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WALES PRINCIPAL YOUTH OFFICERS' GROUP

Wales Principal Youth Officers' Group (PYOG) Structure for Meetings 2020

Background

This paper sets out the arrangements for meetings of the group, meetings which are designed to maintain focus on relevant national, regional and local agendas and to facilitate:

- Proactive steps as opposed to reactive response to issues
- Rapid response to issues needing urgent attention
- In-depth consideration of matters relating to youth work in Wales
- implementing any changes that affect the profession and professional training pathways
- Agendas that address issues directly affecting young people and the Youth Service nationally

This paper may be subject to change, as informed by relevant PYOG representatives as/when developments occur at either national or regional level. The term "Principal Youth Officer" refers to the Officer nominated by each local authority who is the strategic lead for the Youth Service.

Association of Directors of Education in Wales (ADEW) & WLGA

The Wales PYOG is a sub group within the ADEW structure and has a link with the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) via the Lifelong Learning Policy Officer (Youth).

The meetings format for 2020

The following has been agreed for 2020:

- The PYO Group will meet as a full national group. Meetings will take place over 5 days for the full group. These will be held as 3 x 1 day meetings and a residential (two day) meeting.
- All local authority designated Youth Service strategic leads (PYOG members) will be invited to the full meetings. Agendas and minutes (as drafted by the WLGA Policy Officer) will be circulated to all PYOG members.
- Regional work-streams, structures and meetings will be determined at regional level.

Purpose of Meetings

Full Meeting

- Sharing and promotion of the work undertaken within the regional PYOG groups
- Good practice networking opportunities with colleagues across Wales
- To meet with key personnel from Welsh Government and other relevant stakeholders in order to share information on and shape emerging policy and developing initiatives
- Training and development forum for PYOG members

Regional Meetings

- Coordinate, facilitate, develop and communicate work at regional level and share good practice
- Report progress at regional level to the national group at relevant national meetings

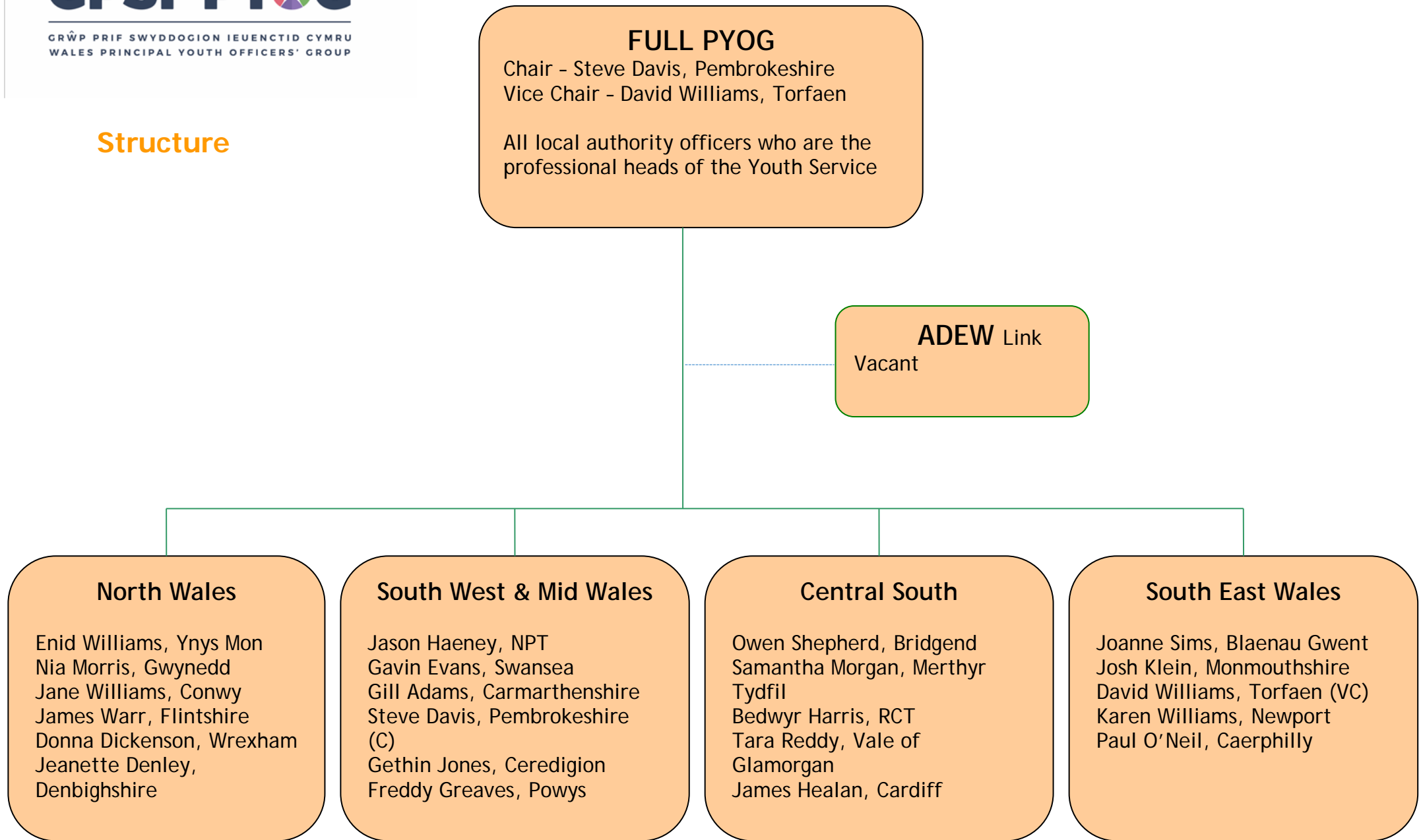
External Organisations

Should an organisation or network wish to discuss an initiative or proposed piece of work with the national PYO group, an approach can be made to either the Chair, Vice Chair or WLGA Policy Officer. Should the request be in relation to regional work, an approach can be made to one of the PYOG members from that region.

Meeting Schedule for 2020:

- Monday 20th January, Broneirion, Llandinam
- Monday 30th March, Broneirion, Llandinam
- Monday 1st June, Broneirion
- Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th October, Broneirion, Llandinam

Structure



Regional Meetings

The purpose of these meetings is similar to the full PYO Group meetings. However, there will be an expectation to collaborate closer with our neighbouring authorities within and across designated regions and, where relevant, other stakeholders e.g. voluntary sector and HEI's. Colleagues will provide regular feedback from each region at national meetings and in between meetings as necessary e.g. for comment on work in progress.

Regional Groups

Region	<i>North Wales</i>	<i>SW & Mid Wales</i>	<i>Central South</i>	<i>SE Wales</i>
	Ynys Môn Gwynedd Conwy Denbighshire Flintshire Wrexham	NPT Swansea Carmarthenshire Pembrokeshire Ceredigion Powys	Bridgend Merthyr RCT Vale Cardiff	Blaenau Gwent Monmouthshire Newport Torfaen Caerphilly

Review of Format

The above does not constitute "tablets of stone" and the format will be reviewed at the end of the year.