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Annwyl Cyngorydd,

PWYLLGOR CRAFFU TESTUN 1

Cynhelir Cyfarfod Pwyllgor Craffu Testun 1 yn Siambr y Cyngor, Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, CF31 4WB ar **Dydd Mercher, 5 Medi 2018 am 09:30.**

AGENDA

1. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb
Derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan Aelodau.
2. Datganiadau o fuddiant
Derbyn datganiadau o ddiddordeb personol a rhagfarnol (os o gwbl) gan Aelodau / Swyddogion yn unol â darpariaethau'r Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau a fabwysiadwyd gan y Cyngor o 1 Medi 2008.
3. Cymeradwyaeth Cofnodion 3 - 14
I dderbyn am gymeradwyaeth y Cofnodion cyfarfod y 16/04/2018 a 24/05/2018.
4. Diweddariad ar Raglen Waith 15 - 24
5. Caeau Chwarae, Cyfleusterau Chwaraeon Awyr Agored a Pafiliynau Parciau 25 - 34

Gwahoddedigion:

Mark Shephard, Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol, Cymunedau
Cllr Richard Young, Yr Aelod Cabinet dros Gymunedau
Zak Shell, Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cymdogaeth.

6. Materion Brys
I ystyried unrhyw eitemau o fusnes y, oherwydd amgylchiadau arbennig y cadeirydd o'r farn y dylid eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel mater o frys yn unol â Rhan 4 (pharagraff 4) o'r Rheolau Trefn y Cyngor yn y Cyfansoddiad.

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DK Edwards

Cynghorwyr

J Gebbie

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PWYLLGOR CRAFFU TESTUN 1 - DYDD LLUN, 16 EBRILL 2018

COFNODION CYFARFOD Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU TESTUN 1 A GYNHALIWDYD YN SIAMBR Y CYNGOR - SWYDDFEYDD DINESIG, STRYD YR ANGEL, PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR CF31 4WB DYDD LLUN, 16 EBRILL 2018, AM 09:30

Presennol

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Susan Cooper

Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol - Gwasanaethau
Cymdeithasol a Lles

Nicola Echanis
Lindsay Harvey

Pennaeth Addysg a Chymorth Cynnar
Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol – Addysg a
Chymorth i Deuluoedd (Dros Dro)

Laura Kinsey

Pennaeth Gofal Cymdeithasol Plant

16. DATGAN BUDDIANNAU

Derbyniwyd datganiadau o fudd personol gan y Cyng. JC Radcliffe a'r Cyng. C Webster o ran eitem 5 yr agenda.

17. CYMERADWYO COFNODION

PENDERFYNWYD: Cymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 08.02.2018 fel rhai gwir a chywir.

18. DIWEDDARIAD AM Y FLAENRAGLEN WAITH

Cyflwynodd Gwasanaethau Gweithrediadol a Phartneriaeth y Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol adroddiad i'r pwyllgor am Flaenraglen Waith y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu.

Gofynnodd aelod i'r wybodaeth ychwanegol ganlynol gael ei chynnwys yn yr adroddiad am wasanaethau cymunedol: Pa gyllid grant gan Lywodraeth Cymru sydd wedi cael ei leihau a beth yn union yw'r swm hwn.

PENDERFYNWYD:

Cymeradwyodd aelodau'r adborth o gyfarfodydd blaenorol y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Testunau 1 gan nodi'r rhestr ymatebion:

19. CYMORTH CYNNAR A GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL PLANT

Cyflwynwyd adroddiad gan Gyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Dros Dro Addysg a Chymorth i Deuluoedd a Chyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles am Gymorth Cynnar a Gofal Cymdeithasol Plant i roi gwybodaeth i aelodau yr oeddent wedi gofyn amdani ynglŷn â chydweithio rhwng cyfarwyddiaethau.

