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Dear Councillor,

ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices Angel Street Bridgend CF31 4WB on **Tuesday, 15 November 2016 at 2.00 pm.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive 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 - 10
To receive for approval, the minutes of the meeting of the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 13 September 2016
4. Prevention, Wellbeing and Local Community Coordination 11 - 20
Invitees:
Cllr P White, Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Health & Wellbeing
Sue Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing
Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care
Lesley Acton, Project Manager- Learning Disabilities
5. Report on Day Opportunities for Adults with Learning Disabilities 21 - 36
Invitees:
Cllr P White, Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Health & Wellbeing
Sue Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing
Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care
Scott Pickrell, Day Services Manager

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

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Councillors:

M Butcher

N Clarke

PA Davies

N Farr

Councillors

EM Hughes

PN John

RC Jones

JE Lewis

Councillors

LC Morgan

D Sage

M Thomas

E Venables

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 2.00 PM

Present

Councillor D Sage – Chairperson

M Butcher
EM Hughes

N Clarke
RC Jones

PA Davies
JE Lewis

N Farr
M Thomas

Officers:

Sarah Daniel	Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Jackie Davies	Head of Adult Social Care
Carmel Donovan	Group Manager - Older People
Julie Ellams	Democratic Services Officer - Committees

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P John and E Venables.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made:

Councillor D Sage – declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 – Community Services Phase 2 as he was in receipt of home services.

Councillor N Farr – declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 – Western Bay Draft Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People 2016-2025 as she was employed as a Social Worker in adult social care in Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

54. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 19 July 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

55. WESTERN BAY DRAFT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE 2016 - 2025

The Head of Adult Social Care outlined the development of the draft regional Western Bay Care Homes Commissioning Strategy for Older People including its objectives and commissioning priorities, the current consultation process and that this was the Committee's opportunity to comment on the document.

The Group Manager Older People explained that the current draft strategy had been subject to a public consultation between 6 May and 3 August. This included a regional consultation event and public surveys as well as direct email responses. This had resulted in approximately 300 comments which were being responded to and incorporated into the final version of the strategy. Final approval of the document would be sought from partner organisations by the New Year. Members of the Adult Social

Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee were being consulted on the document because it was still in the development phase.

The Group Manager Older People outlined the vision and the objectives of the draft commissioning strategy, the key characteristics of the marketplace, the regulatory environment and the commissioning intentions of the members of the Western Bay Partnership.

There were new regulations due to be enacted during the next twelve months and the draft strategy needed to take account of the new duties and responsibilities of those pieces of legislation. The impact of these changes would be in a further report to the committee scheduled for 21 February 2017.

The Group Manager Older People reported that in Bridgend the budget in 2016/2017 included £8m for residential care and £11m for community based and non-residential services. The cost of delivering social care continued to rise however the service would continue to strive to manage within the overall budget and ensure that the financial implications of the strategy were managed within the context of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The Committee questioned if the officers were in a position to share some of the consultation responses with the committee. The Group Manager Older People explained that a matrix of consultation responses was being developed regionally, each authority would be asked to comment and all three would be brought together complete with comments to be presented to each authority.

One of the aims of the commissioning strategy was to build strong collaboration between the Health Board and Local Authority partners to include formal partnership arrangements such as pooled budgets. The Committee questioned if all partners were sharing budgets or if some were reluctant to participate. The Head of Adult Social Care referred to new responsibilities by April 2018 and that legal and financial colleagues were working to establish how exactly it would work. There was a pooled budget which was closely monitored to ensure all elements were clearly controlled.

The Committee questioned how the objectives of the draft commissioning strategy would be monitored. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that performance management tools were being developed and a number were already in place. When they were finalised they would be reported back to Committee.

The Committee questioned how many care homes not in line with the regional strategic approach or not of adequate quality had been decommissioned. The Group Manager Older People explained that there were a number of underutilised beds. There had been considerable investment to keep people in their homes and more sophisticated long term care places were now required. Demand for dementia nursing care was also increasing and a framework was being developed to establish future needs. Essentially Care Homes needed to change to match the changing market.

The Committee questioned how monitoring the objectives in terms of quality of care etc, dovetailed in to the Health and Wellbeing Act. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that the Commissioners looked at what mattered for people and the outcomes rather than just addressing needs within the homes. Services were tailored to the individual to make them as independent and resilient as possible.

The Committee queried the figure of 94.1%, the average occupancy of care home beds in Bridgend for 14/15. The Group Manager Older People explained that they were struggling to get the right beds into the market. The requirement for generic residential

care was diminishing and most of the vacancies were for generic care and not suitable for those requiring nursing or dementia care.

The Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health & Wellbeing reminded the Committee that Bridgend did have the highest occupancy figure when it came to care home vacancies.

The Committee questioned if there had been an increase in hospital admissions because of the number of people looked after in the community with complex needs. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that the service was still in a period of change but she would try to get a full picture for the Committee. In her opinion there had not been an increase in admissions and the length of stay for those aged 75 and over had decreased.

The Committee questioned if numbers were available for the number of patients discharged prematurely then readmitted. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that she was not sure if this data was available but she would check and feedback if it was..

The Committee questioned if the authority was working with extra care schemes to increase the number of beds available for complex needs. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that she was still working on a core model to develop this area. A higher level of support was available in residential homes resulting in a home for life although dementia remained a significant issue that required investment.

