

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE

29 APRIL 2013

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - CHILDREN

Informal Forward Work Programme – April 2013 to July 2013

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the proposed Informal Forward Work programme covering the period from April 2013 to July 2013.

2. Connection to Corporate Plan

- Working together to raise ambitions and drive up educational achievement.
- Working with children and families to tackle problems early.
- Working together to help vulnerable people to stay independent.
- Working together to tackle health issues and encourage healthy lifestyles.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Cabinet Committee manages its business through the Formal and Informal Forward Work Programmes agreed regularly throughout the year. In March 2012, a projection of the topics to be covered was put forward and accepted by the Cabinet Committee for inclusion in the Informal Forward Work Programme. These have been added to in subsequent meetings.

4. Current Situation

- 4.1 One additional report has been added to the agenda for the meeting of 29 April 2013. This report seeks Cabinet's approval of the revised 'Statements of Purpose' for the Council's Adoption Service, Fostering Services, Bakers Way, Short Breaks Service, Newbridge House Transition Unit and Sunny Bank Complex Needs Unit.
- 4.2 The topics detailed in Appendix 1 have previously been accepted for inclusion in the Informal Forward Work Programme between January 2013 and April 2013. However, additional topics are being proposed for inclusion in the Informal Forward Work Programme, these being:

- The impact of recent changes introduced arising out of the Family Justice Review 2011;
- CSSIW inspection into Bridgend County Borough Council's Fostering Services;
- Head of Safeguarding and Family Support's Annual Report submitted to Welsh Government within the Annual Council Reporting Framework.

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 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

Appendix 1