Ymhelaethodd y Rheolwr Grŵp dros Weithio Integredig a Chymorth i Deuluoedd ar brif bwytiau'r adroddiad, gan gynnwys sut mae cyfarwyddiaethau'n gweithio'n agos gyda'i gilydd a hefyd gyda nifer o asiantaethau allanol.

Cyfeiriodd aelod at 4.11 yr adroddiad lle nodwyd bod nifer yr atgyfeiriadau wedi cynyddu 80%. Gofynnodd sut roedd hyn wedi effeithio ar weithwyr achos a sut mae wedi effeithio ar yr awdurdod lleol yn ariannol.

Gofynnodd hefyd sut roedd yr atgyfeiriadau i'r project ACE yn cael eu rheoli o'r blaen.

Dywedodd y Rheolwr Grŵp dros Wasanaethau Integredig a Chymorth i Deuluoedd eu bod yn ystyried trothwyon mewn cymorth cynnar megis Cysylltu Teuluoedd. Caiff atgyfeiriadau eu gwirio o fewn 24 awr ac ar ôl eu hasesu, caiff gweithiwr cymdeithasol ei neilltuo i'r teulu neu efallai bydd y teulu'n mynd at weithiwr ymyrraeth, gan ddibynnu ar gymhlethdod yr achos. Ychwanegodd fod atgyfeiriadau gan ysgolion yn cyfateb i 10% o'r holl atgyfeiriadau i'r gwasanaeth a bod ymagwedd ar y cyd gyda chydweithwyr diogelu yn eu helpu i nodi peryglon a heriau. Ychwanegodd nad oedd unrhyw restr aros sylweddol ond bod y sefyllfa honno'n cael ei monitro'n gyson.

Nododd aelod y buasai'n ddefnyddiol petai data wedi cael ei dderbyn am Blant sy'n Derbyn Gofal er mwyn cymharu data ac archwilio'r tueddiadau. Nododd swyddogion nad oedd y data ganddynt ar hyn o bryd ond y byddent yn ei rannu ag aelodau ar ôl y cyfarfod.

Gofynnodd aelod am natur y perthnasoedd rhwng yr awdurdod a Llywodraeth Cymru a sefydliadau'r trydydd sector o ran cefnogaeth ar gyfer Cymorth Cynnar a'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol.

Cydnabu Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles fod pwysau ar y gwasanaeth ac y cafwyd cynnydd yn nifer yr atgyfeiriadau ond nododd nad oedd CBSP yr unig un. Nododd fod y gwasanaeth yn adolygu sut mae'n gweithredu'n barhaus a bod y cyfarwyddiaethau'n parhau i weithio gyda'i gilydd. Ychwanegodd fod nifer o brojectau megis MASH a'r project Myfyrio'n dal yn cael eu datblygu felly nid oedd modd gwybod effaith lawn y rhain eto. Roedd swyddogion hefyd yn ystyried modelau a llwyddiannau mewn awdurdodau lleol eraill sy'n gweithio'n dda, a bydd swyddogion o CBSP yn ymweld â Chasnewydd, CNPT a Sir Gâr yn yr wythnosau nesaf.

Roedd aelodau'n pryderu am adnoddau a dyrannu cyllid grant, beth oedd peryglon posib i'r gwasanaeth a pha effaith gallai hyn ei chael ar yr awdurdod os nad oedd cyllid yn cael ei dderbyn.

Cydnabu'r Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Dros Dro dros Addysg a Chymorth i Deuluoedd fod hyn yn berygl ond nododd eu bod yn ystyried ffyrdd gwahanol o weithio gan gynnwys rhannu adnoddau ag awdurdodau lleol eraill, gweithio'n fwy agos gydag ysgolion i sicrhau bod ymyrraeth gynnar yn cael ei rheoli'n fwy lleol a hefyd gweithio gyda nifer o grwpiau eraill sy'n gweithio gyda'r rhai ag anghenion dysgu ychwanegol ac yn cefnogi dysgwyr sy'n agored i niwed.

