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Dyddiad/Date: 4 October 2016

Dear Councillor,

PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held in Committee Rooms 2/3, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB, on **Monday, 10 October 2016 at 2.00 pm.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive for apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008 (including Whipping Declarations)
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 8
To receive for approval, the minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 4 July 2016
4. The Council's Critical Incident Policy and Procedure 9 - 16
Invitees:
Councillor C Reeves – Cabinet Member Communities
M Shephard – Corporate Director Communities
Z Shell – Head of Neighbourhood Services
G Ennis – Group Manager Business Support
K Mulcahy – Group Manager Highways Services
5. Social Housing - Partnership Working with Residential Social Landlords 17 - 26
Invitees:
Councillor CE Smith – Cabinet Member Regeneration and Economic Development
PA Jolley – Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services
A Bowen – Group Manager Housing and Community Regeneration

6. Forward Work Programme Update

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7. Urgent Items

To consider any items of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Part 4 (paragraph 4) of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully

P A Jolley

Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services

Distribution:

Councillors:

N Clarke
E Dodd
EM Hughes
M Jones

Councillors

JR McCarthy
HE Morgan
AD Owen
D Patel

Councillors

M Thomas
RL Thomas
KJ Watts
C Westwood

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 4 JULY 2016 AT 2.00 PM

Present

Councillor N Clarke – Chairperson

E Dodd	EM Hughes	M Jones	JR McCarthy
AD Owen	D Patel	M Thomas	RL Thomas
KJ Watts			

Officers: -

Invitees:

CE Smith	Cabinet Member - Regeneration and Economic Development
L Jones	Head of Regulatory and Partnerships
D Holland	Head of the Shared Regulatory Service
GP Jones	Head of Democratic Services

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor HE Morgan and Mr PA Jolley – Corporate Director – Operational & Partnership Services

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

45. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 April 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record subject to the inclusion of Councillors N Clarke and M Thomas as attending the meeting.

46. REGULATORY SERVICES COLLABORATIVE PROJECT AND BUSINESS PLAN 2016-17

The Head of Regulatory and Partnerships presented a report which provided background on the development of the Shared Regulatory Service which provided an integrated Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing service for Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. He explained that Mr D Holland, The Head of the Shared Regulatory Service, was in attendance at the committee to provide a detailed briefing for members on the service, its implementation, development and aspirations.

The Head of the Shared Regulatory Service outlined the establishment of the service, described the aims, the functions that were now being undertaken and the benefits that were anticipated to be delivered by the service. He explained that many of the original Bridgend workforce had secured roles with the shared service including 5 team managers.

He then explained the governance model including the Joint Committee which had oversight of the service. He added that Bridgend was represented on this Joint Committee by Councillors CE Smith and R Williams.

The Head of the Shared Regulatory Service emphasised the importance of the service being people focused and of delivering on the promises which it made. He added that it was hoped that the service would become a recognised leader in safeguarding the health, safety and economy of our communities and for delivering high quality services within budget.

He then outlined some of the key challenges which were being addressed. These included; mobile working, service access and managing demand, operating processes, performance management and workforce planning.

The work during the establishment of the Shared Regulatory Service had not stopped and in addition to the normal duties it had been involved with an outbreak in Porthcawl, Operation Fetch and the seizure of illegal tobacco, Legal Highs working with Lucy Owen and the X- ray TV programme to investigate public issues.

The Head of the Shared Regulatory Service stated that the Regulatory Services Business Plan, as appended to the report had been identified as the most important Business Plan the service would have to write.

The Head of Regulatory and Partnerships stated that he was comfortable with the development of the Shared Regulatory Service which had been a significant period of change for many employees but that they had been provided with additional support to manage the transition. The Food Standards Agency and Public Health Wales had also been supportive during this period.

Members requested clarification of the ongoing workforce development. They were advised that the appraisal process would be used to identify an individual's training needs in their current role.

The Committee queried the Risk Register show on page 63 of the report which identified risk relating to the effective allocation of resources. It was explained that tasking and the co-ordination of resources happened on a daily basis but the workflow processes had changed and that the allocation of resources was more fluid that previously with officer working across the region. The Taxi/Licensing service will continue to be managed in Bridgend by Yvonne Witchell

Members queried the opportunities for income generation and were advised that this could be achieved from a wide range of options including recovery of costs and asset seizure from criminal activities. The committees was advised of some of the recent successes in recovering costs and advised that the appropriate structures were in place to optimise these opportunities. The committee was informed that there would be no charge to provide advice to legitimate businesses.

Conclusions:

1. Members recommended that Bridgend as an Authority look to expand their out of hours service to provide services similar to what Cardiff provide, due to the fact that instances of noise disturbance, for example, usually occur during the evenings.
2. Further to this, the Committee recommended that a Performance Indicator be introduced in relation to the time to respond to out of hours requests.

3. The Committee requested that when the item comes before the Committee again, it incorporate further case studies of where and how the Authority is assisting the public with income recovery.
4. The Committee recommended that a status column be added to the Action Plan in order for there to be clear evidence of what has been achieved and what actions are still outstanding.
5. The Committee commented on the fact that the operating model did not provide any detail as to how priorities are dealt with; for example who prioritises daily business? Member requested that future reports include performance management data such as detail on responses to calls and how daily business is prioritised in order to determine what service the people of Bridgend are getting. The Committee also requested further evidence as to how information was being gathered from the public in terms of the service they are receiving.

47. WALES EXTREMISM AND COUNTER TERRORISM UNIT AND COUNTER TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015

The Head of Regulatory and Partnerships presented a report which informed the Committee of how the Authority is responding to the duties under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and to provide an update of the current threat of extremism and terrorism in a local context.

He explained that the Cabinet Committee – Equalities had received a report on the South Wales Police Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit (WECTU), outlining the current “Severe” threat level in the United Kingdom and which provided a local context for the information. He described the formation of WECTU and the creation of a Special Branch for the whole of Wales. Its remit covered international terrorism and domestic extremism and was governed by the UK Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy known as CONTEST. The Western Bay CONTEST Board was constituted by representatives from a variety of agencies across the area including officers from BCBC. The board covered the key elements of the strategy including Prepare; and Protect and Prevent responsibilities. The Board also received updates from the local Channel Panels. These Channel Panels are established in each local authority and support a multi-agency safeguarding programme to support vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism.

