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The PSB Merger Governance Task & Finish Group		<i>Discussion &amp; Agreement</i>
Crynodeb o'r Materion / Summary of Issues		
<p>The PSB Merger Governance Task &amp; Finish Group met to progress preparations for the merger of the Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire Public Services Boards ahead of the anticipated first joint meeting scheduled for <b>15th September 2026</b>. The group confirmed its role in agreeing governance arrangements, overseeing workstreams linked to the merger, and providing recommendations for consideration by the individual PSBs.</p> <p>A review of membership identified a small number of gaps, including representation from the Probation Service, which will be followed up. The Welsh Government and the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner will be kept informed and engaged as required.</p> <p>Summary updates were provided on the three merger-related workstreams:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Governance</b> – development of the merged PSB Terms of Reference (TOR) and supporting arrangements.</li> <li><b>Interim Well-being Plan and 2025–26 Annual Reports</b> – mapping of current plans is underway to support production of a light-touch joint plan to run until mid-2028, alongside coordinated annual reporting.</li> <li><b>Joint Assessment of Local Well-being (2028–33)</b> – consultation and engagement activity is being coordinated through an established sub-group.</li> </ol> <p>A high-level merger timetable was shared, noting that both PSBs will continue to meet individually until the joint board is established. The main business of the meeting was to discuss and review the first draft of the <b>Terms of Reference</b> for the merged PSB.</p> <p>Areas of discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updating membership, including name changes and removal of obsolete organisations.</li> <li>Clarifying expectations regarding Health Board and Public Health representation.</li> <li>Strengthening wording on partnership engagement without prescriptive requirements.</li> </ul>		

- Confirming a **two-year term** for the Chair (extendable) and maintaining the recommendation that the Vice-Chair be from a different organisation.
- Setting a minimum of **four meetings per year**, with at least two held face-to-face.
- Proposal that meetings are not open to the public however under certain conditions questions can be submitted via the Chair. With further prior agreement of the Chair permission can be granted for named representation from the public (up to a maximum of 3 people) can attend the Board meeting for consideration of their question.
- Establishing a **single website** for the merged PSB.
- Confirming the retention of the **two existing Scrutiny committees** – one in each county.
- Retaining flexibility over administrative support arrangements during transition.

The group agreed that the first merged PSB meeting will be held on 15 September 2026 at a suitable hybrid-enabled venue, with the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales invited to attend.

No specific risks to the merger were identified at this stage, though this will remain under review. A further meeting of the Task & Finish Group will be scheduled for late May 2026.

A copy of the amended TOR's is provided for comment and approval is sought from the Members of both PSBs .

Goblygiadau Ariannol / Financial Implications
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None noted to date
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Argymhellion / Recommendations
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To implement the request for joint support with this essential piece of work.
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Atodiadau / Attachments
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Swyddog Adrodd / Reporting Officer
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Tim Bray, Partnerships & Civil Contingencies Manager
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