Gofynnodd aelod a oedd swyddogion ac aelodau'r Cabinet yn cyfathrebu â Llywodraeth Cymru ynglŷn â chyllid projectau sydd mewn perygl.

Nododd yr Aelod Cabinet dros y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles eu bod bob amser yn rhagweithiol o ran cyllid ac nad ymateb adweithiol oedd hyn. Ychwanegodd eu bod yn gweithio trwy'r amser gyda'r Gweinidog dros Wasanaethau Plant.

Gofynnodd aelod am eglurhad o ran niferoedd y Plant sy'n Derbyng Gofal a oedd wedi cael eu symud cam i lawer i'r Gwasanaeth Cymorth Cynnar a sut roeddent yn sicrhau bod gwasanaethau cam i lawr a cham i fyny'n cael eu hintegreiddio i'w gilydd.

Nododd y swyddog fod archwiliad sicrwydd ansawdd ar waith i blant a theuluoedd sy'n cael eu symud cam i fyny neu i lawr. Ychwanegodd eu bod yn ystyried prosesau, anawsterau a heriau a'u bod yn rhoi adborth am unrhyw feysydd i'w gwella a nodir.

Cyfeiriodd aelod at baragraff 4.20 yr adroddiad lle nodwyd bod 51 o blant wedi cael eu dychwelyd adref. Gofynnodd a oedd unrhyw wybodaeth ar gael am y cymorth parhaus yr oedd y plant yn ei dderbyn ac a oeddent yn cael eu monitro o hyd. Nododd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles y byddai hi'n anfon yr wybodaeth hon at aelodau ar ôl y cyfarfod.

Nododd aelod fod CBSP yn ymddangos ar y dadansoddiad tueddiadau croes i awdurdodau lleol eraill o ran lleihau niferoedd y plant sy'n derbyn gofal. Nododd fod Castell-nedd Port Talbot wedi llwyddo i leihau nifer y plant sy'n derbyn gofal ond bod ffigur CBSP wedi cynyddu. Gofynnodd swyddogion a ydym yn dysgu unrhyw beth gan awdurdodau lleol eraill ac a ydym yn rhannu arfer gorau. Roedd yn pryderu fod ffigurau CBSP o ran plant sy'n derbyn gofal bellach wedi cynyddu i 389 a'i bod yn ymddangos bod hyn yn duedd cenedlaethol, nid rhywbeth sy'n lleol i Ben-y-bont ar Ogwr yn unig, ac roedd yn meddwl y dylai'r pwyllgor, efallai, gysylltu â Llywodraeth Cymru i gael cymorth ac atebion.

Nododd Pennaeth Gofal Cymdeithasol Plant fod swyddogion yn cwrdd yn rheolaidd ag awdurdodau eraill ym mhartneriaeth Bae'r Gorllewin. Nododd fod Castell-nedd Port Talbot wedi ymgymryd â llawer o weithgaredd penodol i leihau nifer eu plant sy'n derbyn gofal a'u bod wedi trafod sut maent wedi cyflawni hynny. Ychwanegodd fod swyddogion hefyd wedi siarad â Chyngor Abertawe a roddodd gyflwyniad am eu paneli/prosesau ar gyfer cytuno i blant dderbyn gofal. Er bod CBSP yn aros am ffigurau sydd wedi'u cadarnhau, nododd fod nifer y plant sy'n derbyn gofal wedi lefelu ac roedd tuedd diwedd blwyddyn 2016/17 yn dangos bod ffigurau llawer o awdurdodau eraill yn cynyddu. Mae cydweithwyr mewn ambell awdurdod lleol arall yn parhau i adrodd am y broblem hon. Ychwanegodd y bydd Abertawe'n parhau rhagor o ymchwil fanwl i dueddiadau lleol y bydd yn ei rhannu â Chastell-nedd Port Talbot a Phen-y-bont ar Ogwr.

