2002, and the Policing & Crime Act, 2009, to include Local Health Boards, Police Authorities and Fire and Rescue Services Authorities, and Probation Service.

The Partnership has an ongoing duty to conduct a crime and disorder assessment. It also develops, implements, monitors and reviews a multi-agency plan to reduce crime and disorder.

The Partnership considers reports from various strategic boards, which also

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work towards reducing crime and disorder in specific areas.

Cabinet Representation: Cabinet Member with responsibility for Porth Gofal Targeted Intervention, Early Intervention, Wellbeing Hubs and Culture Services Portfolio.

Ceredigion CONTEST Board

Background: A multi-agency CONTEST Board, which considers local requirements and implications relating to the 4 Ps, but specifically focusses on local response to the Prevent requirement. The CONTEST Board reports to the Regional CONTEST Board and the Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership.

Cabinet representation: None

Ceredigion Channel Panel (Statutory)

Background: A local operational multi-agency partnership implementing Channel activities and duties. Ceredigion County Council co-ordinates and chairs the Channel Panel, receives referrals on individuals vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism, and draws up a multi-agency intervention support plan, if necessary. The Channel Panel reports to the Ceredigion CONTEST Board (see above), Regional Safeguarding Board and the local Operations Group (CYSUR).

Cabinet representation: None

Mid & West Wales Regional Safeguarding Board

Background: The regional arrangements were established to meet the requirements of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and aim to develop safeguarding practice across the region

Cabinet Representation: None

Ceredigion Youth Council

Background: Ceredigion Youth Service established the Ceredigion Youth Council in 2015 in order to ensure that young people in Ceredigion have the opportunity to voice their opinions in a public forum on various matters that have an effect on them in Ceredigion and its members include representatives from the seven Secondary Schools in the County, Ceredigion Training, Coleg Ceredigion and other various organisations/establishments (e.g Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Scouts Club and Young Farmers Clubs etc.). Minutes are presented to Cabinet.

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Cabinet representation: None

Section 4 **Statutory** Regional Partnerships/Fora/Consortia/Joint Committees

Trafnidiaeth Canolbarth Cymru (TraCC)

Background: This Joint Committee with Powys County Council was established in order to develop, monitor and review a Regional Transport Plan following a period as a regional consortium.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services, and Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration.

Central and South West Wales Regional Partnership Board

Background: Set up by Welsh Government Association for strategic collaboration working between Ceredigion, Powys and Gwynedd County Councils.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Leader and Chief Executive.

Central Wales Infrastructure Collaboration

Background: This is a Joint Committee with Powys County Council which meets as required.

Cabinet Representation: and Cabinet Member Highways and Environmental Services with Housing

Mid Wales Education Partnership

Background: This is a joint partnership with Powys County Council with collaboration on a number of agreed local and national priorities and representation on a full range of cross-regional working parties to ensure equity of provision and the best outcomes for schools in Powys and Ceredigion.

Cabinet/Council Representation: None

Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee

Background: The Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee is a body corporate established by the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021 for the purpose of exercising specified functions for Ceredigion and Powys Councils, and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (economic well-being function for Brecon Beacons National Park Authority), which are economic well-being, improving education, transport and strategic planning. Its members include Ceredigion County Council, Powys County Council and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

Council Representation: Leader

Sub-committees- representation:

Governance & Audit:

Scrutiny:

Standards: 1 Member & 2 lay members

Supporting People - Mid and West Wales Regional Collaborative Committee

Background: This is a Multi-Sectoral Regional Collaborative Committees (RCCs) established in August 2012 to ensure the efficient and effective collaborative delivery of housing related support on a regional and local level; in accordance with National Supporting People Guidance.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Cabinet Member for Porth Gofal Targeted Intervention Service and Cabinet Member Highways and Environmental Services with Housing Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement and Public Protection Services

National Adoption Service and Foster Wales Joint Committee

Background:

The National Adoption Service and Foster Wales was established in 2014 & is managed by a combined Joint Committee.

A Combined Governance Board shall act as an advisory group to the Joint Committee

The Joint Committee will, exercise its powers on behalf of the 22 Welsh Local Authorities for the provision of the collaborative arrangements and provide the mechanism for all Welsh local authorities to discharge an executive and oversight role for the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales.

It will be comprised of Council Members and lay members and will meet at least once annually.

Council Representative: Council/cabinet representative: Cabinet Member for Through Age Well-being

Area Planning Board for Substance Misuse

Background: Dyfed Area Planning Board (APB) is a multi –Agency Partnership responsible for supporting the planning, commissioning and performance management of Substance Misuse services.

The statutory responsible authorities are Dyfed-Powys Police, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire Local Authorities, Hywel Dda Local Health Board, HM Prisons & Probation Service, and Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Service. Public Health Wales, the Youth Justice & Prevention Service, and the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioners Office are non- statutory responsible authorities.

The APB structure comprises an Executive, underpinned by a Strategy Delivery Group, and a Performance and Finance Group.

Council Representation: Corporate Lead Officer Policy, Performance and Public Protection

Growing Mid Wales Partnership (GMW)

Background: The GMW Partnership is the regional economic partnership covering the geographical footprint of Ceredigion and Powys. The purpose is to seek development of the Mid Wales economy.

Cabinet/Council Representation: Leader of the Council; Cabinet member for Economy & Regeneration; Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement

West Wales Care Partnership (WWCP)

Background: This Partnership was established as a result of the Social Services (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWBA) in relation to establishment and maintenance of pooled fund budget arrangements and defined in the Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2015. The Local Authorities involved in the partnership include Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire. The partnership operates in accordance with inter-authority agreements, in collaboration with Hywel Dda Health Board. The WWCP's work is directed by the West Wales Regional Partnership Board (see below).

Council Representation: Statutory Director for Social Services.

The West Wales Regional Partnership Board ('WWRPB')

Background: The WWRPB brings together senior leaders from the NHS, the Council, education and children's services, housing, the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust and third sector, independent providers and users and carers. It directs the work of the West Wales Care Partnership (see above) and in so doing, fulfils statutory duties introduced by the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. The WWRPB works closely with the three Public Services Boards in the region, focusing on areas of shared interest.

Council Representation: Statutory Director of Social Services/Deputy Director of Social Services

B Member Champions

Member Champions are appointed to the following areas

Subject Area
Older People 50+
Equalities
Sustainability
Safeguarding
Biodiversity
Carers
Combating Poverty
Children and Young People
Armed Forces
Diversity
Learning Disabilities
Public Health
Mental Health
Members Development
Health & Safety
Anti-Slavery and Ethical Employment
Domestic Violence
Digital