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Dyddiad/Date: Wednesday, 28 June 2017

Dear Councillor,

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

A meeting of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB on **Tuesday, 4 July 2017 at 3.30 pm.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence (to include reasons, where appropriate) from Members/Officers.
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. Forward Work Programme Update 3 - 18
4. Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination Report 19 - 22
5. Nomination to the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel 23 - 24
6. 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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REPORT TO THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

4 JULY 2017

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

- a) To present the Committee with a list of potential Forward Work Programme items for comment and prioritisation;
- b) To ask the Committee to identify any further items for consideration using the pre-determined criteria form.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2016–2020 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The Corporate Improvement Objectives were adopted by Council on 1 March 2017 and formally set out the improvement objectives 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 the beginning of the municipal year each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to identify issues for consideration during the year, using the pre-determined criteria (**Appendix A**) which emphasises the need to consider issues such as impact, risk, performance, budget and community perception when identifying topics for investigation. The purpose of Appendix A is to ensure a strategic responsibility for Scrutiny and that its work benefits the organisation.
- 3.2 Under the terms of Bridgend County Borough Council's Constitution, each Overview and Scrutiny Committee must publish a Forward Work Programme (FWP) as far as it is known.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

- 4.1 An effective FWP will identify the issues that the Committee wishes to focus on during the year and provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected, as well as the approach that will be adopted; i.e. will the Committee be undertaking a policy review/ development role ("Overview") or performance management approach ("Scrutiny").

- 4.2 On 28 June 2017, a report was presented to Council where it provided details of the new Scrutiny Committee Structure, Terms of Reference and its processes.
- 4.3 As agreed by Council, there will be 8 scheduled meetings during the year for each Scrutiny Committee. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is able to look at a maximum of 16 topics over a 12 month period.
- 4.4 Each of the following topics would sit within the remit of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- Performance Monitoring
 - Corporate Plan
 - Business Planning
 - Budget Monitoring
 - Public Service Board
 - Partnership working
 - Contract Management
- 4.5 In addition to this, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have responsibility for setting and prioritising the overall FWP for the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 4.6 The Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be allocated one item at a time from the overall FWP undertaking Scrutiny investigation of the subject over a maximum of two meetings. Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees can therefore consider up to 8 topics per year. It is hoped that consideration of one item will enable greater focus on priority items and will enable Members to drill down further into topics and overall achieve more effective outcomes.
- 4.7 Officer Planning Meetings will take place every two months between the Scrutiny Officers and each Corporate Director to deliberate the items on the overall FWP. In addition to these meetings, FWP Development Meetings will also take place between Cabinet Members and Scrutiny Chairs every three months in order for both Cabinet and Scrutiny to discuss and co-ordinate their FWPs.
- 4.8 The FWPs will remain flexible and will be revisited at each Corporate Overview and Scrutiny meeting with input from each Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any information gathered from FWP meetings with Corporate Directors and Cabinet.

Draft Forward Work Programmes

- 4.9 Attached at **Appendix B** is a list of topics that has been compiled from suggested items from the previous Scrutiny Committees prior to the elections. It also includes some proposals from Corporate Directors and detail from research undertaken by Scrutiny Officers taking into account the following:
- *Corporate Plan ;*
 - *Directorate Business Plans;*
 - *Performance Reports to Scrutiny Committees;*
 - *Annual business planning and budget setting process.*

- 4.10 The Committee is asked to prioritise up to six items to present to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for formal prioritisation and designation to each Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Process for Feedback

- 4.11 All conclusions made at Subject Overview and Scrutiny meetings, as well as recommendations and requests for information should be responded to by Officers, to ensure that there are clear outcomes from each topic investigated.
- 4.12 These will then be presented to the relevant Scrutiny Committee at their next meeting to ensure that they have had a response.
- 4.13 When each topic has been considered and the Committee is satisfied with the outcome, the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee will then present their findings to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee who will determine whether to remove the item from the FWP or to re-add for further prioritisation at a future date.

