

<b><u>Attendees</u></b>	
<b>Board Members:</b>	
Councillor Huw Thomas <b>(Chair)</b>	Leader, Cardiff Council (CC)
Kirsty Williams	Chair, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (C&V UHB)
Claire Beynon	Executive Director of Public Health, C&V UHB
Emma Cooke	Executive Director of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs), Life Scientists and Community Services Development, C&V UHB
Paul Orders	Chief Executive, CC
Sarah McGill	Corporate Director People and Communities, CC
David Letellier	Head of Operations South Wales Central, Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
Fin Monahan	Chief Fire Officer, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS)
Gareth Evans	Group Manager Cardiff and Caerphilly, SWFRS
Geraint White	Superintendent, South Wales Police (SWP)
Cerys Miles	Director of Communities, Partnerships and Prevention, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Sheila Hendrickson-Brown	Chief Executive Officer, C3SC
Eirian Evans	Probation Delivery Unit (PDU) Head, National Probation Service (NPS)
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Suzanne Rankin	Chief Executive, C&V UHB
Marc Atwell	Chief Superintendent, SWP
Emma Wools	Police and Crime Commissioner South Wales (PCC)
<b>Other attendees:</b>	
Gareth Newell	Head of Performance and Partnerships, CC
Sian Sanders	Head of Community Safety & Cohesion, CC
Rebecca Brockway	Safeguarding Policy and Development Manager, CC
Gareth Harcombe	Operational Manager Head of Climate Emergency Response, CC
Abigail Streeter	Planning and Improvement Officer, CC
Andy Robinson	Team Leader People & Places, South Wales Central, NRW
Miki Miyata-Lee	Senior Officer People & Places, South Wales Central, NRW

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1.	<p><b>Welcome/ Apologies</b></p> <p>CLlr Thomas opened the meeting and noted apologies as above.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Cardiff PSB Terms of Reference, Minutes and Actions</b></p> <p><u>Terms of Reference (2025/26)</u></p> <p>The Board was presented with the Terms of Reference for 2025/26. It was noted that the Terms of Reference are reviewed annually, and no changes were proposed compared with the 2024/25 version.</p> <p><b>The PSB agreed to</b> approve the Terms of Reference 2025/26.</p> <p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>CLlr Thomas noted that no formal actions arose from the Board’s July meeting; however, all agreed points are currently in progress.</p> <p><b>The PSB agreed to</b> approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 July 2025.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Climate Emergency Focus</b></p> <p><u>Climate Change Risk Assessment</u></p> <p>Gareth Newell presented the findings and proposed next steps from the Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) for Cardiff. The presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background and Methodology</li> <li>• Cardiff’s Climate Projections</li> <li>• Priority Climate Risks, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Risks to people, communities and buildings from flooding</li> <li>- Risks to infrastructure services from flooding and coastal erosion</li> <li>- Risks to businesses from flooding</li> <li>- Risks to infrastructure networks (water, energy, transport, ICT) from cascading failures</li> <li>- Risks to health and wellbeing from higher temperatures</li> <li>- Risks and opportunities to coastal and terrestrial species and habitats due to climate factors</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Gareth Newell noted that high-level climate risks are currently reflected on the risk registers of all PSB member organisations. However, he emphasised that the scale of risk presented by these hazards can vary significantly depending on the risk receptor - meaning that different services and functions may experience varying levels of exposure and impact.</p>	

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	<p>He stressed the importance of undertaking a directorate or service-level consideration of climate risks to develop a more comprehensive understanding of how specific services may be affected. In addition, Gareth highlighted that interdependency risks - those shared across organisations - are not currently visible on existing risk registers. He pointed out that many climate-related risks and responses are inherently cross-cutting, and that greater attention is needed to identify and manage these shared risks collaboratively across PSB member organisations.</p> <p>Gareth proposed the following to support the consistent embedding of climate risks across PSB member organisations and to enable the identification and management of shared risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each PSB member organisation should consider the impact of climate risk through their established risk management approaches, both at the corporate and service levels.</li> <li>• PSB members should identify shared or interdependent risks for inclusion in a shared Climate Risk Register, which will be maintained by the Climate Emergency Board.</li> <li>• Each organisation should nominate a lead officer responsible for engaging in this work and overseeing the identification of shared risks.</li> </ul> <p>The intention is to complete this work within the next six months. Progress will be reviewed annually, with updates reported to the PSB.</p> <p><u>Flood Risk in Cardiff</u></p> <p>David Lettelier, Andy Robinson, and Miki Miyata Lee provided a presentation on flood risk in Cardiff. The presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A case study of Storm Dennis and its impact</li> <li>• NRW’s statutory role in flood risk management</li> <li>• Projected sea level rise scenarios for Cardiff under both 2°C and 4°C global warming pathways, including central and high-impact estimates for the year 2100.</li> <li>• Comparative analysis of properties at risk of flooding in Cardiff between 2024 and 2120, covering both residential and non-residential buildings.</li> <li>• The implications of the Shoreline Management Plan for Cardiff</li> <li>• Overview of Flood Risk Zones and TAN15 defended zones within the city</li> <li>• Introduction to the River Taff Catchment Strategy, including its background, vision, objectives, outputs, and proposed new ways of working.</li> </ul> <p>NRW colleagues emphasised the importance of partnership working in addressing flood risk and advocated for the development of flood defences to protect vulnerable communities across Cardiff. They stressed that collaborative approaches will be essential to ensure that future flood</p>	