Hysbyswyd aelodau gan yr Aelod Cabinet dros y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Chymorth Cynnar fod awdurdodau lleol eraill yn dangos tueddiadau ar i fyny. Nododd fod ffigurau Caerdydd yn dangos bod nifer y plant sy'n derbyn gofal wedi cynyddu o 555 i 834 dros y 4 blynedd diwethaf yn unig.

Bu aelodau'n croesawu'r adolygiad annibynnol o'r broses benderfynu ynghyd â'r llwybr plant sy'n derbyn gofal gan y Sefydliad Gofal Cyhoeddus a gofynnnon nhw am gopi o'r adroddiad pan fyddai hwnnw ar gael.

Nododd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles y comisiynwyd yr SGC i gynnal adolygiad yn sgîl yr arolygiad gan AGGCC (AGC erbyn hyn) o wasanaethau plant ym mis Ionawr 2017. Roedd arolygiad AGC yn waith sylweddol ac anfonwyd cryn nifer o adroddiadau at yr arolygwyr cyn iddynt fynd ar y safle. Roeddent yn gweithio yn yr awdurdod am bythefnos a chyfarfuont â sawl swyddog, aelod Cabinet, cadeirydd craffu a theulu. Yna comisiynwyd yr SGC i archwilio arweinyddiaeth ac adolygu'r llwybr atgyfeirio rhwng cymorth cynnar a gofal cymdeithasol plant.

Gofynnodd aelod a oedd modd i aelodau gael eu briffio am lwybr atgyfeirio plentyn mewn perygl drwodd i'r penderfyniad i fynd ag ef i'r system ofal er mwyn eu helpu i gael gwell dealltwriaeth o'r broses gyfan a'i heffaith ar y teulu, y plentyn, yr awdurdod a'r gyllideb. Awgrymodd y gellid cynnwys argymhellion yr SGC hefyd. Awgrymodd aelod arall hefyd y dylai'r briffio roi cefndir i'r ffigurau ar gyfer plant sy'n derbyn gofal.

Nododd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles mai diben pennaf y penderfyniad i fynd â phlentyn i'r system ofal oedd ystyried diogelwch y plentyn a'i deulu ac a yw'r awdurdod yn gwneud y peth cywir trwy osod y plentyn yn y system ofal a rhoi cymorth iddo. Nododd nad yw'r awdurdod am gadw nifer y plant sy'n derbyn gofal yn isel ond bod angen i aelodau ddeall pwysigrwydd gwneud hyn yn ddiogel. Ychwanegodd fod adolygiad yr SGC wedi dod i'r casgliad ei fod yn benderfyniad cywir pan fo plentyn yn cael ei osod yn y system ofal; fodd bynnag, gofynnwyd a fyddai ymyrraeth gynt wedi osgoi gorfod mynd â'r plentyn i'r system ofal yn y lle cyntaf.

Gofynnodd aelod am y lleoliadau Baby in Mind a beth oedd canlyniadau'r achosion hyn. Nododd fod y lleoliadau hyn yn ddrud iawn a gofynnodd a oedd yr awdurdod yn ystyried atebion eraill megis cymorth yn y gymuned.

Nododd Pennaeth Gofal Cymdeithasol Plant mai'r cymhelliad dros y lleoliadau hyn bob amser yw ariannu'r cynllun gofal mwyaf addas i'r plentyn a'r rhiant ac mai'r ateb gorau i'r teulu yw dod o hyd i leoliad rhiant a phlentyn. Mae'r project Baby in Mind yn canolbwyntio ar ymyrraeth gynnar er mwyn gallu cynllunio'n fwy effeithiol ac osgoi gorfod mynd â phlant i'r system ofal.

Gofynnodd aelod a oedd yr awdurdod yn gwneud digon mewn ysgolion trwy ABCh a hefyd y gwasanaethau iechyd.