The Committee questioned if Llys Ton was fully occupied and commented on the high standard of accommodation provided. The Head of Adult Social Care confirmed that the figures were high and said that she would provide exact figures to a future meeting.

Members referred to the difficulty in recruiting qualified registered nurses within care homes and the use of agency nurses to fill the gaps. They questioned what steps were being taken to encourage more people into the workforce. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that it was difficult attracting nurses into the sector because they wanted to work in other settings and this was a national issue. The Group Manager Older People suggested that a regional approach and support for the private sector might be more effective. Payment of retention premiums or the development of other factors could impact on the market and fees.

The Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health explained that the report identified weaknesses in the area and a taskforce was responsible for looking forward to maintain and sustain the service.

Members asked for confirmation that two new extra care schemes would be developed, one in the Valley Gateway and one in the Llynfi Valley. The Head of Adult Social Care confirmed that the homes were still planned depending on when the land became available and the planning and development process.

The Committee questioned why data regarding self-funders was unavailable in Wales. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that this information was collected from residents in care homes. If a self-funder was identified who might be eligible for support, a financial assessment was carried out and advice given regarding approaching the local authority. Under the new Act, the local authority was responsible for ensuring high quality advice and information was available to all residents. Welsh Government was currently looking at the threshold around charging and it was subject to review.

The Committee asked for information regarding Age Cymru funding since March 2016. The Head of Adult Social Care agreed to report back with up to date information including specific details re advocacy.

The Committee asked if there was an appetite for care homes to provide more dementia and complex needs care. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that it was difficult to attract providers into the complex needs end of the market and there was a need for more quality providers and guaranteed funding was also an issue.

Members asked for the number of beds available for respite and end of life care. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that it was difficult to commission respite beds and the authority was working in partnership to improve this area. Changes were being made to the way the service was delivered such as respite care being provided within the home and non-residential settings. End of life care allowed patients to avoid having to go to hospital because staff were available with the correct skills to manage the situation. Work was being done with the MacMillan partnership to improve skills in this area.

Members asked if there were still issues with delayed transfer of care and the likely cost of such delays. The Group Manager Older People explained that she did not have the exact figures but they were very low. Funding had been available historically to improve flexibility and avoid keeping patients in hospital unnecessarily.

The Committee asked if there was evidence to demonstrate work was being done to improve the flow of people from hospital to care homes. The Group Manager Older People explained that this had been an area identified for development. There had been a robust approach to people returning to their own homes which was working well as demonstrated by Better at Home and Bryn-y Cae and other schemes supported through the Intermediate Care Fund. Social workers were active in the hospitals to identify the number of patients waiting and the homes of their choice. The Head of Adult Social Care clarified the position regarding the importance of not keeping medically fit patients in an acute setting.

Members asked if the free dementia training available in Bridgend was widely taken and if there was continued funding for this in the future. The Group Manager Older People reported that the training team were very busy locally and the scheme was very successful.

The Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health reported that Maesteg had just become BCBC's first dementia friendly town to help people live well with dementia.

The Committee thanked officers for the comprehensive report.

Conclusions

1. The Committee expressed concerns over the nursing staffing issues reported for care homes in that Agency staff were being used to fill the gaps at a likely higher cost. The Committee commented that this needed addressing as a priority and proposed looking towards improving the pay for permanent staff to try and recruit and retain more, instead of paying the higher cost of Agency nurses. The Committee requested that these concerns be fed back to the Western Bay Group in general as Members felt that this was not just a Health Board issue as the Partners within Western Bay should be looking at addressing this together.
2. The Committee recommend that the figures for the numbers of self-funders be gathered as is done in England, in order to determine the extent of the risk to the

Authority in terms of the resources required for future funding for Care for Older People.

3. The Committee requested that they receive the responses to the public consultation once they have been analysed and sorted.
4. The Committee requested that the Commissioning Strategy be revisited at an appropriate time when the performance measurements for the region have been developed and finalised and there has been some reporting against them. Members agreed that this would also provide the Committee with the opportunity to consider the responses to the consultation in detail and specifically, the responses and receptiveness of Care Home Providers to the proposed increase in complex needs and dementia care beds.
5. Whilst appreciating that recent statistics have indicated a reduction in the length of stay by patients in hospital as a result of improved reablement services and care in the home, the Committee asked for detailed information on the number of hospital admissions for Older People. The Committee means to determine if the change in service direction towards individuals remaining in their own homes has resulted in an increase in incidents such as falls and injuries and therefore an increase in hospital admissions.
6. The Committee further asked for information on the number of failed discharges from hospitals where individuals have been discharged and then readmitted as well as statistics for those waiting to move from hospital either to a Care Home or back to their own home within their community, including any associated delays with reasons.
7. Members asked for information on the current vacancies within Llys Ton Extra Care facility.
8. The Committee requested further detail in relation to the future plans for Advocacy for older people; who will be providing it and how will it be funded etc.

56. COMMUNITY SERVICES PHASE 2

The Head of Adult Social Care introduced a report updating the committee on the development and progress of new short-term and long-term approaches to Community Services developed in response to the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014. The report explained how the development of short-term and pre-emptive approaches to information, advice and assistance, would affect the organisation of services for people who needed managed care and support at home and long-term care in residential or nursing care settings.