He continued by explaining that the duties of the Local Authority had recently been changed and added that if a Local Authority failed to comply with its duties it could be the subject of a mandatory order from the Secretary of State. He then outlined the actions that were being undertaken by the Authority to meet this change in its duties.

One-off grant of £10,000 has been allocated to BCBC specifically to deliver prevent training and awareness of the new duties across the Authority’s workforce, including wider agencies contracted to the authority.

The Head of Regulatory and Partnerships introduced DS T Nash who was a representative of the South Wales Police and Gwent Police PREVENT team and who would be able to respond to any queries the Committee may have.

Members expressed their disappointment at the low level of ring-fenced grant that had been provided by the Home Office. DS Nash explained that previously the funding had come directly from the Police. The funding had been cut and the service had had lost 2 co-ordinators but would continue its efforts until the Local Authorities were operating in accordance with its duties. It was explained that Bridgend had a lower number of

counter terrorism referrals than neighbouring authorities but the planned increase in awareness would also increase the number of referrals

Members identified that religious groups were not represented on the CONTEST Board or CHANNEL Panel. They also queried the impact on the Local Authority. It was explained that the introduction of new legislation was accompanied by a small grant. This grant funding would be used to raise awareness focussing on teams within children's services before widening awareness through partnership working and encouraging partners to engage the programme which would become a priority for the Community Safety Partnership.

Members asked if BCBC was complying with the new legislation and they were informed that good partnership networking had been established but it could not yet be considered as at the gold standard

Conclusions:

1. The Committee agreed that enforcing the Act was going to be very challenging and expressed concerns over the funding required to cover the cost of the work being undertaken by the Authority in order to comply with the Act. Whilst acknowledging the £10,000 Home Office grant, Members felt that this would not cover the full cost of the continued work under this Act. Members questioned whether capacity was sustainable and whether there were enough funding and staffing resources. The Committee therefore requested that the Committee be provided with a breakdown of the associated costs to the Local Authority and where this was to be found from.
2. Members also proposed that representatives from the Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council be invited to meet with the Committee and discuss the reality of the Act in practice based on their findings from the pilot, including any detail of costs and financial pressures.
3. The Committee requested that future reports on the subject of Counter Terrorism incorporate anonymised examples of the work of the Channel Panel in order to evidence outcomes.
4. Members also suggested that should the Committee reconsider the item in the future, representatives from social services and education be invited to attend to assist with discussions and to help inform Members of what the Act means at a service level in terms of its implementation.

48. CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPION NOMINATION REPORT

The Committee considered the appointment of a member to become its Corporate Parenting Champion and represent the committee on the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee. After some discussion it was:-

RESOLVED: That Councillor K Watts be appointed as the Corporate Parenting Champion for the committee.

49. LOCAL SERVICE BOARD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The Scrutiny Officer presented a report which provided the committee with the recommendations of the Local Service Board (LSB) Overview and Scrutiny Panel and to seek the Committee's approval to change the name of the Local Service Board

Overview and Scrutiny Panel to the Public Service Board (PSB) Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

The Scrutiny Officer explained that at its meeting on the 18 April 2016, the LSB Scrutiny Panel was advised that the Public Service Board had now been established in Bridgend in accordance with the Well Being of Future Generations Wales 2015 Act.

The LSB Scrutiny Committee had recommended that:

- Local Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Committee change its name to the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel in order to align themselves with the newly established PSB.
- each project under each Programme Board use the same pro forma template for reporting on their performance to ensure consistency across each Board and effective performance monitoring.
- work be undertaken to incorporate key measurable targets in order to evidence outcomes and success. Without consistent performance monitoring approaches using measurable targets there is a risk of objectives and real results not being achieved, gaps in provision and no evidence available for public accountability.

After some discussion it was:-

RESOLVED: that the Committee

- a) Approves the change of name from the Local Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel to the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- b) Accept the other recommendations of the LSB Panel listed above and for these recommendations to be passed to the Public Service Board for consideration.

50. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17

The Scrutiny Officer presented the Committee with its draft Forward Work Programme (FWP) for 2016-17 for consideration and approval.

The committee was advised that there would only be 6 scheduled meetings during the year the Committee, which would be able to consider a maximum of 12 service area topics. Therefore the committee was requested to identify those topics which will; provide the most significant value for the Authority and to the residents of the Borough of Bridgend; prioritise their workloads and focus their investigations to make best use of available resources.

She added that in addition to the topics listed for its own FWP there was an opportunity to identify a cross cutting topic for consideration of collaborative scrutiny committee which was being piloted.

The Committee requested the following items for further scoping and possible inclusion on the FWP:

- Dementia – Shared Services and Partnership working
- Housing Strategy – how new building projects are considering and ensuring the provision of local needs such as primary healthcare.

The Committee also requested that the topic of 'Awen Trust' be considered as an item for the proposed Collaborative Committee pilot.

RESOLVED: The Committee agreed its Forward work programme for 2016/17 and identified the Awen Trust as its preferred topic for consideration as part of the pilot of the Collaborative Scrutiny Committee.

51. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Scrutiny Officer presented a report which requested the committee consider the items to be presented at its meeting on 10 October 2016; and to consider potential items for prioritisation. The Committee requested that the item relating to the Social Housing Partnership provide information of the crime and disorder aspect of the Housing Strategy and how the strategy considered the requirements for the provision of primary health care services.

The committee queried whether a full list of partnerships could be provided.

In relation to the item on Critical Incident Management the Committee asked that the report expand to include how the Authority plans for such things as inclement weather and Biomass fire, how local services are working and planning together such as the Fire Service, Police, Natural Resources Wales and Health as well as information on the Gold Command.

RESOLVED: That the FWP be updated as outlined above.