Nododd y Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol dros Addysg a Chymorth i Deuluoedd fod ABCh yn rhan bwysig o addysg ac, er nad oedd modiwl gorfodol, y defnyddir ymagwedd fwy cydlynol a bod yr awdurdod yn gweithio ar draws cyfarwyddiaethau'n fwy agos. Ychwanegodd y cafwyd gostyngiad yn nifer y merched yn eu harddegau sy'n feichiog.

Ychwanegodd y Pennaeth Addysg a Chymorth i Deuluoedd fod gwaith ymyrryd wedi cael ei wneud yn flaenorol i gadw mamau yn yr ysgol a'u babanod gyda nhw ond nododd na fydd pob un ohonynt yn famau ifanc a bod angen cymorth ar rai yn eu 30au fel y gallent fyw bywyd teulu arferol.

Cyfeiriodd aelod at dudalen 46 yr adroddiad lle nodwyd nifer yr atgyfeiriadau a gofynnodd a oedd modd i unrhyw un o'r rhain fod yn atgyfeiriadau wedi'u dyblygu lle maent wedi cael eu hatgyfeirio i dimau diogelu a chymorth cynnar ar yr un pryd. Gofynnodd hefyd a fyddai'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn cwrdd â phlant a theuluoedd i drafod y pecyn cymorth gorau sydd ar gael iddynt.

Nododd y Rheolwr Grŵp dros Weithio Integredig a Chymorth i Deuluoedd y byddai enghreifftiau pan fyddai atgyfeiriad yn dod i dîm diogelu nad yw'n cyrraedd y trothwy, felly byddai'n cael ei atgyfeirio i gymorth cynnar fel atgyfeiriad gan y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a byddai hyn yn ymddangos fel dyblygiad. Ychwanegodd y cynhelir nifer o drefniadau gwirio pan ddaw atgyweiriad i law yn gyntaf oherwydd gallai fod angen atgyfeirio'r mater i asiantaeth arall.

Gofynnodd aelod am broses Dechrau'n Deg a sut byddai'r awdurdod yn trin sefyllfa lle na fyddai'r teulu'n ymgysylltu â nhw.

Nododd y Pennaeth Addysg a Chymorth i Deuluoedd y byddai swyddogion yn penderfynu a oedd angen iddynt atgyfeirio unigolion i wasanaethau statudol ond ychwanegodd nad yw'r awdurdod yn dod o draws llawer o achosion lle gwrthodir ymgysylltu. Ychwanegodd hefyd nad oeddent wedi gweld unrhyw ostyngiad eto yn yr arian ar gyfer y rhaglen gan Lywodraeth Cymru ond y gallai hyn ddigwydd yn y dyfodol. Cynigiodd hi sicrwydd y byddent yn ystyried ffyrdd eraill o dargedu'r gwasanaeth petai hyn yn digwydd, er mwyn parhau i roi cymorth.

Nododd yr Aelod Cabinet dros y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles fod yr adroddiad wedi codi'i galon a'i frwdfrydedd a bod y gwaith a wnaed yn y maes hwn yn aruthrol. Nododd fod y gwaith ar draws dwy gyfarwyddiaeth yn profi bod yr awdurdod yn rhagweithiol a diolchodd i'r holl swyddogion sy'n ymwneud â'r maes hwn am eu hymdrechion parhaus yn ystod cyfnod heriol.

