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**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 446 – 450**

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 16 February, 2011, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. D. J. Davies (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

T. D. Bowen	T. Devichand
M. V. Davies	H. J. Evans
S. L. Davies	T. Rh. Ifan
A. C. Thomas	

**446. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, T. J. Jones, A. G. Morgan and V. R. Thomas.

**447. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**448. CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL SERVICE BOARD - INTEGRATED COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR CARMARTHENSHIRE 2011-16**

Members considered correspondence from the Community Planning and Policy Team, Carmarthenshire County Council, inviting the Council to comment upon the development of the Integrated Community Strategy for the County.

The Strategy's main purpose was to provide one vision for the Local Service Board (LSB) and strategic partners in Carmarthenshire namely:

“ Enabling people to live healthy and fulfilled lives by working together to build strong, bilingual and sustainable communities”.

The document brought together, under the one umbrella, the following key strategies and plans:

- The Community Strategy;
- Children and Young People Plan;

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- Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy;
- Community Safety Strategy;
- Carmarthenshire Regeneration Strategy; and the
- Environment Partnership Action Plan.

The consultation document included a feedback questionnaire and the responses to same would be used to assess the balance of the strategy’s vision against its intended outcomes.

During discussion, Members commented upon the importance of ensuring that the Welsh language should be given high priority throughout the strategy but especially so for regeneration, with the construction of new housing development in areas where the Welsh language was quite strong. It was important to find the correct balance to safeguard the sustainability of the language in those particular areas as well as Carmarthenshire generally. Furthermore and in respect of the referral and involvement of representative groups within the partnership profile of the LSB, it was felt that tenant associations via the tenant network should feature more directly in the ongoing development of the strategy and in having a say in its intended outcomes.

Members also commented upon the importance of breaking down barriers to information sharing across the LSB partnership with the possibility of cross referencing different data sets. Whilst Members fully recognised the restrictions imposed by the Data Protection Act, it was important to have an accurate electoral roll and also general population figures so that the County could maximise the amount of government grant received per capita. This was fundamental in helping to safeguard front line services.

It was also noted that under the Democracy and Governance section of the document there was no reference to the turnout at the Welsh Assembly Government elections held in 2007, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to respond to the feedback questionnaire highlighting Members views and opinions.

**449. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960**

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act, 1960) be exercised.

**450. STAFFING MATTERS**

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of staffing matters.

**RESOLVED** that the report be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.00 p.m.  
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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 8 February, 2011, adopted by the Council.