52. URGENT ITEMS

None

The meeting closed at 16:45

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

THE COUNCIL'S CRITICAL INCIDENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report reviews the current Emergency Planning documents in place that support the planning and response to a major incident including the Strategic, Tactical and Operational (Gold, Silver and Bronze) Command structure. It will look at the collaborative arrangements that are in place and how the emergency services and other agencies work together.
- 1.2 The report will also explain how the Council plans for specific events such as inclement weather and biomass fire.

2 Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 Emergency Planning forms part of the portfolio of responsibilities allocated to the Corporate Director Communities. There are links across all the Corporate Priorities for Emergency Planning as a Major Incident will have a significant impact on those communities affected.

3 Background

- 3.1 The role of Emergency Planning is to ensure the Council is prepared to respond to any major emergency it is faced with. This is achieved by writing Plans which outline procedures and actions to be taken both corporately and within each Directorate. Agreed protocols and strategies are also devised to help execute emergency response and support to the Emergency Services.
- 3.2 The Civil Contingency Act (2004) is the piece of legislation that formalises emergency preparedness and response activities for organisations involved in resilience work. Under the Act, the Council must –
 - prepare and maintain emergency plans
 - cooperate with other responders to enhance co-ordination of response
 - share information with other responding agencies
 - assess the risk of hazards occurring
 - have arrangements in place to warn and inform the public
 - develop and maintain business continuity plans
 - promote business continuity locally to businesses and voluntary organisations
- 3.3 Bridgend faces 'typical' emergency risks such as: -
 - Transportation – including road, rail, air and marine traffic

- Natural Hazards & the Weather – including snow and flooding
- Industrial heritage – the remnants of the coal industry
- Industry, business & commerce – including gas pipelines, manufacturing and various factory outlets (none requiring offsite COMAH plans)
- Utilities failure – gas, water & electricity
- Health emergencies – examples such as E-Coli and Pandemic Flu.
- Animal Health – including Foot & Mouth, Swine Fever and Rabies.
- Crowd related incidents – sporting events, protest marches or music events

This list is not exhaustive and in planning terms there is still the possibility of any uncategorised incident disrupting the council or the community e.g.: shortage of Fuel.

- 3.4 Emergency Planning is the link between the Council and other partner agencies identified as 'Category 1 Responders' which include -
- Fire, Police, Ambulance, Coastguard
 - Local Authorities
 - Local Health Boards and Public Health Wales,
 - Natural Resources Wales,
 - Military,
 - Utility companies,
 - Welsh Government,
 - Met Office
 - Animal Health Veterinary Laboratory Agency.
- 3.5 The Council, therefore, has a general duty of care to maintain public services and to assist local residents in distress and will help “care for” the population in emergency situations. This may range from one Directorate providing assistance to a few households to a major commitment providing assistance to the wider community.
- 3.6 In a major emergency the Council’s initial main role is to support the Emergency Services and later take the lead for restoration and rehabilitation during the “Recovery” phase. The Council will also assist in co-ordinating any voluntary organisations (Category 2 responders) involved
- 3.7 During a Major Incident, the role of Emergency Planning is to activate other BCBC officers and initially co-ordinate response until senior BCBC officers are available to deal with the event. Incidents Emergency Planning have been involved in include: -
- a number of potential evacuations of residents (gas leaks, fires, flooding)
 - planning for large events eg Eisteddfod, Bryan Adams concert
 - Potential fuel shortages
 - E.coli, Pandemic flu and Ebola
 - Fires in Schools, Hospital and individual homes
 - Debris washed ashore - including fishing nets in Rest Bay
 - Suspected bomb
 - Woodchip Fire
 - Sink holes
 - Margam mines flood risk

4 Current Situation

- 4.1 The key strategic emergency planning group for Bridgend is the South Wales Local

Resilience Forum (SWLRF). This is a multi-agency group attended by all category 1 partners which provides the principle mechanism for multi-agency cooperation at a local level across the 7 councils covered. It is chaired by the ACC South Wales Police, meets on a quarterly basis and is attended by senior officers (Chief Executive, Director or Head of Service level for BCBC)

- 4.2 All partners contribute to the SWLRF forward work programme and officers sit on task & finish groups for appropriate work-streams such as planning for - Mass Fatalities, Severe Weather, Logistical preparedness, Recovery, Warning & Informing
- 4.3 In terms of Collaborative working, the Emergency Planning officers from each of the 7 Local Authorities in the SWLRF come together to form the South Wales Resilience Team (SWRT). The other Authorities are Cardiff, Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Vale of Glamorgan, Neath Port Talbot, and Swansea. This team works as a virtual team across the area providing opportunities to share good practice, work on common themes together and tap into extra resources. Training is a good example of collaboration and recently Bridgend joined Cardiff in an exercise relating to terrorist attacks in both areas
- 4.4 For this Council, the key document is the Major Incident Plan, which outlines the Council's emergency response arrangements and key roles and responsibilities in response to a Major incident.

“A Major incident is an event or situation that threatens serious damage to human welfare or the environment of a place in the UK, or a war or terrorism that threatens serious damage to the security of the UK”

- 4.5 Whilst events such as flooding can have serious consequences for residents, unless they reach the levels seen in Boscastle in 2004 or across Gloucestershire in 2007, they would not be classified as a Major Incident. The Council does have plans for flooding events, which will be explained later in the report.
- 4.6 Underpinning the Council's Major Incident Plan are a number of key plans that support the Council response in the event of a Major Incident: -
- Animal Health arrangements (eg: Rabies, Foot & Mouth, Anthrax etc.)
 - Business Continuity plans
 - Crowd Related Events
 - Directorate Emergency Plans
 - Disease Outbreak Control Plans
 - Emergency Incident Control (E.I.C.) Plan
 - Fuel Crisis Arrangements
 - I.T. Disaster Business Recovery Plan
 - Major Accident Hazards Gas Pipelines Plan
 - Media Response Plan
 - Natural Resources Wales - Flood Plan
 - On-Shore Oil Pollution Plan (Swansea Bay area)
 - Pandemic Flu plan
 - Recovery Plan
 - Rest Centre Plan
 - School Emergency Framework plans