Casgliadau

- Gofynnodd y pwyllgor am sesiwn frifio ar y broses o dderbyn plant i'r system ofal er mwyn dangos i aelodau sut mae'r broses yn gweithredu o adeg derbyn atgyfeiriad i wneud penderfyniad a phennu cymorth parhaus, yn ogystal ag unrhyw gostau cysylltiedig
- Gofynnodd y pwyllgor i hon gynnwys gwybodaeth am y broses fonitro sydd ar waith, sut caiff risg ei fonitro'n rheolaidd a pha broses fonitro sydd ar waith i lwybrau lle y diben yw dychwelyd y plentyn i'w deulu ei hun.
- Gofynnodd aelodau hefyd am sesiwn frifio debyg am Gymorth Cynnar, neu i gyfuno hon â'r un ynglŷn â phlant sy'n derbyn gofal, gan fanylu ar y broses atgyfeirio; sut mae'r broses symud cam i lawr neu gam i fyny'n gweithio ac yn cael ei monitro; sut, os bydd angen cymorth gan fwy nag un gwasanaeth ar unigolion, megis IFSS a Baby in Mind ar yr un pryd, byddai'r gwasanaethau'n cydweithio i ddarparu hwn; a phwy sy'n eu harwain trwy'r gwasanaethau a'u llwybr, neu'n arwain eu cymorth, er mwyn sicrhau eu bod yn derbyn y gwasanaethau y mae eu hangen arnynt – ai gweithiwr cymdeithasol fyddai'r person hwn?

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol

- Gofynnodd y pwyllgor i adroddiadau yn y dyfodol am blant sy'n derbyn gofal neu Gymorth Cynnar ac ati gynnwys y canlynol:
 - Rhagor o ddata hanesyddol fel y gall aelodau asesu a oes cynnydd wedi'i wneud ac a oes cynnydd neu ostyngiad mewn niferoedd a pherfformiad;
 - Rhagor o dystiolaeth gliriach o'r canlyniadau a geir yn y prif adroddiad
 - Dadansoddiad o ba le mae plant sy'n derbyn gofal yn mynd, e.e. gofal maeth, gofal preswyl, er mwyn rhoi syniad o le mae pwysau busnes;
 - Rhagor o gefndir a gwybodaeth ynglŷn â'r data a roddir mewn graffiau a thablau;
 - Rhagor o enghreifftiau o astudiaethau achos i gynorthwyo'r pwyllgor ar ei ddealltwriaeth o brosesau, heriau a'r canlyniadau a gyflawnwyd.
- Gofynnodd aelodau am y data cam i fyny yn ogystal â'r data cam i lawr rhwng gwasanaethau Cymorth Cynnar a Gofal Cymdeithasol Plant.
- Gofynnodd aelodau i gael gwybodaeth ddilynol am y 51 o blant a ddychwelwyd adref o ganlyniad i'r project Cysylltu Teuluoedd.
- Roedd y pwyllgor yn dymuno derbyn y cynnig i gael yr adroddiad llawn am adolygiad yr SGC gan y gyfarwyddiaeth at ddibenion gwybodaeth.

- Gofynnodd y pwyllgor iddynt gael manylion canlyniadau'r 23 o leoliadau rhiant a babanod.

Rhagor o wybodaeth:

- Mynegodd y pwyllgor bryderon am y rhyddid sydd gan ysgolion yn y fframwaith ar gyfer addysgu Addysg Bersonol a Chymdeithasol a pharatoi pobl ifanc trwy ddatblygu sgiliau bywyd. Gofynnodd aelodau i archwilio eitem bosib ar y flaenraglen waith sy'n ymwneud â phlant a phobl ifanc a sut maent yn dysgu sgiliau bywyd, gan gynnwys y fath feysydd a phrojectau ag Addysg Bersonol a Chymdeithasol mewn ysgolion, Dechrau'n Deg a pha waith byddai'r trydydd sector yn ei wneud yn y pwnc hwn. Cytunwyd i anfon ffurflenni meini prawf at aelodau i ymchwilio ymhellach i'r eitem.

Gofynnodd y pwyllgor i lythyr gael ei lunio gan y pwyllgor i Lywodraeth Cymru yn nodi eu pryderon am y broblem genedlaethol gynyddol o fwyfwy o blant yn derbyn gofal yn ogystal â'r ansicrwydd o ran cyllid i ddarpariaeth Cymorth Cynnar yn y dyfodol oherwydd ei bod yn ddibynnol ar grantiau.

