

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE

9 MARCH 2010

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - CHILDREN

REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To review and approve the Committee's Informal Forward Work Programme and propose any additional topics for inclusion.

1.2 To identify plans, policies and strategies for inclusion in its Forward Work Programme and finalise the Forward Work Programme for the period 1st May 2010 to the 31st August 2010.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

2.1 The proposed Programme links with the corporate theme of Young Voices.

3. Background

3.1 An Informal Forward Work Programme was agreed following the Committee's inception. The Programme is now reviewed at each meeting to enable adjustments to be made and for new items to be added.

3.2 The Committee is required to determine its Forward Work Programme for the period 1st May 2010 to the 31st August 2010.

4. Current situation

4.1 The items agreed at the previous committee for inclusion in the Committee's Informal Forward Work Programme were as follows:

- twice yearly report on findings from Members' rota visits, to include number of visits undertaken;
- twice yearly performance information in relation to looked after children, with reference to the Members' guide "If it were my Child" (WAG 2009);
- young people's session, content to be determined by the young people themselves;

Update reports, to include:

- Wales Audit Office study report on education of looked after children;
- Residential review;

- Work experience/apprenticeship scheme for BCBC.

These items have now been incorporated into the informal work programme at Appendix One.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

5.1 None

6. Legal Implications

6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

7.2 None

8. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee:

i) approves the Informal Forward Work Programme at Appendix One;

ii) identifies any further topics for inclusion in its Informal Forward Work Programme;

iii) identifies any plans, policies and strategies for inclusion in its Forward Work Programme and finalises the Forward Work Programme for the period 1st May 2010 to the 31st August 2010.

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