- Snow / Adverse Weather Plan (part of Communities Directorate plan)
- Temporary Mortuary Plan

4.7 If a Major incident is declared by the Emergency Services (or the Chief Executive) the Council will be involved at a number of levels:

- Strategic (Gold) Group: chaired by the Chief Constable, establishes strategic objectives and the overall management framework considering long term requirements of the operation and plans for the return to normality. BCBC's Strategic/Gold officer will be designated from our Corporate Management Board.
- Tactical (Silver) Group: Tactical Controllers or Silver groups will prioritise the allocation of resources and determine methods for carrying out strategies from Strategic/Gold Command. BCBC's Tactical/Silver group officer will liaise directly with BCBC's Strategic/Gold officer at the SCG.
- Operational (Bronze): several Operational Controls which coordinate front line response **operations at the incident.**

4.8 There are a number of emergency incidents that the authority plans for, that do not fall under the Major Incident Plan. These are mainly covered in Directorate Emergency plans which are supported by Directorate Business Continuity Plans. In the main, the Emergency Services will contact specific service areas direct eg Communities Directorate for incidents on the highways.

4.9 Some of these incidents occur outside of normal business hours so the Council has a number of arrangements in place to ensure that it can respond to normal emergency incidents to support the emergency services. If contacted by Fire Control, the Emergency Planning Duty Officer liaises with the emergency services and is able to contact senior officers from across the Council at any time to activate their Directorate's response to provide the resources required – eg: rest centre set up; co-ordination of activation etc. The Highways Duty Officer responds to any highway emergencies and also co-ordinates the council's response to flooding.

4.10 Throughout the year the 'typical' incidents Emergency Planning has been called to deal with varies in number and types of events –

- 6 incidents in 2011
- 16 incidents in 2012
- 10 incidents in 2013
- 16 incidents in 2014
- 9 incidents in 2015
- 13 incidents to date in 2016

A breakdown of the incidents is attached at Appendix 1.

4.11 Specifically, in relation to Flood Management the preference is to avoid significant Flood events and where events are anticipated the council would deploy measures that reasonably mitigate against the identified level of risk which falls under its existing flood risk management measures. However, where circumstances prevail such as a severe red weather warning, the level of resources available will require coordination and control to deal in a systematic manner to the developing situation.

- 4.12 The Council's Flood plan is the key document which sets out the arrangements that exist within the Council to anticipate and respond to incidents of flooding. It contains details to identify areas with a greater level of local flood risk, key infrastructure and vulnerable people and how the reactive plan will be activated, the roles and responsibilities of key personnel so that clear guidance is in place for all users. This Plan is supplemented by the Multi-Agency Emergency Response Plan for the River Ogmore Boardwalk and Footbridge in Bridgend Town Centre, which covers the responsibilities, working arrangements and management measures undertaken: monitoring, warnings, installation of flood barriers, etc.
- 4.13 Specifically, in relation to a Biomass Fire, the Council's service areas would respond as part of their day to day activities which includes the Planning department for planning conditions; highways for any road closures etc and Public Protection for environmental health issues like air pollution. Emergency Planning would not be involved unless the Emergency Services advised the situation deteriorated to the point where it required local residents to be evacuated or the event escalates to the point that it is declared a major incident.

5 Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

- 5.1 None

6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 None required for an information report.

7 Financial implications

- 7.1 None

8 Recommendation

- 8.1 The Committee are asked to consider and provide comment on the arrangements in place in the event of a major incident or other emergencies such as flooding or a biomass fire.

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Background documents

BCBC Major Incident Plan

SWLRF protocols

SWRT – collaboration

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

Emergency Planning Incidents during 2011 – 2016

2011 – 6 incidents

- Fire - Blaengarw Terrace
- Fire and gas leak, Bettws
- Fire – 12 people evacuated and some Glanrafon Home Residents moved to safety
- Hand, foot & mouth incident
- Petrol fumes coming from drains, potential evacuation Porthcawl
- Space debris – potential re-entry over South Wales

2012 – 16 incidents

- Caer Castell Flats, flooding
- EA Flood warnings received
- Fire – Abacus, Brynmenyn
- Fire – Bettws School
- Fire – Cefn cribwr Farm
- Fire – houses in Turberville Street and caravan
- Fire – Tremains Primary School yard
- Flags flying upside down – request for contact tel numbers for BCBC personnel
- Flood alerts
- Flooding, Brackla
- FOI request for contact information by private defence company
- Highways DO – failure to respond
- Infectious disease – Abergarw manor report of Cdiff
- Police request for information - maps
- Rest Centre Activation – Maesteg Sports Centre
- Suspect Bomb threat – Bridgend town evacuation

2013 – 10 incidents

- Bryncethin Depot, fuel leak
- Call to Police Gold meeting
- Fire - Maesteg Rugby club
- Fire – Mercedes specialist
- Fire – Pencoed Comprehensive School
- Fire Service Strike
- Fuel Fumes at CCTV depot
- Severe weather Gold meeting
- Surface Water flooding
- Tanker vehicle accident

2014 -16 incidents

- Bettws School – firearms incident
- Coastal flooding
- Dead horse washed ashore in Porthcawl
- Ebola outbreak
- Ex Hopkinson Telegram – Police and BCBC Senior officers communications test
- Fire at Bryntirion Comprehensive School (Nov)
- Fire at Bryntirion Comprehensive School (Dec)
- Fire – grasslands, Porthcawl
- Fire at Portacabin, Tremains
- Fire– Train, Brynna
- Fire Service Control – confirmation of BCBC arrangements during potential Fire Strike
- Flooding and severe weather
- Nantymoel Incident – vehicle collision and resulting gas leak
- Severe Coastal Flood warning for Newton, Porthcawl
- Suspected Bomb, Waunscil Avenue, Bridgend
- Weather Conference Call with NRW and south wales councils

