

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET-COMMITTEE-CORPORATE PARENTING**

**13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SAFEGUARDING AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

**DRAFT CORPORATE PARENTING STATEMENT**

**1. Purpose of Report.**

1.1 To consider Bridgend's draft corporate parenting statement.

**2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.**

2.1 Corporate parenting responsibilities relate to the Council's priority themes of "Children Today, Adults Tomorrow" and "Creating Learning Communities".

**3. Background.**

3.1 A draft corporate parenting policy (appendix one) was presented to the Scrutiny Committee in December 2006. It was endorsed by the Social Services and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a basis for consultation with stakeholders, including children and young people.

3.2 A survey of elected members clearly demonstrated their commitment to fulfilling the corporate parent role.

3.3 In December 2007, the Scrutiny Committee agreed that further work was required to reinvigorate the issues and for the new administration to take up the challenge.

3.4 On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Cabinet agreed to establish a Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee in order to further enhance/improve the Council's corporate parenting role, with its partners. The first meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

**4. Current situation / proposal.**

4.1 It is proposed that the Committee considers the draft policy statement to decide whether it is still fit for purpose in 2009, given that it was originally drafted in 2006.

4.2 Examples of other local authorities' corporate parenting statements are attached at appendix two.

**5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

5.1 None.

**6. Legal Implications.**

6.1 There are no legal implications.

**7. Financial Implications.**

7.1 There are no financial implications.

**8. Recommendation.**

8.1 That Committee consider and approve the draft policy statement.

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**Background documents**

None