Corporate Parenting

- 4.15 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
- 4.16 In this role, it is suggested that Members consider how each item they consider affects children in care and care leavers, and in what way can the Committee assist in these areas.
- 4.17 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 & Procedure Rules

- 5.1 The work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Council's Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend. Any changes to the structure of the Scrutiny Committees and the procedures relating to them would require the Bridgend County Borough Council constitution to be updated.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications attached to this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Identify any further detail for inclusion on the overall Forward Work Programme 2017-18 to include specific information required on each item and invitees to be invited to attend;
- (ii) Prioritise up to six items from the FWP to present to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for formal prioritisation and designation back to the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- (iii) Identify suitable items for Webcasting from the overall Forward Work Programme;
- (iv) Agree to use the criteria form for any additional items for future consideration on the Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes.

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Background documents

None.

Potential items proposed for the Forward Work Programme - questions to consider	
Proposed Item	
Is this item within the remit of the Committee?	
Is it a Corporate Priority?	
Is it a public interest item?	
What are the questions that need answering?	
Then:	
What is the expected outcome from receiving the item?	
What can be achieved?	
What impact can Members have on this area?	
What information should be reported to the Committee? I.e. data, case studies, examples of outcomes, challenges etc.	
How should information be presented at the meeting? I.e. PowerPoint/Prezi presentation, audio/visual formats, photos, graphics, charts, maps etc.	
Who should be invited to contribute to achieve a representative picture? I.e. front line staff, users, carers, young people, representatives from partner organisations, business representatives etc.	
Is the item particularly suitable for webcasting?	

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SCRUTINY – DRAFT ANNUAL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

	Topic		Specific Information to request	Suggested Invitees
1.	Overview of Direct Payment Scheme	Suggested Date September/ October	<p>To update Members on the Direct Payments process.</p> <p><i>How outcomes for individuals are being identified and monitored.</i></p> <p><i>What activities are being requested by individuals to enable them to achieve their personal outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>How the Direct Payments system is being monitored.</i></p> <p><i>To include clarification and further details on the exact costs of commissioning the IPC.</i></p>	<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Pete Tyson, Group Manager - Commissioning ; Mark Wilkinson, Group Manager.</p>
2.	Residential Remodelling	Suggested Date January	<p>Information on the Extra Care Housing Schemes. To include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose/model • Changes to residential care • Communication strategy <p>Possible site visit to extra care housing scheme and new site once work has begun</p>	<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care; Carmel Donovan, Group Manager Integrated Community Services; Representative from Linc.</p>

3.	Advocacy Services for Children and Adults	Suggested Date September	<p>To include an information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The outcome from the Advocacy Pilot Scheme</i> • The current system • Social Services & Wellbeing Act • Regional Children Services advocacy • Adult Services – Golden Thread Project 	<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care; Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support; Richard Jones?</p>
4.	Prevention and Wellbeing and Local Community Coordination	Proposed date February 2018	<p>To include information about the number of different initiatives that are available within the community as an alternative to statutory services.</p> <p><i>Members have requested that when an update of the Prevention, Wellbeing and Local Community Co-ordination is next presented to the Committee, that the LCC projects are referenced under a heading for each area – Ogmoredale, Llynfi and Garw Valleys – to ensure ease of reference to what projects are being carried out where.</i></p>	<p>Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Relevant Cabinet Member; Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care; Andrew Thomas, Group Manager - Sports and Physical Activity.</p>
5.	Social Services Commissioning Strategy	Proposed date March 2018	<p>To include information on what work has taken place following the Social Services and Wellbeing Act population assessment.</p> <p>To also cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Annual Plan • Bridgend Social Services Commissioning Strategy 	<p>Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care;</p>

				Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support; Pete Tyson, Group Manager – Commissioning
6.	Safeguarding	Suggested Date January 2018	<p>To include Safeguarding activity in both Children and Adult Services. To also cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Safeguarding Boards • Bridgend Corporate Safeguarding Policy • CSE • DOLS <p><i>In relation to Western Bay Safeguarding, the Committee have requested any future report provides statistical data in relation to service demands and evidence how quickly and effectively the services are acting to those needs.</i></p>	Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care; Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support; Elizabeth Walton James, Group Manager Safeguarding and Quality Assurance
7.	Dementia Care		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Include accurate and up to date figures on the people diagnosed with dementia in Bridgend County Borough for comparison with the number of people predicted to be living with dementia;</i> • <i>Provide Members with the information which can be found on the Local GP Dementia Register which highlights prevalence of dementia by area throughout the borough and type of dementia. The Panel recommend that these statistics are presented on a map</i> 	Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care.