2015 – 9 incidents

- Brynmenyn Industrial Estate fire
- Chimney Fire Old House Pub & Restaurant, Llangynwyd, Maesteg
- Fire on Psychiatric ward 14, Princess of Wales Hospital
- Fire at Penllwyngwent Farm, Blackmill
- Fishing nets and debris washed ashore, Rest Bay
- Gas Leak, Penyfai
- House Fire – Locks common, Porthcawl
- Request for copies of storm drain maps & diagrams for Fire Service
- Sink hole, Nantfyllon, Maesteg

2016 - 13 incidents to date, including:

- Barn fire, St. Mary's Hill
- Bridgend town closure due to severe weather and high winds
- Fire at Coety Primary School
- Fire at Pencoed comprehensive School
- Fire at Wood chip recycling plant at Llynfi power station, Maesteg
- Fire at Wood chip recycling plant at Coity
- Fire in Garages
- Liquid oxygen incident at Princess of Wales Hospital
- Minibus – flood rescue at Merthyr mawr
- Request from Fire Service re availability of BCBC equipment
- Tree on Highway
- Wrong callout – Highways DO required
- Wrong call out – Police required RCT's Emergency Planning

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

SOCIAL HOUSING – PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORD (RSLs)

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Committee with an overview of how Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is working in partnership with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs); including advising Members of Welsh Governments responsibilities and governance arrangements for RSLs.
- 1.2 To update the Committee on the Social Housing Grant Programme.
- 1.3 The Committee has expressed a wish to be better informed about how the Council ensures the best outcomes for service users. The report will advise Members of how services provided under the Supporting People Programme contribute to homelessness prevention and better outcomes for service users and the wider community.

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

- 2.1 The Local Housing Strategy 2016-2018 approved by Council on 8 June 2016; and the Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan 2013-17 approved by Cabinet on 10 December 2013; assists the Council in meeting all three of its Corporate Plan priorities:-
 - Supporting a successful economy
 - Helping People to be more self-reliant
 - Smarter Use of Resources

3. Background.

- 3.1 **Stock Transfer** – Welsh Government (WG) policy is to encourage Councils to improve their housing stock to meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard by whatever means they consider appropriate. The transfer of stock to RSLs is one of the available options. Stock transfer is where a council transfers the ownership and management of its homes (rented and leasehold) to a RSL.
- 3.2 The Council undertook formal consultation on its proposal to transfer all of its homes to Valleys to Coast (V2C) by way of an Offer Document to tenants in 2002 entitled 'Your Home, Your Future, Your Choice'. There were a number of promises made, from various property improvements to guarantees on rent increases and other charges, the details, along with the schedule of qualifying works were set out

in the Development Agreement signed on 12th September 2003. On 12th April 2016, Cabinet received an update report on the progress of the delivery of the original Offer Document and agreed that the transfer promises made to tenants by BCBC, have been met and in some cases exceeded.

- 3.3 **BCBC/V2Cs Nomination Rights Deed** - in September 2003 BCBC also entered into a Nomination Rights Deed with V2C which set out the basis of future nominations from BCBC to V2C as a Social Housing Provider. The Nomination Rights agreed to at the time by the signing of the Principal Agreement granted the Council the right to nominate only three out of every four dwellings which are vacant and available for letting i.e. 75%. A vacant dwelling is not considered as being available for occupation if the dwelling requires improvements or repairs to be carried out.
- 3.4 V2C will notify the Council when a dwelling becomes vacant. The Council will provide V2C with 3 nominations from applicants registered on the Common Housing Register (CHR), where they are considered suitable for that size of property in that location. The Nomination Rights Deed states that in the event of a nominee rejecting an offer of a tenancy V2C shall offer the tenancy to two further nominees for whom the dwelling is, in its reasonable opinion, suitable. A nominee who unreasonably delays agreement to take up a tenancy for more than five business days following receipt of V2Cs offer shall be deemed to have rejected the offer of the tenancy.
- 3.5 A nominee may reject an offer if they have reasonable grounds, such circumstances are usually around specific details of the property such as there are a number of steps to the front and rear access and the family consists of children in pushchairs; or the garden is particularly small and is not suitable for a family with children; the property may be a maisonette with no outside space. What is not considered as a reasonable ground is if the nominee does not wish to live on a particular street without good cause. If the reason for rejecting the offer is acceptable to the Council the nominee will remain on the CHR to await a further offer.
- 3.6 The Nomination Rights Deed further states that if there is no available nominee or if V2C have made three reasonable offers which have not been accepted or if there is no nominee for whom the dwelling is, in V2Cs reasonable opinion, suitable then V2C shall have full right and liberty to let the vacant dwelling on that occasion free from any rights of nomination. At a recent meeting of Bridgend Housing Partnership, explained in 4.9; V2C have agreed to expand their acceptance of nominees to ten at any one time for a trial period.
- 3.7 **The Social Housing Allocations Policy (SHAP)** – The Council and the four RSLs in Bridgend i.e. Hafod Housing Association, Wales and West Housing Association, Linc Cymru and Valleys to Coast have developed a SHAP and Common Housing Register (CHR). Prior to the introduction of the CHR, 4,518 citizens were registered on one of the five separate housing registers. As demand for Social Housing outstrips existing and likely future provision, the SHAP enables the Council and RSL partners to prioritise those in housing need.
- 3.8 **Regulation** - Welsh Ministers regulate RSLs including those who are the result of stock transfer i.e. V2C. A Housing Regulation Team, part of the Welsh Government's Housing Division has been established to undertake regulation activity on their behalf. This Regulatory Framework applies to housing associations

registered and regulated by the Welsh Ministers under Part 1 of the Housing Act 1996. Regulation sets out the expectations to be met by housing associations, developing them to meet changing circumstances. It aims to ensure that they are met and, if not, that appropriate remedial action is taken, through formal intervention if necessary.

