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| WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD | Item 6 |

# 27 OCTOBER 2017

**Review of regional governance**

**Background**

1. Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act gives Regional Partnership Boards the power to develop and coordinate formal and informal partnership arrangements to facilitate integrated working, supported by written agreements where there is a delegation of functions.

**For consideration**

1. Discussions have been taking place between the statutory partners on the West Wales RPB (Carmarthenshire County Council, Ceredigion County Council, Hywel Dda University Health Board and Pembrokeshire County Council), regarding appropriate partnership structures to oversee this work and other parts of the regional programme. Such structures will aim to deliver the following:

* Whole system approach to supporting our population
* Improving outcomes for the people we care for
* Far better value from the resources we have, delivered on a collective basis
* Single regional governance structure for regional integration of health and social care
* Streamlined decision making within delegated authority
* Collective assurance for regional integration
* Aligned performance management of arrangements, including: risk; performance outcomes; and financial management
* Clearer demarcation of authority, accountability and decision making
* Enhanced democratic accountability

1. A working group has been established to develop proposals, considering specifically:

* Establishment of a Joint Committee under existing Local Government legislation (with the UHB as a non-voting member) or Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act
* Creation of an Executive Board of local authority and Health Board directors, acting by unanimous decision within delegated authority
* Clarification of the role of the Regional Partnership Board in scrutinising delivery of legislative responsibilities by the statutory partners
* Reviewing the terms of reference and remit of regional programme boards sitting under the Executive Board and overseeing specific regional programmes
* Development of an over-arching ‘Integration Agreement’ setting out shared strategic intent in relation to integration, under which separate Agreements for the care homes pooled fund and future joint arrangements would sit. This would also specify the agreed governance arrangements

1. The outcomes of this work could also be used to influence forthcoming local government legislation, particularly in respect of membership and functions of proposed Joint Governance Committees.
2. The intention is to establish appropriate arrangements by April 2018.
3. Further details are provided in Appendix 1, which also provides details of progress in establishing pooled fund arrangements for care home functions by April 2018. The intention is to make this paper available to statutory partners to advise elected members and senior officers of the approach being taken in relation to this and the wider governance review. Further such reports will be produced as the work progresses, requesting ratification of the Integration Agreement, Partner Agreement for care homes and governance arrangements once these have been finalised.

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| **Recommendation:**  That the RPB:   1. Notes the contents of the cover report and Appendix |