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	<p>mitigation strategies are effective, inclusive, and responsive to the evolving climate challenges facing the city.</p> <p>The following points were raised by PSB Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Orders queried whether the CCRA recommendations implied specific changes to existing civil contingency plans. Gareth Newell responded that no specific changes to civil contingency plans were being suggested at this stage. However, he emphasised the importance of understanding climate risks at both the corporate and service levels, which may lead to a need to revisit contingency planning in the future.</li> <li>• Fin Monahan highlighted that Fire and Rescue Services in Wales have statutory responsibility for water rescue. He explained that climate change projections - such as those seen during Storm Bert - have already influenced operational practices, including enhanced command and control in response to early warnings.</li> <li>• Cllr Thomas raised concerns about water supply and retention, particularly in the summer months. He asked if Welsh Water had been engaged to explore the potential need for a new reservoir to support seasonal water storage.</li> <li>• David Letellier noted that NRW has held general conversations regarding water quantity and the impact of drier summers. Although Cardiff has not yet experienced water shortages, he stressed the importance of preparing for future scenarios.</li> <li>• Cllr Thomas noted that the language used around flood risk can be confusing and, at times, contradictory. He highlighted that while presentations often state Cardiff is at risk of flooding due to climate change, they also emphasise that Cardiff is defended. He emphasised the need for clearer public messaging to avoid confusion.</li> <li>• David agreed and explained that Cardiff is protected to a certain standard - typically a 1-in-100-year flood event - but flood defences can be overtopped, particularly as sea levels rise. He cited Pontypridd as an example, where flood protection exists but can be overwhelmed during extreme events.</li> <li>• Paul reflected on Cardiff's recent history of significant rainfall, referencing near-flooding events at Ely Bridge and Western Avenue. He questioned whether the current flood protection investment programme is sufficiently ambitious and raised concerns about the difficulty of delivering protection projects under existing legislation.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fin shared lessons from flooding events in November 2024, noting that incidents outside Cardiff can still impact local response capacity. He stressed the importance of early messaging and visible action, such as deploying sandbags.</li> <li>• Claire Beynon supported the emphasis on public wellbeing, referencing studies on the mental health impact of flooding. She highlighted the importance of seamless service delivery and collective discussion. She also acknowledged the call for advocacy and committed to supporting efforts to secure flood defences for local communities.</li> <li>• Cllr Thomas suggested that partners clarify what incident response looks like collectively, including the source of public messaging during major incidents.</li> <li>• Sarah McGill asked whether there is any intelligence on how changing flood risk is affecting the insurance sector, including rising premiums. She suggested exploring whether PSB partners could support residents with basic cover or engage with insurers more proactively. David agreed to take this point away for further consideration.</li> <li>• Fin noted that wildfire receives limited attention in the report, despite its growing impact. He explained that during fire season, stations north of the M4 are often deployed to wildfire incidents, which can reduce coverage for other emergencies such as road traffic collisions. He also discussed the difficulty in determining the cause of wildfires, noting that many are suspected to be arson-related.</li> <li>• Sheila Hendrickson-Brown recalled a previous discussion about mobilising volunteers during snow events and suggested revisiting the idea in the context of flooding. She noted that volunteers could support vulnerable individuals with wellbeing needs, appointments, and prescriptions.</li> <li>• Cllr Thomas agreed and noted that the recommendations from the Climate Change Risk Assessment prompt this kind of planning. Cllr Thomas confirmed support for the proposed approach and welcomed the recommendation for each organisation to nominate a named representative to oversee the identification of shared risks.</li> </ul> <p><b>The PSB agreed to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the Cardiff Climate Change Risk Assessment</li> <li>• Note the report produced following the joint Cardiff PSB and Vale of Glamorgan PSB workshop on the long-term impacts of climate change on health.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the proposed response to the recommendations contained in the Climate Change Risk Assessment.</li> <li>• Disseminate the Climate Change Risk Assessment through each organisation’s governance and communication arrangements, and complete - within six months - a review and update of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corporate risk registers to reflect strategic climate risks</li> <li>- Operational risk registers to capture service, facility, and asset-level risks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify, within six months, shared risks across organisations, including interdependencies, and submit corporate shared risks to the PSB Secretariat for inclusion in the Climate Emergency Board’s Climate Change Risk Register.</li> <li>• Nominate a named representative, by the end of October 2025, to oversee the identification of corporate shared risks and their submission to the Climate Emergency Board’s Climate Change Risk Register.</li> <li>• Approve that the Climate Emergency Board will provide an annual update to the PSB on corporate shared risks.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each PSB member to nominate a named representative, by the end of October 2025, to oversee the identification of corporate shared risks and their submission to the Climate Emergency Board’s Climate Change Risk Register.</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>