- 3.9 The regulation of RSLs is important. It helps ensure that tenants, potential tenants, and people who use services, are treated fairly. It protects them from poor or failing landlords and provides ways in which they can influence the way that associations work. It also encourages the continuous improvement of services. More generally, a good regulatory framework helps to protect taxpayers by safeguarding the public funding invested in housing associations. It also gives lenders, such as banks and building societies, the confidence to provide loans to finance new homes and to improve existing homes.
- 3.10 The ultimate purpose of the Regulatory Framework is to ensure that RSLs provide good quality homes and services to tenants and others who use their services. It does this by ensuring that each association is:
- Well governed - led effectively and well managed by boards, executives, staff, tenants and partners, who work together to make and implement business decisions.
 - Financially viable - has the money to meet current and future business commitments and effectively manages its finances.
 - Delivering high quality services - providing services that meet people's needs and expectations and compare well with the quality of services delivered by other associations.
- 3.11 Each year, the Welsh Ministers produce a Housing Association Regulatory Assessment for each association. The Assessment forms the basis of a published report. Associations are expected to inform tenants and service users of its publication via their usual channels of communication. It is used to build a rounded picture of individual housing associations and the sector as a whole. A wide range of evidence and information is collected for the annual regulatory assessment including:
- the housing association's self-assessment;
 - information, from regular contact with the housing associations tenants, staff, service users and external partners. Both are important to a full assessment;
 - financial information, such as management accounts, statutory accounts, private finance returns and 30 year forecasts;
 - external judgements and reviews, such as external audit opinions, reports by the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales, reviews by lenders, such as banks and building societies, and recognised accreditations;
 - evidence from specific evaluations, audits, and reviews by, for example, the Welsh Government or Auditor General for Wales.
- 3.12 The different types of information collected help ensure a rounded view of an association and an understanding of the experiences of tenants and service users. This allows the findings of self-assessments to be challenged, leading to robust regulatory assessment.

- 3.13 **Social Housing Grant** - (SHG) is a grant given to RSLs by the Welsh Government. The grant aims to provide new affordable housing for rent or low cost home ownership. SHG funds housing schemes that meet local needs and priorities as identified by local authorities. Since the 1980s nearly all new social housing has been provided by RSLs. One of the reasons is that RSLs can raise private finance to contribute towards the cost of new schemes.
- 3.14 In Bridgend, SHG has assisted with the development of a number of new housing developments along with supported housing schemes for people with learning disabilities, homeless hostel and move-on at Ty Ogwr and Cornerstone House, and has also helped to fund Bridgend's first Extra Care scheme at Llys Ton.
- 3.15 Whilst SHG is paid to RSLs, it is incumbent on the local authority to submit and monitor quarterly Programme Delivery Plans covering a three year period to WG. These show how the Authority proposes to spend the SHG allocation based on the prioritised schemes that have been identified. Each developing RSL is then responsible for the procurement and delivery of schemes in the agreed development programme.
- 3.16 WG has designated which RSLs can develop new housing through the attraction of SHG in all 22 local authorities. These are known as 'zoned' RSLs. Currently there are four RSLs that are designated as zoned RSL developers in Bridgend – these are Hafod Housing Association, Wales & West Housing Association, Linc Cymru and Valleys to Coast. It is only these RSLs that can develop new accommodation with SHG. In addition, United Welsh Housing Association is also zoned but is only able to develop supported housing. Coastal Housing is also zoned for Bridgend town centre under the Vibrant and Viable Places (VVP) framework for the period 2014/15 – 2016/17 only.
- 3.17 **The Supporting People (SP) Programme** ('the Programme') - provides essential help to some of our most vulnerable people. It's strong prevention and early intervention approach reflects the objectives of the new Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and the wider Welsh Government legislative agenda programmes, particularly 'Ending Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act', and the aims of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 around wellbeing. The Programme helps to build more sustainable communities and reduces demand on statutory services such as health, social services and criminal justice services. It benefits the person receiving the support and the wider community.
- 3.18 The aims of the Programme are to help vulnerable people live as independently as possible by ensuring Supporting People services are enabling and developing a person's independence as opposed to establishing a long-term dependency, i.e. 'doing with' as distinct from 'doing for'; and to prevent problems or provide help as early as possible in order to reduce demand on other services such as health and social services.
- 3.19 The Programme supports people from a range of categories. These include people:
- who are at risk of homelessness or getting over a period of homelessness;
 - fleeing domestic violence;
 - with mental health needs;
 - with substance misuse issues;
 - with learning disabilities; and

- older people.

3.20 Supporting People Outcomes have been designed to provide information around the effectiveness of the Programme by showing if we are helping those who access support to meet their needs.

3.21 **Local Housing Strategy 2016-18** - under the Housing (Wales) Act 2014, local authorities have a strategic role to play in the functioning of the local housing market. The principal way this can be delivered is through a Local Housing Strategy (LHS). The strategic housing function incorporates an enabling role, with the local authority working in partnership with other public, private and third sector organisations to deliver suitable housing and to develop innovative solutions to address local housing needs.

4.0 Current situation.

4.1 On 8 June 2016 Council approved the Local Housing Strategy 2016-18, the purpose of the Local Housing Strategy is to respond to the housing needs of the County Borough. It sets out the vision and direction for housing over the next 2 years taking into account a number of challenges facing the both the Council and its RSL partners.

4.2 The strategy sets out five key housing priorities, which will contribute to improving the quality of life for people within the county. These priorities underpin our work and the work of all our partners:

- Take reasonable steps to help prevent homelessness
- Make the best use of existing homes
- Work with partners to deliver the right type of new housing
- Help vulnerable people stay as independent, safe and secure as possible in accommodation that meets their needs
- Create sustainable town centres through housing led regeneration

4.3 The Council and the four RSLs work in partnership to deliver on the five key housing priorities in a number of ways, at the time of developing the Local Housing Strategy there were 1,274 applicants on the CHR. 878 of these applicants require a one bed, 202 require a two bed, 106 require a three bed and the remainder require a four bed or larger. With 69% of applicants requiring a one bed and 16% requiring a two bed, there is a clear need for smaller one and two bedroom accommodation. However, this need should be balanced with the need to provide and develop larger sustainable accommodation that meets the needs of households as they grow.