Members received a video presentation showing a resident talking about his experience at Bryn y Cae home for Older People.

The Head of Adult Social Care reminded the Committee of the Western Bay Optimum Model, "Integrated care describes the coordinated delivery of support to individuals in a way that enables them to maximise their independence, health and wellbeing" and explained that a detailed report would be brought to Committee in January.

The Head of Adult Social Care explained that within the Directorate, there were a number of teams providing long term managed care and support and they also supported people in care home placements. In order to offer clarity of roles and

responsibilities, it was necessary to realign the existing social work resources into teams supporting short term, pre-emptive and preventative services based within the Community Resource Team and into long-term managed care and support services, based within the Integrated Community Networks. This would be completed during the next few months.

The report included a table summarising progress since January in delivering the optimal model in Bridgend. There were some aspects to be developed such as Acute Clinical Response where additional funding was required to move from a 5 day to a 7 day service. Also further work would be carried out in the Support and Stay for people with Dementia area, by the mental health directorate and community services to develop the right model for people with dementia.

The Head of Adult Social Care outlined the potential opportunities to extending the service and the anticipated potential benefits for people living in Bridgend County Borough.

Members asked for the contact telephone number for the Common Access Point. The telephone number was provided, 01656 642279. This was available on the BCBC website and in the Regional Directory of Services. There was also an out of hours service and a mobile response service. Calls were redirected to another number to access these services out of hours.

Members referred to improvements working with other bodies eg Care and Repair and the importance of sharing expertise in different areas. There was a real role in signposting people to the right area and excellent relationships had been built with partners. The Head of Adult Social Care explained how a Bridgend patient in a Neath Port Talbot hospital could be referred to the Common Access Point, have access to a social worker who would then liaise with Care and Repair in Bridgend on the patients behalf.

The Committee asked if it would be possible to have a case study showing a virtual ward and how acute clinical services worked. The Head of Adult Social Care said that she would try to arrange a case study for Members.

The Committee referred to the table and questioned why no progress had been made with Support and Stay for people with Dementia. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that when the right model was developed, there would be a direct link between community services and support and stay.

Members asked for more information re alignment of social work to meet the needs of short-term intervention services and long term manage care and support. The Head of Adult Social Care explained that services were being realigned to include disabled and younger adults to allow and encourage them to stay at home. The intention was to create a fully open, pre-emptive service where social workers work with the health board to avoid duplication. A number of social workers were based in the hospital and working on the wards each day "pulling" people out as soon as practicable.

The Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health reported that this was an approach to intervention taken with neighbours and improvements were being made at a time when funds were decreasing. The cost and demand for social care was rising and it was important that the implementation of the new Act was adequately resourced.

The Committee acknowledged the significant role that staff played in the delivery of early intervention at a difficult time and requested that their comments be forwarded to staff within the service area.

The Committee thanked officers for the comprehensive report.

Conclusions

1. The Committee recognised and commended the work that was being undertaken within the Directorate to create improved Community Services and in response to the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014.
2. Members asked for some case studies for the Acute Clinical Service in order to gain a better understanding of how this would work in reality.
3. The Committee expressed serious concerns over the delays and lack of progress in the area of support for people with Dementia. Members queried why there is a significant increase in individuals diagnosed with Dementia nationally and more importantly why the figures were specifically high for Bridgend in comparison with other Local Authorities. In light of this topic also sitting within the remit of the Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee, members proposed that this be suggested as a Joint Committee item between the P&G and ASC Committees.

57. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Scrutiny Officer presented a report which detailed the items to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee and sought confirmation of the information and invitees required. An alternative date was being arranged for the next meeting instead of 8 November 2016 because of a clash with another meeting, the new date to be confirmed.

A report on Secure Estate (Parc Prison) was due to be submitted to the November meeting however a pilot scheme was running in September and October and feedback from this pilot would not be available until a later date. It was suggested that Day Services for people with learning disabilities due to be considered at the 21 February meeting be brought forward to November and Secure Estate be deferred to the 21 February meeting.

RESOLVED

The Committee noted the items to be considered at the next meeting and agreed the changes and the new items proposed by the Scrutiny Officer.

58. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

The meeting closed at Time Not Specified

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 NOVEMBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING PREVENTION, WELLBEING AND LOCAL COMMUNITY COORDINATION

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the development of preventative services and local community coordination in line with the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and to describe the financial impact of this work.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 The report links to the following improvements priorities in the Corporate Plan:-
- Working together to help vulnerable people to stay independent.
 - Working together to make best use of our resources.

It is in accordance with the following:-

- Adult Social Care Commissioning plan 2010-20: Living independently in Bridgend in the 21st century.
- Draft Adult Social Care Learning Disability Commissioning Plan 2014-17.
- The Remodelling Adult Social Care Programme.
- The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

3. Background.

- 3.1 A report was presented to Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 April 2016. This report set out:-

- The council's new responsibilities under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014.
- The development of services to support prevention and wellbeing.
- The associated regional developments in the Western Bay.
- The development of local community coordination (LCC) in Bridgend.

The report also presented case studies and very positive feedback from the public about the impact of local community coordination.

- 3.2 The report explained how local community coordination has developed as part of a Western Bay initiative and similar projects are taking place in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea called Local Area Coordination (LAC).

