#### **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE

#### 31 July 2013

#### **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - CHILDREN**

#### Informal Forward Work Programme – July 2013 to October 2013

#### 1. Purpose of Report

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

# 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The report links to the following Corporate Priorities:
  - 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 2013, 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 Five additional reports are being proposed for inclusion in the future Informal Forward Work Programme, these being:
  - Update on the proposed establishment of a National Adoption Service in Wales.

- Report on the creation of the Permanency Team housed within the Adoption Service.
- Update on the Intensive Family Support Service following its launch.
- Report from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board on the health outcomes for looked after children
- Report on the sport and play opportunities for looked after children

#### 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