4.4 Over the past five years homelessness presentations have been falling in the County Borough. In 2008-09 there were 1014 presentations which fell to 346 in 2012-13. However, in 2013-14 there was an increase to 369 and this increase has continued into 2014-15 with 488 presentations. The introduction of Universal Credit and the potential effect of the reduction of the benefit cap could have a significant impact together with the potential cap to Local Housing Allowance for supported housing could also have a significant impact on homelessness presentations.

4.5 The Supporting People Programme Grant for Bridgend for 2016/17 is £5,816,385. The aim of the Programme is to provide housing-related support “to help vulnerable

people develop or maintain the skills and confidence necessary to live as independently as possible. It has housing, and preventing homelessness or people living in inappropriate institutional settings, at its core. Support can be offered to anyone eligible, regardless of their tenure”.

- 4.6 Floating Support Services delivered to people in their own homes or tenancies; and hub based support services that citizens can access within communities have a greater focus on early intervention and prevention, and make better use of resources, and have better outcomes for citizens by helping them to maintain their tenancies and prevent homelessness. There is a role for accommodation based services that are funded by the Supporting People Programme for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged households where homelessness cannot be prevented. These accommodation based services are generally developed in partnership with RSLs through the SHG Programme as set out in 3.13.
- 4.7 The need for Housing Related Support can be identified in a number of ways, RSLs may identify an existing tenant who requires additional support over and above that which can be offered through Housing Management; agencies, internal departments, health colleagues, hospital wards and the prison service may all refer citizens to either Supporting People Services or to the Councils Housing Solutions Service.
- 4.8 The housing solutions service delivers tailored advice and assistance to individual’s needs and circumstances. Under the Housing (Wales) Act 2014, the Council is now able to widen its advice to citizens to include the private rented sector. For citizens who have been refused an offer of accommodation by an RSL as set out in 3.4 the private rented sector may now be a sustainable housing solution for them. Refused nominations can be for a number of reasons, i.e. the applicants support needs are too high to maintain a tenancy; or the applicant may have caused, or been involved in damage to a property or anti-social behaviour. For these refusals the applicant is referred to a Supporting People Service or accommodation based scheme if homeless.
- 4.8 Where an applicant may have former rent arrears that they have not declared or attempted to reduce; or where the rent levels are unaffordable to the applicant because of their level of existing debt a financial inclusion advice service will be available from November 2016. This service is being commissioned by the Supporting People Service in partnership with Housing Solutions who will refer applicants to this service for financial inclusion and debt management services to ensure that applicants are able to secure and sustain their accommodation. All RSLs already offer a similar service to their existing tenants. This new service will be available to all citizens who contact the Housing Solutions team and will assist in meeting our aim of early intervention and prevention.
- 4.9 The Council and its RSL Partners work closely together to review existing policies and procedures. An Allocations Group meets bi-monthly to discuss operational procedures concerning the SHAP and the CHR. This group will make recommendations to Bridgend Housing Partnership (BHP) on future developments for the CHR, local lettings policies, and legislative changes that need to be addressed through the SHAP.

- 4.10 BHP is co-ordinated by the Council, attended by the Chief Executives of the four RSLs together with BCBC Senior Management. BHP meets quarterly to discuss strategic issues and how changes in local and national legislation such as Welfare Reform impact on services and our ability to respond to local pressures. BHP has contributed to the Housing Solutions which has enabled the Council to participate in the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme which was the subject of a report to Cabinet on 5 July 2016. BHP receives regular updates on the Commissioning of Supporting People Services and Progress on the SHG Delivery Programme. The Housing Strategy Team Leader provides a SHG Programme update on behalf of the RSL Development Group.
- 4.11 The RSL Development Group meets quarterly to discuss the SHG Programme, land availability, funding opportunities, identifying a Partner to deliver on S106 obligations, and discuss the strategic need of the Council. This group, co-ordinated by the Councils Housing Strategy Team has enabled the Council and its RSL Partners to maximise opportunities for drawing down WG funding, as set out in the Table below:

Scheme	RSL	Units	Original Allocation 15/16	Actual Expenditure 15/16
Bayswater Tubes Site - Pencoed	Hafod	8 x 1bed flats 2 x 2 bed flats 17 x 2b houses 13 x 3 bed houses 2 x 4 bed houses	£800,000	£3,214,416
Madoc Close – Brackla	Linc Cymru	8 x 1 bed flats	£157,000	£356,562
Bethania Street – Maesteg	V2C	15 x 1 bed flats 3 x 2 bed houses	£250,000	£893,665
Rhiw	Coastal	28 x flats	£300,000	Nil
Total			£1,507,000	£4,464,643

- 4.12 The total SHG allocated by WG in the financial year of 2015/16 was £1,507,000. As can be seen from the above table the actual expenditure in 2015/16 was £4,464,643. Compared to the original allocation this represents an increase of almost 195% (or nearly three times the allocation).
- 4.13 This ability to attract additional funding has come from successful over programming practice which allows BCBC the opportunity to react quickly when WG make additional funds available at the financial year end. This is good practice recommended by WG as set out in their programme management guidebook 2011. The principle is to enable Councils and WG to quickly react to additional funding when, and if it becomes available. Whilst this funding is not directly attributable to

more units being produced in that financial year, what it does allow is for the SHG attributed to the scheme to be paid earlier instead of being phased over a number of financial years. This in turn allows new scheme developments to be brought into the programme and started at an earlier stage, e.g. a scheme earmarked to be developed in 2018-19 could actually start in 2017-18.