- 3.3 The report also set out a number of next steps, progress on which is described below.

4. Current situation / proposal.

4.1 Since the report on 6th April 2016, there have been a number of developments in relation to prevention and wellbeing and local community coordination. There are now three local community coordinators (LCCs) established, one each in the Ogmore, Llynfi and Garw valleys. The LCC in the Llynfi Valley was the first in post, the other two are more recent appointments. They are supported by an Arts Development Officer and have made a strong link with the Community Hub Development Officer who is working to develop localised day services for people with a learning disability into community hubs. Community hubs will provide a place where members of the public can get information, advice, assistance and signposting to local support networks in the community. The first hub is currently being developed in Maesteg at the Cwm Calon Localised day service and will be rolled out to the other localised services in 2017.

4.2 The impact of the LCCs was illustrated in the previous report by a number of case studies. As part of this report the Project Manager will present examples of the very positive feedback that has been received and which illustrates how this work has changed people's lives.

4.3 The Local Community Coordinators Project continues to develop links with partners in the voluntary sector, the emergency services and health. Recent developments include:-

- **Strictly Cinema**

This project, which is established in Maesteg Town Hall, has been reported previously and continues to be hugely popular, and an excellent resource for many older, isolated people. The Council is now actively sourcing funding to provide a similar resource in the Garw Valley. The groups that have been involved in this project are Communities First, Zoom Cymru, Film Hub Wales, Moviola, Welsh Government and the British Film Institute.

- **Memory walks.**

This project has been reported previously. Since its inception it has continued to evolve and will soon culminate in the creation of a piece of community art. Possible venues are being explored. This project has developed through Council funding and partnerships with Love 2 Walk, Remerging Bridgend, Celtica Radio, Archives Wales and connections are being made with primary Schools and Care Homes.

- **Mindfulness group**

This project has been reported previously. Feedback from participants has been very positive, and some of the attendees, who were previously very socially isolated as a result of depression and anxiety, have formed friendships, and gone on to develop a walking group. These groups are led by a qualified therapist.

- **Try it Do it Sessions**

This project has been reported previously, and again, feedback from participants has been very positive. One session has been exclusively for older men, and has gone on to become established as a Social Enterprise (ShedQuarters)

which offers an ever increasing range of activities. Members have often experienced mental illness or trauma and some have shared similar experiences, e.g. ex-servicemen. They have now become affiliated with Men's Shed Cymru, bought their own allotment, and taken part in national events, including this month an 'eisteddfod' type event drawing participants from across Wales, Ireland and Australia where Men's Shed is recognised and supported by the Government as a major contributor to health and wellbeing for men. These groups have been developed as part of the councils 'Being Active Bridgend Initiative'.

- **Creativity for Wellbeing (Arts on Prescription)**

This project is similar to the national Exercise Referral Programme where GPs can refer patients for exercise to address health issues. This project, a pilot which has been established in partnership with the Health Board, Valley and Vale Community Arts and V2C provides 'creativity sessions', small groups which engage in a range of creative activities facilitated by an Arts Therapist. People are referred into the groups by their GP or Local Community Coordinator. Research has shown that it is possible to interrupt the 'depressive cycle' of negative thoughts associated with depression and anxiety by focussing the mind on creative activity. The first twelve weekly sessions have run in Caerau, and a second series of twelve sessions has begun there. The feedback from these has been little short of amazing, and the project has now rolled out to Ogmores Valley where the sessions have begun in the Life Centre. Sessions will also begin in the Garw Valley very soon, and the Council has funding to continue for a year in all three LCC areas. Individuals can access sessions for three months, but it is clear from the Caerau group that individuals do not want these to end, so the Local Community Coordinators are now exploring options for a follow-on resource.

- **GP Surgeries**

Referral pathways are now in place with all nine GPs in the North Network, and around 23% of LCC referrals are now coming from GPs, mainly for individuals suffering anxiety and depression or older isolated and lonely people. Many of these are likely to have been referred to other Mental Health support services, such as Assisted Recovery in the Community, if LCC were not available. A further 24% of LCC referrals are now coming from Social Services, across almost all teams.

- **Craft Network**

This has been in planning for some time, and a steering group has now been established. REACH Rural Development has agreed to fund a feasibility study in the first instance and this will be commissioned in the next few weeks. The aim is to put in place a borough wide network of groups producing and selling craft products.

- **Carers' Creative Network**

This is in the very early stages of development, and the Project Manager is working closely with the All Wales Parents' Forum to take this forward. This is an exciting project which uses a creative approach to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of carers, whilst enabling them to contribute to the wider support and sustainability of services.

The project has also supported the development of a number of community groups which have been reported on previously. April 2016 saw the start of a new group in Pencoed offering a cinema club and card making session. All the groups are very well attended and between them offer a range of alternatives to local authority day services. This latest addition takes the number of day places available each week to approximately 140, across eight different venues.