			<p><i>diagram for ease of reference. If possible, Members wish that this data be elaborated upon to include age, and whether the numbers show if diagnosis was received prior to moving into the borough;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide an update on the review of joint intentions with health and the third sector and include information regarding the production of a dementia strategy and delivery plan - stating milestones, target dates and responsible officers.</i> • <i>Provide an update on existing discussions with nursing care providers in relation to the development of nursing residential care places for people with dementia;</i> • <i>Include facts and figures on people with dementia living in Cardiff as well as Neath Port Talbot and Swansea for comparison to Bridgend.</i> 	
8.	Western Bay Regional Report	Suggested Date March 2018	To provide Members with the Western Bay Regional Report. To include information on the Integrated Care Fund.	<p>Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care; Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support;</p>

9.	Early Help and Safeguarding		<p>To update Members on how the two services are working together and the impact on the LAC population.</p> <p><i>In relation to the LAC population, Members have asked to receive the outcome of the in depth analysis which was currently being undertaken within the Council.</i></p>	<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Lindsay Harvey, Corporate Director - Education and Family Support (Interim); Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Family Support; Mark Lewis, Group Manager Integrated Working and Family Support.</p>
10.	Residential Remodelling	Required Date October 2017	Appraisal of the options and proposed new model for children's residential provision and use of therapeutic interventions. (Pre decision item)	<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support; Pete Tyson, Group Manager – Commissioning; Lauren North, Commissioning and Contract Management Officer;</p>

				Natalie Silcox, Group Manager Childrens Regulated Services. Karen?
11.	CAMHS	Suggested date April 2018	<p><i>The Committee requested that the subject of CAMHS remain on the Committee's FWP to follow up and monitor the work being undertaken in this field. Some specific suggestions for focus included:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Monitoring the training being undertaken by professionals and volunteers to support and identify children and young people with mental health issues.</i> <i>• Links with the Youth Offending Service – where these have ceased due to staffing issues, how there is a continued communication and joint up working between CAMHS and the YOS.</i> <p><i>The Committee also wish to consider links to transitional services and Adult Mental Health. Members proposed looking at how services were working together in cases where there is a direct impact from Adult Mental Health on children, such as parental alcohol or substance misuse or domestic abuse where children are involved.</i></p>	<p>Sue Cooper, Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; Lindsay Harvey, Corporate Director - Education and Family Support (Interim); Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Family Support; NHS representative.</p>
12.	Schools Strategic Review		<p>Outcome of Consultation and pre-decision prior to final decision by Cabinet</p> <p>To include update on FE Sector - How FE Sector operates, what are the strategic plans of the college, what is its relationship with secondary</p>	<p>Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and</p>

			schools and the CSC? Further information as to how the FE College were engaging and assisting schools regarding reducing the number of young people becoming NEET.	Regeneration; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help; John Fabes; Mandy Paish, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor.
13.	ALN Reform		Update Members on the ALN Reform and developments - Status of Bill and how as a Local Authority and a Consortia we are preparing for its introduction.	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help.
14.	School Standards Report 17-18		Annual school performance report from CSC	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help; Mandy Paish, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor.
15.	The Economic Prosperity of Bridgend County Borough		To include areas such as City Deal, Economic Development, Worklessness Programmes, EU Funding for Skills	Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet

				Member – Communities; Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration, Development and Property Services; representative tbc from Bridgend College; representative tbc from Bridgend Business Forum.
16.	Developing Bridgend as a place to live, work and visit		Information on Tourism and Events, Streetscene, cleansing of the public realm	Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities; Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration, Development and Property Services; Zak Shell, Head of Streetscene.
17.	Town Centre Regeneration		To provide members with information on the following responsibilities of the Council and how these are managed and can be developed with reduced resources Car parking review Pedestrianisation Business Rates Empty Properties Strategic Building Investment	Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities Zak Shell, Head of Streetscene; Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration, Development and Property Services.
18..	Directorate Budget Consultation Process		MTFS planning 2018-19	Relevant Corporate Director; Relevant Cabinet Member; Representative from Finance.

