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Regional PSB Structure – Options Paper		<i>Discussion and Agreement</i>
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<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>At its meeting on 03-03-25, the Ceredigion PSB asked support officers to discuss with colleagues in Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire what the possibilities would be to strengthen the PSB structure and work across the Region.</p> <p>Officers from Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Powys met in the first instance but Powys took the view that they would not need to be included in these discussions, however they are interested in working with the Southwest Wales region on specific thematic work in the future.</p> <p>The options paper, at Appendix 1, has been informed by research into the PSB structures that are in operation across Wales, and from discussions with other PSB support officers. It is hoped that the paper will support discussion within each PSB and between the three boards.</p> <p><b>The Options</b></p> <p>This options paper outlines four potential options as to how the PSBs may choose to operate in the future. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Option 1</b> Maintain current arrangements</li> <li><b>Option 2</b> Establish a formal merger between the three PSBs</li> <li><b>Option 3</b> Establish a formal collaboration between the three PSBs</li> <li><b>Option 4</b> Establish a merger or collaboration, between only two PSBs</li> </ul> <p>Each option is presented with its associated benefits, risks and administrative considerations to support informed decision making by the PSBs.</p> <p>Having researched the position across Wales, there exists some flexibility in how PSBs are structured and how Local Well-being Plans are delivered. This is reflected in several different interpretations and approaches, tailored to suit local and regional needs. Therefore, it is important to note that flexibility can be introduced to any option that would ultimately be taken forward.</p> <p>The three boards are invited to consider the options set out in the paper and come to a view on an option they believe best suits how they wish to operate going forward.</p>		

Goblygiadau Ariannol / Financial Implications
Not fully known at this stage. This will be dependent on the decision taken by the Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire PSBs.
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<p>For the PSB to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider and discuss the options paper.</li> <li>2. To agree on an initial preferred option.</li> <li>3. To ask each PSB member to take the option agreed by the board back to their individual organisations for approval and to report back to the next PSB meeting.</li> <li>4. Allow support officers to share the initial option agreed by the board with colleagues in Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.</li> </ol>
Atodiadau / Attachments
Appendix 1 – Regional PSB Structure – Options Paper
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