- 4.4 There have been further developments in the “Ageing Well in Bridgend” initiative. The ageing well plan has now been presented to Cabinet and is being produced to be available as a resource to the public. The plan will be linked to the Council website and in addition a bespoke "ageing well in Bridgend" web resource is being created.
- 4.5 A Later Life activity programme is being developed to build physical resilience amongst older people and combat the effects of frailty. Over 40 local people have been trained to deliver older peoples physical activities and programmed sessions have commenced in day-care, residential care and community settings leading to a showcase event in December.
- 4.6 The Council is working with its two large social enterprise partners, Halo Leisure and Awen cultural trust to develop and promote opportunities that combat loneliness and isolation and improve quality of life.
- 4.7 The Halo Leisure partnership has commenced support for armed forces veterans free swimming and is also making progress in terms of becoming a dementia friendly community with training programmes for staff and partners commencing shortly. The broader free swimming for the over 60's displays the highest participation in Wales.
- 4.8 The report in April set out the work being done in the Western Bay to implement the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014 and the development of prevention and wellbeing services.
- 4.9 Since April, a framework of principles of prevention has been developed and will be presented to the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board in November 2016 for consideration and a recommendation to adopt across the partnership. Each of the partner organisations in the Western Bay region is already providing or commissioning a range of preventative services, and describing these services will be a significant part of the population assessment, along with identifying what additional services are needed in order to adequately prevent needs arising or escalating. The framework includes key principles which might provide the context for prevention and wellbeing.
- 4.10 The major difficulty inherent in moving to an early action approach at a time of growing demand for mainstream services is in funding the prevention services. The framework recognizes the importance of having a long term (5 – 10 year) plan for prevention services, and a commitment to an incremental funding shift, ideally a specific proportion of total spend each year.
- 4.11 Expansion of roll-out of Local Area Co-ordination in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea and Local Community Co-ordination in Bridgend continues across the 3 Local

Authorities. A programme of implementation is being progressed in each local area.

- 4.12 The Western Bay July newsletter featured an LCC and close gap LAC case study. The National Social Services Conference in June 2016 included a workshop focused on the implementation of LAC and close gap LCC as an example of good practice in preventative services.
- 4.13 Swansea University has almost completed an Evaluation Report of the implementation of the LAC/LCC model which will be finalised and shared regionally with partners in November 2016.
- 4.14 The report presents a very positive assessment of the development of LCC in Bridgend and how this has been a key element of the development of prevention and wellbeing services. The report makes a number of recommendations about how LCC and LAC can be further developed. These recommendations will be reported to the Corporate Management Team with a plan to take the project forward.
- 4.15 In terms of social enterprise, the Western Bay programme has commissioned part time social enterprise development officers in each of the three County Voluntary Councils to support the development of social enterprises.
- 4.16 The Western Bay newsletters are compiled and published quarterly and are circulated via a broad distribution list, as well as featuring on the Western Bay website and on the intranets/internet sites of constituent partners, including BCBC. The 6th and 7th edition of the Western Bay newsletters have been published and circulated for April and July 2016. Western Bay website was launched in October 2015 and is updated regularly. Link to the website is: www.westernbay.org.uk. The website also includes a link to the Western Bay Programme's YouTube channel 'Western Bay TV' – an online platform that enables staff to share originally-created clips promoting the work of the Programme and its impact on the lives of citizens across the region. There have been 3133 views to date this year and 5866 pages viewed.
- 4.17 As part of the review of the structure of the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate, the Group Manager role for sport, play and active wellbeing services has been refocused to lead a prevention and wellbeing service that responds to Corporate Priorities and the requirements of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. A restructure of the service area is taking place to ensure available resources are supporting the older persons strategy, services for people with disabilities and also developing community based and person centred support arrangements where appropriate. Some current examples include support for falls prevention initiatives, engaging older people in action planning, activities for children with disabilities and their households and skills development programmes for young carers. This new service area will progressively develop its skills, knowledge and services.
- 4.18 Dewis Cymru is a Welsh social care and well-being information website for citizens which has been developed by the Social Services Inspection Agency, Data Unit Wales and the North Wales Single Point of Access Programme. Dewis was launched nationally at the Social Services Conference on 30th June 2016.

- 4.19 The website went live across North Wales on Monday 28th September 2015 and arrangements are well developed to extend it to other parts of Wales.
- 4.20 Dewis makes it easier for individuals to find out about how to improve their well-being, and the sources of advice and support which can help them.
- 4.21 It is also intended to support the successful delivery of the new requirements placed on local authorities, around Information, Advice and Assistance, as set out in Part 2 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act.
- 4.22 50 plus BCBC staff attended a Dewis workshop/presentation in the BCBC Council Chamber on the 8 June 2016. A Bridgend Dewis Implementation Group has been set up and a range of BCBC service areas are represented on the group which meets monthly.
- 4.23 A number of “quick wins” in terms of easily accessible Bridgend local information in a number of areas has been identified for uploading onto the Dewis website, and work has now commenced by the lead officers to upload information from the following areas:-
- Family Information Service
 - Adult Regulated Services –e.g Domiciliary Care
 - Active Wellbeing
 - Children’s Regulated Services e.g Fostering
 - BCBC Complaints
 - Learning Disability Day Services
 - Local Community Coordination
 - Community Resource Team
 - How to access our services (adults) and adult network contact information
 - Local Training Provider information
 - Supporting People
- 4.24 Bridgend is also represented on the National User Implementation Group chaired by the Welsh Local Government Association.
- 4.25 The next steps in relation to Dewis are:
- Publicity of the system within the local Bridgend area using the BCBC Communication mechanisms including social media
 - Secure the involvement of all service areas within the Council e.g Customer Contact Centre and Early help
 - Work with partner organisations and the third sector to encourage their use of the system
- 4.26 Next Steps**
- To continue the LCC project in Bridgend and consider options for future funding arrangements
 - To continue developing the partnership working with other statutory services and the independent sector to further enhance support networks in the community
 - To continue contributing to the Western Bay developments

- To further refine the performance indicators and analysis of the financial impact of this work
- To work closely with local social enterprises and continue to support their development
- To ensure that appropriate links are in place between this work and other projects which form part of the development of the prevention and wellbeing agenda
- To put in place a plan to transition the management responsibilities for this project to the Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity. As part of this a detailed 'next' steps plan will be produced in December 2016.