- 4.14 The Councils partnership working with RSLs is contributing to the remodelling of Residential Care and the development of Extra Care Housing (ECH). In November 2014, Cabinet approved the option for the Council to seek an RSL to develop two ECH schemes across the County Borough. Under the approved option, the Council intends to continue to deliver care. Three RSLs expressed an interest in working with BCBC to develop two new ECH schemes and they were sent a briefing note and selection criteria.
- 4.15 The RSLs were advised that the Council intends to dispose of two parcels of land for the potential development of two ECH schemes. Scheme 1 – Maesteg Lower Comp site; and Scheme 2 – Archbishop McGrath. The preferred RSL Partner, Linc Cymru was approved by Cabinet in January 2016. A further report to Cabinet on 1 March 2016, set out the financial implications associated with the provision of two new ECH facilities; and sought Council's agreement to include the scheme within the Council's Capital Programme 2016-2025. Full Council received a report on 10 March 2016 setting out the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-17 to 2019-20, and this included provision of the two Extra Care facilities in question.
- 4.16 Linc Cymru has considerable experience of planning, developing and operating extra care, residential care and general needs housing in South Wales. Linc are committed to delivering choice, quality and control for older people, and has a reputation for delivering high quality accommodation and an excellent customer experience for their tenants.
- 4.17 Linc Cymru ensure that their buildings and services are built around the needs of the people who use them, anticipating their future need and ensuring that they will not have to move because their environment has failed them. In respect of the extra/residential care schemes proposed for both sites, the residential care elements are designed to meet our present requirements but can be adapted at some point in the future into extra care apartments if needed. The proposed layout of the residential care elements also lends itself to accommodating a service for people with dementia and/or nursing needs should that be required. The partnership arrangements to deliver two ECH facilities in the County Borough with Linc Cymru will be subject to a future report to Scrutiny.

5. Effects on the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

- 5.1 These proposals are consistent with current Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.1 The Council wants to ensure social inclusion and equality of access to services is at the forefront of everything it does. Therefore, the Housing Strategy 2016-18 has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) in order to ensure it does not

adversely affect or discriminate against any equality group, and to consider how the strategy may help to promote equality of opportunity in the county.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 This report is for information, and as such there are no financial implications arising from the report.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee consider and discuss the content of this report and provide any comments.

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REPORT TO PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a) present the items due to be considered at the Committee's meeting to be held on 21 November 2016; and
- b) present a list of further potential items for prioritisation by the Committee.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 The improvement priorities identified in the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Plan adopted by Council on 10 March 2016 formally set out the improvement priorities that the Council will seek to implement between 2016 and 2020. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

3. Background

3.1 At its meeting 4 July 2016, the Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee will determine its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2016/17.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

Meetings of the Partnership and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next scheduled meeting to be held on 21 November 2016, the table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Western Bay – Substance Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Cooper, Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; • Mark Wilkinson, Group Manager – Learning Disability; • Police Representative; 	To provide an overview of how the Authority is working together with neighbouring authorities and the police to find out how drugs get into the region and what plans are in place to stop drug trafficking.	Detail research / To be confirmed

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Bay Representative. 		
Child Sexual Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Cooper, Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; • Cllr Hailey Townsend, Cabinet Member - Children's Social Services and Equalities; • Police Representative – TBC; • Elizabeth Walton-James, Group Manager Safeguarding and Quality Assurance; • SERAF; • Barnados; • Lisa Hedley - Western Bay; • Youth Offending Rep 	To provide an update from a partnership perspective. How are partners working together to raise the profile and to prevent Child Sexual Exploitation.	Detail research / To be confirmed

4.2 The table below lists the item to be considered and the invitees due to attend in respect of the subsequent meeting of the Committee to be held on 06 December 2016.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
City Deal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darran Mepham; Chief Executive; • Mark Shephard, Corporate Director – Communities. 	To provide an update on City Deal and what impact this will have on Bridgend.	Detail research / To be confirmed
TBC			Detail research / To be confirmed

4.3 The table below lists all potential items that the Committee approved at their meeting on 04 July 2016, which are put to the Committee for reprioritisation as appropriate.

Topic	Proposed Date	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
TBC	06-Feb-17		
Western Bay - Safeguarding	06-Feb-17	To provide an update on the Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children's Board and evidence how partners are working together and how quickly are services acting to need.	Detail research / To be confirmed
Community Safety Partnership	10-April-17	To provide Members with an overview of Community Safety Partnership priorities and projects.	Detail research / To be confirmed
Community Policing	10-Apr-17	To receive a review of the current community policing strategy within the County Borough with emphasis on local delivery, partnership intervention and community liaison.	Detail research / To be confirmed

4.4 Extra Items for Consideration

Dementia Care	Western Bay Health and Social Care Collaborative - Western Bay Mental Health Project - development and evidence of success of the regional Western Bay Dementia Strategy. Members have asked questions such a 'Are we able to cope with the increasing demand for dementia care?' Also a request for Case Studies as evidence.
Housing Strategy	TBC
Community Safety - Community Cohesion	Community Cohesion - Local Delivery Plan
Community Safety - Domestic Abuse Strategy	Domestic Abuse Strategy

Corporate Parenting

- 4.5 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a local authority towards looked after children and young people. This is a legal responsibility given to local authorities by the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. The role of the Corporate Parent is to seek for children in public care the

outcomes every good parent would want for their own children. The Council as a whole is the 'corporate parent' therefore all Members have a level of responsibility for the children and young people looked after by Bridgend. ¹

4.6 In this role, it is suggested that Members consider how the services within the remit of their Committee affects children in care and care leavers, and in what way can the Committee can therefore assist in these areas.

4.7 Scrutiny Champions can greatly support the Committee in this by advising them of the ongoing work of the Cabinet-Committee and particularly any decisions or changes which they should be aware of as Corporate Parents.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

5.1 The work of the Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental well being in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the topics due to be considered at the meeting of the Committee for 21 November 2016 and confirm if it requires any additional specific information to be provided by the invitees listed or the Overview & Scrutiny Unit;
- (ii) Determine the topics, invitees to be invited to attend and any specific information it would like the invitees to provide as well as any research that it would like the Overview & Scrutiny Unit to undertake in relation to its meeting for 15 December 2016;
- (iii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committees Forward Work Programme and reprioritise as the Committees feels appropriate.

¹ Welsh Assembly Government and Welsh Local Government Association 'If this were my child... A councillor's guide to being a good corporate parent to children in care and care leavers', June 2009

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