

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE**

**6 MARCH 2012**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR CHILDREN**

**INFORMAL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – MARCH 2012 TO JULY 2012**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To seek approval of the proposed Informal Forward Work programme covering the period from March 2012 to July 2012.

**2. Connection to Corporate Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities**

- 2.1 The work of the Cabinet Committee is linked to the “Young Voices” theme.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Committee manages its business through the Formal and Informal Forward Work Programmes agreed regularly throughout the year. In January a projection of the topics to be covered was put forward and accepted by the Committee for inclusion in the Informal Forward Work Programme.
- 3.2 There are two additional items being proposed for the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee to consider at the July 2012 meeting.

**4. Current Situation / Proposal**

- 4.1 The topics detailed in Appendix 1 have previously been accepted for inclusion in the Informal Forward Work Programme.
- 4.2 At the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee held on 17 January 2012, it was agreed that the agenda item “Looked After Children – Performance Data Update” would be deferred until the Corporate Parenting Committee scheduled for July 2012, when the Welsh Government would have, by this time, validated the data. This would give the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee an opportunity to compare the data for Bridgend with other local authorities.

- 4.3 At the Corporate Parenting Committee held on 17 January 2012, members requested that a report be presented at the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee meeting on 6 March 2012 in respect of the Connecting Families Project. This item is now included in the attached Informal Formal Work Programme.

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

- 5.1 None.

**6. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 This has been considered but as there are no new or changed services / policy / functions in this report it is therefore not applicable at this time.

**7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 None.

**8. Recommendations**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Committee approves the Informal Forward Work Programme as appended to the report and considers whether it wishes to propose any other items for inclusion.

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**Background Documents**

None.