4.27 These actions are being included in a LCC development plan and business case which will set out detailed actions and timescales for the expansion of the project. This will be produced in December 2016.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

5.1 There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessments.

6.1 There are no equality implications.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 The LCC team and costs are summarised below

Post	FTE (inc on-costs)
Project Manager	£51,600
Local Area Coordinator	£43,500
Local Community Coordinator (1)	£41,300
Local Community Coordinator (2)	£42,200
Arts Development Officer	£29,800
Total	£208,400

7.2 Currently, the team is funded from a Social Services and Wellbeing earmarked reserve. However, the service has also recently submitted a bid to western bay to acquire ICF funding to contribute toward these costs. The result of this bid will be known shortly. There are also ongoing discussions about continued funding by the Council.

7.3 Since the last report a piece of work has been put in place to quantify the financial impact of local community coordination and to establish performance measures. It is difficult to assess the financial impact of preventative services because by their nature (supporting people to need less help from statutory services) some of the impact is cost avoidance.

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10 Background documents

None

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 NOVEMBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING

REPORT ON DAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on developments in day services for adults with a learning disability.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 This reports links to the following improvement priorities in the Corporate Plan:-
- Smarter use of resources;
 - Helping people to be more reliant.

It is in accordance with the following:-

- Adult Social Care Commissioning Plan 2010-20: Living independently in Bridgend in the 21st century;
- Adult Social Care Learning Disability commissioning Plan 2014-17;
- The Remodelling Adult Social Care Programme;
- The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

3. Background.

- 3.1 The Learning Disability Service Development plan is part of the Adult Social Care Remodelling Programme and has been in operation since 2012. The Plan is also part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and represents a whole system approach to the development of learning disability services.
- 3.2 Reports on the progress in the Learning Disability service development plan have been presented to the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2015 and in September 2014 under the Committees former title of Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 The Learning Disability Service development plan contains workstreams focussed on the development of day opportunities in line with the whole system approach to the remodelling of learning disability services. The developments are taking place in the localised day services and Bridgend Resource Centre (see 3.6 below).
- 3.4 As well as being part of the Adult Social Care remodelling programme, this is incorporated into the development of prevention and wellbeing services as part of the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

- 3.5 Day opportunities for people with a learning disability are delivered on a strong value base of developing independence, skills and the community presence of the people who use the services. This value base drives the day-to-day service delivery and the direction of service developments.
- 3.6 The service is run from six buildings which are seen as a platform for the development of individual skills and activities in the community.

The buildings include:-

- Bridgend Resource Centre
- Heron House Autism Service

And localised service bases at

- Cwm Calon in Maesteg
- Ty Penybont in Bridgend
- Sarn Adult Support Centre
- Pyle Localised Service at Pyle Life Service

- 3.7 There is a fleet of seven specially adapted vehicles and a minibus which the service uses to transport people to and fro from the service bases and to activities in the community. People are encouraged to use public transport or their own transport where appropriate.
- 3.8 There is a staff and management structure across the service which is designed to support people who use the services as individuals or in groups. The staff to service user ratio is based on a format which has been developed overtime and is designed to ensure that all people who use the service are safe and supported appropriately.
- 3.9 There are day services for older people delivered at Bridgend Resource Centre and Cwm Calon and the staff have encouraged and supported people with a learning disability and older people to engage in activities together, for example people from the Older People's service and regularly using the hydro therapy pool at Bridgend Resource centre.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 People with a learning disability are referred to a day opportunity service by a social worker in the learning disability assessment and care management team. The social worker will have carried out an assessment and written a support plan which sets out the reasons why the person needs to attend day services and the outcomes for the person the day service is expected to deliver.
- 4.2 In response to this, the day service staff carry out an assessment of the person's skills and abilities and formulate an individual plan for the person's time in day services. This plan sets out a range of activities both in the service setting and in the community. These activities are designed to help the person achieve the goals set out by the social worker in the individual support plan.

- 4.3 Each person who goes to day service has an individual plan which they will have been involved in compiling and which is reviewed at least annually. Plans are constantly monitored and can be changed quickly if required. Families and carers are involved in this process at all stages.
- 4.4 The production of the individualised plans and the delivery of the service are focussed on supporting people to learn and develop skills in a way which is specifically tailored to their needs and aspirations. Many of the staff have achieved National Vocational qualifications which has enabled staff to write and support plans more effectively.
- 4.5 The progress and achievements of each person are recorded on their individual file and copies of certificates, awards and training are collated. Day service also has its own award ceremony for achievements within the service.
- 4.6 Day services provide a range of activities both in the service setting and in the community. Examples of these are:-

In service –

- Hydrotherapy
- Sensory Stimulation
- Arm Chair Aerobics
- PC Sessions (safe use of internet/educational & cognitive programmes).

