

Option	Pros	Cons	Structure	Administrative Considerations
<b>1. No Change To PSB Structure</b>	<p><b>Decisions can be more efficient</b> and dynamic due to less members</p> <p><b>Localised focus</b> and identity can remain</p> <p><b>Resource allocation remains</b> as it is</p> <p><b>Avoids disruption</b> to existing projects</p> <p><b>Accountability</b> remains with each individual PSB</p>	<p>Increased pressure placed on the resources to produce Assessments of Local Well-being, Local Well-being Plans and Annual Reports</p> <p><b>Duplication of efforts</b> across region</p> <p><b>Weaker strategic alignment</b> across West Wales</p> <p>Appropriate representation from Statutory Members is currently an issue for some PSB's</p> <p><b>Multiple meetings</b> for National and Regional Bodies to attend</p> <p><b>Reduced regional influence</b> and recognition</p>	<p>Carmarthenshire PSB</p> <p>Ceredigion PSB</p> <p>Pembrokeshire PSB</p>	<p>Each PSB produces and publishes their own Assessment of Local Well-being, Local Well-being Report and Annual Progress Reports</p> <p>Three separate well-being planning and consultation cycles</p> <p>No change to individual PSB structure or Chair/Vice Chair</p> <p>No change to current scrutiny arrangements</p> <p>Individual Terms of References' will remain</p> <p>Individual administrative support will remain</p> <p>No change to arrangements grant administered by one PSB and shared equally with each PSB</p>
<b>2. All Three PSBs Merge</b>	<p><b>Economies of scale</b></p> <p>Resources to produce Assessments of Local Well-being, Local Well-being Plans and Annual Reports can be combined across the PSBs to alleviate pressure on those producing the documents</p> <p><b>Less meetings for members to attend</b></p> <p><b>Resources can be pooled</b> together</p> <p>Build upon current working relationships</p> <p>A <b>single identity</b> to be recognised by Welsh Government and public</p> <p>Potential for <b>better public engagement</b></p> <p>Expertise and knowledge sharing</p> <p>Reduction in the duplication of efforts</p> <p>More dynamic delivery structure</p>	<p>Delivery of plans could suffer if there aren't strong working relations</p> <p>Potential to <b>lose a sense of local focus</b></p> <p><b>Potential loss of accountability within the PSB</b></p> <p><b>Political sensitivities</b> surrounding the merge of three Local Authorities</p> <p><b>Slower Delivery</b> less agile</p> <p><b>Priorities could differ</b> across each area</p> <p>The exchange of <b>resources would need to be fair</b> with each Local Authority contributing</p>	<p><b>A single PSB Board is established</b></p>	<p><b>A Single Assessment of Local Well-being, Local Well-being Plan and Annual Progress Report</b> would be produced</p> <p><b>A new Chair and Vice Chair</b> must be appointed to the Board</p> <p><b>A joint Terms of Reference</b> must be drawn up by the Board</p> <p>A review must be carried out by the Board of the local well-being plans in effect for its area immediately before it was established, and the local objectives set out in those plans</p> <p>A joint scrutiny committee would be set up to review the efforts of the merged PSB</p> <p>Considerations need to be addressed with regards to the existing local delivery groups across the PSBs and how these continue to operate post merge</p> <p>Considerations need to be given to administrative support—this could either be rotated across the Local Authority areas or be a single team</p> <p>The merged single PSB will receive funding from the Welsh Government to facilitate their activities</p>
<b>3a. All Three PSBs Collaborate</b>	<p><b>Existing working relationships would be formalised and contributions from each PSB identified</b></p> <p><b>Experience, resources and skills can be shared</b> and brought together</p> <p><b>Increased collaboration and information sharing</b></p> <p>Supports issues <b>across borders</b> i.e. public transport</p> <p><b>Larger footprint and voice within Wales</b></p> <p>A similar framework for the Assessments of Local Well-being, Local Well-being Plans and Annual Reports could be followed by the PSBs</p>	<p>The exchange of <b>resources would need to be fair</b> with each PSB contributing</p> <p>Potential lack of accountability</p> <p><b>Roles could be misunderstood</b> unless clearly identified and agreed</p>	<p><b>Retained</b> Carmarthenshire PSB</p> <p><b>Retained</b> Ceredigion PSB</p> <p><b>Retained</b> Pembrokeshire PSB</p> <p><b>+ element of formalised collaboration between the PSBs</b></p>	<p><b>Separate Assessments of Local Well-being, Local Well-being Plans and Annual Reports would be produced, one by each PSB</b></p> <p>PSBs could follow the same structure and assist one another with the production of reports, plans and assessments</p> <p>A new Terms of Reference/Partnership Agreement would need to be drawn up by the PSBs</p> <p>Considerations need to be given to administrative support—this could either be rotated across the Local Authority areas or be a single team</p> <p>There would still be a scrutiny committee for each respective PSB</p> <p>Each PSB region will receive their own funding from the Welsh Government to facilitate their activities This would normally be administered by one PSB on behalf of the group and either split equally or pooled together and allocated according to the collaboratives agreement</p>
<b>3b. All Three PSBs collaborate and introduce a Strategic Co-ordinating Group with Senior Statutory Members</b>	<p><b>Retains advantages of Option 3a and:</b></p> <p>Appropriate representation from statutory partners is addressed by having them all come together at the same time</p> <p>Takes steps towards regional working but allows flexibility to work on local priorities as/when fit</p>	<p><b>Retains disadvantages of Option 3a and:</b></p> <p>Invited participants may be reluctant to involve themselves</p>	<p><b>Retained</b> Carmarthenshire PSB</p> <p><b>Retained</b> Ceredigion PSB</p> <p><b>Retained</b> Pembrokeshire PSB</p> <p><b>+ Strategic Co-ordinating Group</b></p>	<p><b>Retains the administrative considerations of Option 3a and:</b></p> <p>Would there be an additional scrutiny committee established for the strategic co-ordinating group?</p>
<b>4. Only Two PSBs Come Together</b>	<p><b>Retains advantages of Option 2 and:</b></p> <p><b>If successful, it could encourage the third PSB to join at a later date if not ready</b></p> <p><b>Resources can be pooled</b> together</p> <p><b>Meetings</b> are attended by members at the <b>same time</b></p> <p><b>Less meetings for National and Regional bodies to attend</b></p> <p>The joint PSB will have a <b>larger footprint</b> within Wales</p> <p><b>Economies of scale</b></p> <p>A <b>single identity</b> to be recognised by Welsh Government and public</p> <p>Potential for <b>better public engagement</b></p>	<p>Possible <b>Fragmented service delivery across West Wales</b> region</p> <p>There would still be separate meetings for National and Regional members to attend</p>	<p>Joint PSB—Two areas coming together</p> <p>Sole PSB</p>	<p><b>There would be two Assessments of Local Well-being, Local Well-being Plans and Annual Progress Reports</b> instead of three</p> <p>There would be two scrutiny committees - one for the joint PSB and one for the sole PSB</p> <p>The joint PSB would pool resources together across the PSBs to produce the Assessment of Local Well-being, Local Well-being Plan and Annual Progress Report whilst the sole PSB would only be able to use their own resources</p> <p>Considerations need to be given to administrative support—this could either be rotated across the Local Authority areas or be a single team</p> <p>Each PSB region (the joint PSB and sole PSB) will receive their own funding from the Welsh Government to facilitate their activities</p>