

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE

28 OCTOBER 2013

REPORT OF THE INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR - CHILDREN

Informal Forward Work Programme – October 2013 to January 2014

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the proposed Informal Forward Work programme covering the period from October 2013 to January 2014.

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 Three additional reports are being proposed for inclusion in the future Informal Forward Work Programme, these being:
- An evaluation of the Connecting Families Service.
 - Refreshed strategy to reduce Looked After Children.
 - Update report on the establishment of the proposed collaborative for commissioning an Independent Professional Advocacy and Independent Visiting service for children and young people.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

- 5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications.

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