In the community –

- Cinema Club
- Swimming
- Model Boat Club
- Shopping projects

People who use the service typically start and end the day at their service base which is open between 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

- 4.7 People who attend day services are financially means tested and their individual circumstances taken into account. This has to be done as part of the Welsh Government legislation about “Charging in Care”. The maximum cost an individual would pay is £60 per week. However, some people are exempt from this charge. There are budgets allocated in the service to support community activities and people use their own money to make purchases of their choice.
- 4.8 The service at Bridgend Resource Centre is designed for people with complex needs and/or challenging behaviour. The facilities provide for sensory and therapeutic activities and include rebound and physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, sensory stimulation and calming therapy. Many of the people who use this service are provided with personal care. Incidents of challenging behaviour are recorded and it can be seen how this environment has helped to reduce the level of challenging behaviour for many people.
- 4.9 Localised services are designed to provide a platform from which people can engage in community activities and develop their independence skills.

- 4.10 The specialised service at Heron House is specifically designed for people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Complex Needs. Although there are people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder throughout the service who have a lower level of needs.
- 4.11 Day services for people with a learning disability also provide an invaluable service to the families and carers. The day service provides much needed respite for families as well as enabling them to continue with their own activities or employment. Families are also welcome to be involved in social events organised by the service.
- 4.12 The day service would not be able to provide the range of activities and therapies it does without the support of the Health Team based in the first floor office at Bridgend Resource Centre alongside the assessment and care management team.
- 4.13 The Health Team is made up of learning disability nurses, speech and language occupational and physiotherapists, psychologists and a consultant psychiatrist. The team works closely with day service staff to ensure individuals that their health care needs are recognised and responded to.
- 4.14 As part of the Learning Disability Service Development plan for day services there are two key workstreams:-
- 1 In relation to Bridgend Resource Centre, the Council is undertaking an options appraisal to identify an operating model which will enable the service and the use of the facilities to be further developed and maximised. There is a series of four workshops organised for staff to be part of developing the options and a report is due in December 2016.
 - 2 The plan for localised services has two key workstreams: One is to develop the service into community hubs where members of the public will be able to get information, advice, support and signposting to support networks in the community. This work is part of the development of prevention and wellbeing services in line with the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. A community hub model is being developed at Cwm Calon and will be rolled out to the other localised services, beginning in January 2017. The second stand is to further focus the day service on the development of individual's skills and activities in the community. In this way the localised services will become hubs for the generation, development and maintenance of networks of support in localised communities.

Following a review (Alder review which was reported to Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 10 September 2014) of how day opportunities operate the service is focussing much more on supporting people to progress to activities in the community. This is in line with the prevention and wellbeing developments which have been strengthened by the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

- 4.15 By developing the community hubs and supporting people to be more independent, the service is contributing to the wider prevention and wellbeing work which is:
- Preventing crisis through early intervention;
 - Changing the balance of care by using more informal supports;
 - Using community resources;

- Bringing in extra resources to support families and communities;

4.16 In this way the service is supporting people to be more self-reliant and progress to support networks in their communities and to be less reliant on statutory services. This is an approach which recognises people's strengths and supports them to achieve their personal goals.

4.17 There is a strong link between the learning disability service development plan the development of prevention and wellbeing services reported to the Committee in November 2015. The developments in learning disability services and the focus on supporting people to progress to greater independence has meant that a number of people engaged in community activities which they have played a key part in establishing. This means that people are able to move on from day opportunities or in the case of young people in transition, engage in community activities after leaving school. There is also a strong emphasis on enabling people to achieve their aspirations without the support of day opportunity services.

4.18 In December 2015, the Care and Social Services Inspectorate (CSSIW) undertook a full review of learning disability services in Bridgend. The report was very positive and recognised that the Council has further developed the Prevention and Wellbeing agenda which is a key part of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. This has been demonstrated by the development of community services and the number of people who are able to get the help and support they need from groups and networks rather than statutory social care services. There is also an action plan in place in response to the report's recommendations.

4.19 The CSSIW report confirmed that the council's learning disability and prevention and wellbeing services are developing effectively and enabling people to remain independent and supported for longer without the need for statutory services.

4.20 Examples of some of the activities and feedback from families are attached in the appendices:

Appendix 1	Thanks for the coffee morning
Appendix 2	Nomination for achiever of the year
Appendix 3	Thank you for the fundraising
Appendix 4	Pyle Life Centre and Community News

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

5.1 There is no impact on the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessments.

6.1 Equality Impact Assessments will be carried out on specific aspects of the Learning Disability Service Development plan as and when required.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The total budget for day services in 2016/2017 is £3,340,000. There are 105 full time equivalent staff and 160 people go to Bridgend Resource Centre and Heron House and 165 people go to the localised service.

7.2 Since 2013/14, day services have contributed £630,000 to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and further budget reductions are planned in 2017/18 of £120,000.

8 Recommendation.

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the report and the progress in this area of the service.

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10. Background Documents
None

March 3rd 2016

Dear

Just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed the St. David's Day Coffee Morning yesterday.