4.	<p><b>Safeguarding Focus</b></p> <p>Rebecca Brockway provided an update on the work of the Cardiff &amp; Vale Safeguarding Board. The presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview and Background</li> <li>• Governance Review: A summary of governance arrangements before and after the recent partnership review.</li> <li>• Progress Highlights: Key achievements from the 2024-25 Annual Report</li> <li>• Annual Plan 2025-26: The Board’s priorities for the year ahead, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safeguarding Process</li> <li>- Multi-agency Activity and Data</li> <li>- Responding to Safeguarding Themes</li> <li>- Service User Feedback</li> <li>- Workforce Information</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reviews, Recommendations and Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviews in progress and RAG rating summary</li> <li>- Progress against recommendations and actions for 2025-26</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Risk Management Process</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Escalation procedures</li> <li>- Current identified risks</li> <li>- De-escalated risks</li> <li>- Risks proposed for deep dive at the next Delivery Group meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The following points were raised by PSB Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Thomas raised concerns about the ownership of risks, questioning whether they are actively managed between quarterly Safeguarding Board meetings and supported by action plans. He also queried the rationale for de-escalating risks such as homelessness pressures and elective home education (EHE).</li> <li>• Sarah McGill acknowledged the improved visibility of safeguarding risks and welcomed the report's presentation to the PSB. She noted that, in terms of the de-escalated risks, they remain significant but are no longer viewed primarily through a safeguarding perspective. She emphasised the importance of organisational ownership and accountability.</li> <li>• Eirian Evans reflected on the Safeguarding Board's maturity and cautioned against attempting to solve all issues within the safeguarding framework.</li> <li>• Rebecca Brockway confirmed that risks are supported by action plans and assigned risk owners. The Delivery Group reviews progress and assesses the management of each risk.</li> <li>• Cllr Thomas added that safeguarding-related actions should be reflected in corporate and directorate delivery plans.</li> <li>• Paul Orders asked about escalation processes, particularly in relation to risks such as MARAC. He emphasised the need for corporate awareness of the arrangements.</li> <li>• Sarah noted that the highest levels of escalation have not yet been tested. She cited hospital bed capacity as a potential candidate for escalation, particularly where no clear solution is evident.</li> <li>• Kirsty Williams provided an update on mental health bed capacity, noting that patients are presenting with more complex needs and that many are placed out of county or out of nation. She confirmed that work is underway to explore solutions within Cardiff.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emma Cooke noted a gap in safeguarding leadership within the Health Board, which is now being addressed. She confirmed that external support is being brought in to review mental health bed capacity and that the model of care is evolving in line with strategic priorities.</li> <li>• Fin Monahan highlighted the vulnerability of individuals at risk of fire-related incidents and offered to share intelligence gathered during fire service visits. He asked how this information could be processed and shared with safeguarding partners.</li> <li>• Rebecca welcomed the suggestion and proposed revisiting South Wales Fire and Rescue Service representation on the Safeguarding Board and Delivery Group.</li> <li>• Sarah reinforced referral routes into adult and child protection services.</li> <li>• Cllr Thomas confirmed that this item was primarily for information but noted that the PSB would continue to monitor progress and ensure appropriate linkages to organisational planning.</li> </ul> <p><b>The PSB agreed to</b> continue to oversee the work of the Cardiff &amp; Vale Safeguarding Board, including safeguarding risks, and ensure appropriate linkages to organisational planning.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Cohesion Update</b></p> <p>Sian Sanders provided an update on community cohesion, reflecting on recent tensions across the UK and globally. The presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Approach:</b> Cardiff Council has worked with South Wales Police to review cohesion arrangements. The response is structured around three strands, aligned with the national Welsh Government Cohesion Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Development and Prevention</li> <li>- Tension Monitoring</li> <li>- Incident Response and Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Governance and Tension Monitoring Arrangements:</b> An overview of current structures supporting cohesion work.</li> <li>• <b>National Cohesion Themes:</b> Key themes emerging from national policy and practice.</li> <li>• <b>Live Risks and Issues:</b> Including localised concerns and emerging patterns.</li> <li>• <b>Forward Look:</b> A review of potential trigger points and future areas of focus.</li> </ul> <p>The following points were raised by PSB Members:</p>	

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6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><u>Community Safety</u></p> <p>An update will be circulated following the meeting.</p>	

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	<p data-bbox="220 181 603 219"><u>Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)</u></p> <p data-bbox="220 259 1214 412">It was noted that the Local Growth Fund is set to replace former EU funding and the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). The fund is currently under consultation and is expected to launch in the 2026/27 financial year. PSB organisations were encouraged to respond to the consultation if affected.</p> <p data-bbox="220 454 1150 566">The Pride in Place programme will focus on specific local areas. Further information is awaited, but planning is expected to begin in November 2025, with programme delivery scheduled to start in April 2026.</p> <p data-bbox="220 609 368 647"><u>Total Place</u></p> <p data-bbox="220 689 1185 759">An update on the Total Place programme will be provided at the next PSB meeting.</p>	