19.	Environment		To include: Waste Policies and contracts sustainable development	Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities Zak Shell, Head of Streetscene; Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration, Development and Property Services.
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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

4 JULY 2017

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPION NOMINATION REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Committee to nominate one Member as its Corporate Parenting Champion to represent the Committee as an invitee to meetings of the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives.

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The Corporate Improvement Objectives were adopted by Council on 1 March 2017 and formally set out the improvement objectives 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 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
- 3.2 In order to further develop and enhance the Council's corporate parenting role with its partners, a Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee comprising all Members of Cabinet was established by Cabinet on 4 November 2008.
- 3.3 The inaugural meeting of the Cabinet Committee was held on 27 November 2008 where it was agreed that the Cabinet Committee will meet bi-monthly. The terms of reference for the Cabinet Committee are:

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

- to ensure that looked after children are seen as a priority by the whole of the Authority and by the Children and Young People's Partnership;
- to seek the views of children and young people in shaping and influencing the parenting they receive;
- to ensure that appropriate policies, opportunities and procedures are in place;
- to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Authority in its role as corporate parent against Welsh Government guidance.

3.4 At its inaugural meeting, the Cabinet Committee requested that a Corporate Parenting "Champion" be nominated from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to become permanent invitees to the Cabinet Committee.

4. Current Situation / Proposal.

4.1 The Committee is requested to nominate one Member as its Corporate Parenting Champion to represent the Committee as an invitee at meetings of the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee.

4.2 The role of the Corporate Parenting Champion is to represent their Overview and Scrutiny Committee, partaking in discussions with Cabinet over items relating to children in care and care leavers.

4.3 It is also suggested that in this role each Champion considers how all services within the remit of Scrutiny affect children in care and care leavers and encourage their own Committee to bear their Corporate Parenting role in mind when participating in Scrutiny.

4.4 Scrutiny Champions can greatly support the Committee 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 Subject 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 wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 There are no equality impacts arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 None.

8. Recommendation.

The Committee is asked to nominate one Member of the Committee as its Corporate Parenting Champion to represent the Committee at meetings of the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee

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Background Documents

Bridgend County Borough Council Constitution

Part II of the Local Government Act 2000: Executive Arrangements

Report of the Corporate Director – Children to Cabinet, 4 November 2008: Establishment of a Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee

Report of the Corporate Director – Children to the Inaugural Meeting of the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee, 27 November 2008

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

4 JULY 2017

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

NOMINATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request the Committee to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

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

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2016–2020 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 1 March 2017 and formally set out the improvement objectives 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 From 1 April 2016, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 introduced statutory Public Services Boards (PSB) across each local authority area in Wales. PSBs work together to improve the social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of the board's area. The Act specified that one Committee take an overview of the overall effectiveness of the Board which this Authority determined to carry out via a PSB Overview and Scrutiny Panel which is now proposed to sit under the remit of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 The purpose of the Panel is to review and scrutinise the efficiency and effectiveness of the PSB and its decisions as well as the governance arrangements surrounding it. The Panel will hold up to two meetings a year and will make reports or recommendations to the Board regarding its functions, with the aim of enhancing its impact. These recommendations are to be presented to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval prior to submission to the Board.

- 3.3 A copy of any report or recommendation made to the Public Service Board must be sent to the Welsh Ministers, the Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales.
- 3.4 The membership of the PSB Panel is determined annually and incorporates three Members from the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, one Member from each of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees and counterpart representatives that sit on the Public Service Board.

4. Current Situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 The work of the Subject 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 wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Overview & Scrutiny Panel.

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