It was so lovely to see everyone having such a good time and joining in with the singing so enthusiastically.

We would like to thank all the staff and service users for the hard work they put in to making the occasion such a success.

We look forward to attending many more similar events in the future!

Best wishes

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X

Who goes to (service area): Valley's Gateway

X's main achievement which is truly remarkable and most certainly deserving has been learning to trust and being able to build relationships with others which in turn as enabled him to access the wider community and participate in sessions in an appropriate way. X's journey through life hasn't been an easy one, with a diagnosis of A.D.H.D. Autism and a severe learning disability compounded with epilepsy and intolerance to certain foods X has struggled with certain aspects of his life which has on times isolated him from many things.

X transitioned from school to adult services, in order for the smooth transition it was recognised that he would require 1-1 support to integrate into the service due to his complex condition. X's echolalia and invasion of people's personal space, to which they perceive as threatening often, meant X was vulnerable to potential retaliation.

X accessed many service areas and due to the above mentioned the placement was not successful until he joined Valley's Gateway in 2014.

X has made such improvements in developing his social skills he no longer requires the intense staff support he once had, he is now functioning as part of a group and no longer requires a communication aid he once relied on.

X has also had to contend with moving out of the family home into a supported living tenancy, this wasn't an easy task for X but eventually he developed coping strategies and came to terms with living in his new home. X's achievements, and the positive effect they have had on his life, cannot be under-estimated.

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"Ty Hafan has helped us by always being there on the other end of the phone, visiting us in hospital and providing short break care."



Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for choosing to raise money for Ty Hafan. We have received a total of £560.00 which will make a world of difference to families all across Wales. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to those who were so kind in supporting your fundraising efforts.

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If you would like any more information about other ways to support us, or if you decide you'd like to do some more fundraising please contact us on askfundraising@tyhafan.org or 029 2053 2255.

Thank you for caring



Head of Business & Community Fundraising

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Pyle Life Centre & Community News

Quarterly Newssheet

June 2015 , Edition 1

Welcome to your local hub



Welcome to our exciting, new quarterly newssheet which has been created to inform YOU of what is going on in your local hub.

If you have any news or a story you would like to include in future editions please contact us @ Gavin.peters@bridgend.gov.uk or Christopher.thomas@bridgend.gov.uk.

Kenfig Hill & Pyle Festival Week

Saturday 13th June until Sunday 21st June



Pyle Life Centre

At Pyle/Porthcawl we provide a variety of activities for our clientele including : Domestic Skills, Swimming, Literacy, Photography , Cinema Club Armchair Aerobics, Boxercise, Shopping Projects, Arts and Craft ,Public Transport , Bowling , Computer (IT Skills) and Quiz to name just a few..... More details and pictures will be provided in future editions



Recently we have started attending a model boat club which operates on Thursday and Sunday mornings at Margam park.

Margam Park Model Boat Club are a helpful friendly group who kindly loan us have-a-go boats so that we can join in with the fun.

Fancy a go?

For more details check them out at

www.margammodelboats.co.uk



Pyle Library



The Team

There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them.

-Joseph Brodsky



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English and Maths help at the Ton Pentre Suite

If you need to brush up on your English or maths, the Ton Pentre suite in Pyle Life Centre offers you the opportunity to gain new skills. We can help you access a range of free Learndirect courses suitable for beginners in many subjects; basic maths, English and IT for example; all in a friendly and informal environment.

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REPORT TO ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 NOVEMBER 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 14 December and seeks confirmation of the information required for the subsequent scheduled meeting to be held on 21 February 2017;
- 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 19 July 2016, the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2016/17.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

Meetings of the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next scheduled meeting to be held on 14 December 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
Directorate Budget Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Cooper Corporate Director – Wellbeing; • Cllr P White - Cabinet Member Adult Social Care Health and Wellbeing; • Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care; 	MTFS Proposals for 2017-18	TBC

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron Norman - Finance Manager, Social Services, Wellbeing, Resources and LARS. 		

4.2 The table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend in respect of the subsequent meeting of the Committee to be held on 21 February 2017.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Update on the Implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Cooper Corporate Director – Wellbeing; • Cllr P White - Cabinet Member Adult Social Care Health and Wellbeing; • Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care. 	An update on the implementation of the Act to also include DOLS as requested by Members	TBC
Secure Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Cooper Corporate Director – Wellbeing; • Cllr P White - Cabinet Member Adult Social Care Health and Wellbeing; • Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care. 	An provide an update following the July meeting to include the following information	TBC

4.3 The table below lists all potential items that the Committee approved at their meeting on 16 June 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
New Extra Care Housing Schemes	21 March 2017	From the ASC OVSC meeting on 13 January 2016 - Members requested that an item on the two new Extra Care facilities is added to the 2016/17 Forward Work Programme.	TBC
Bryn Y Cae	21 March 2017	Members requested an update on reconfiguration of beds and possible further development of reablement beds or creation of transition beds.	TBC

4.4 Extra Items for Consideration

Rota Visiting	To provide information on Rota Visits.
Home Care – Quarterly Status Report	To monitor progress and achievability of the proposed savings.

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.

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

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

- 5.1 The work of the Children and Young People 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 14 December 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 invitees to be invited to attend, 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 21 February 2017;
- (iii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committee's Forward Work Programme and reprioritise as the Committees feels appropriate.

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