20. EITEMAU BRYD

Dim

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 12:05

PWYLLGOR CRAFFU TESTUN 1 - DYDD IAU, 24 MAI 2018

COFNODION CYFARFOD Y PWYLLGOR CRAFFU TESTUN 1 A GYNHALIWYD YN SIAMBR Y CYNGOR - SWYDDFEYDD DINESIG, STRYD YR ANGEL, PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR CF31 4WB DYDD IAU, 24 MAI 2018, AM 09:30

Presennol

Y Cynghorydd CA Webster – Cadeirydd

JPD Blundell
DK Edwards
KJ Watts

NA Burnett
J Gebbie
AJ Williams

RJ Collins
M Jones

PA Davies
RME Stirman

Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb

SK Dendy, DG Owen, B Sedgebeer, LM Walters a/ac JE Williams

Swyddogion:

Sarah Daniel
Mark Galvin

Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd - Craffu
Uwch Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd - Pwyllgorau

Gwahoddedigion:

Susan Cooper
Jackie Davies
Carmel Donovan
Cynghorydd Philip White

Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol - Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Lles
Pennaeth Gofal Cymdeithasol Oedolion
Rheolwr Grŵp - Gwasanaethau Cymunedol Integredig
Aelod Cabinet - Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Chymorth Cynnar

21. YMDDIHEURIADAU AM ABSENOLDEB

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan yr Aelodau canlynol:-

Y Cynghorydd SK Dendy
Y Cynghorydd DG Owen
Y Cynghorydd B Sedgebeer
Y Cynghorydd LM Walters
Y Cynghorydd JE Williams

22. DATGAN BUDDIANNAU

Datganodd y Cynghorydd AJ Williams fuddiant personol yn Eitem Agenda 5, gan ei fod yn aelod o Grŵp Cymunedol Elusennol oedd wedi'i gefnogi'n ariannol gan G4S.

23. CYMERADWYO COFNODION

PENDERFYNWYD: Bod Cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Pwnc a gynhaliwyd ar 12 Mawrth 2018 yn cael eu cymeradwyo fel cofnod gwir a chywir, ar yr amod y caiff y rheswm am ddatganiad o fuddiant y Cynghorydd Webster fel y cyfeirir ato yng Nghofnod 11 y Cofnodion hyn ei newid fel a ganlyn:-

'Fel Cadeirydd GMC yn Ysgol Heronsbridge.'

24. DIWEDDARIAD AR Y FLAENRAGLEN WAITH

Cyflwynodd y Swyddog Craffu adroddiad ar yr uchod i:

- a) Gyflwyno'r eitemau a flaenoriaethwyd gan y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Corfforaethol gan gynnwys yr eitem nesaf i'w dirprwyo i'r Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Pwnc hwn;
- b) Cyflwyno i'r Pwyllgor restr o eitemau posibl eraill i'w blaenoriaethu ac i roi sylwadau arnynt;
- c) Gofyn i'r Pwyllgor nodi eitemau eraill i'w hystyried gan ddefnyddio'r ffurflen meini prawf a bennwyd ymlaen llaw;
- ch) Ystyried a chymeradwyo'r adborth o gyfarfodydd blaenorol Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Pwnc 1, a nodi'r rhestr o ymatebion, gan gynnwys unrhyw beth sydd dal yn weddill yn Atodiad A.

Atodwyd yn Atodiad B i'r adroddiad oedd y flaenraglen waith gyffredinol ar gyfer y PCThPau oedd yn cynnwys y pynciau a flaenoriaethwyd gan y PCThP ar gyfer y set nesaf o PCThPau yn Nhabl A, yn ogystal â phynciau y ystyriwyd eu bod yn bwysig i'w blaenoriaethu yn y dyfodol yn Nhabl B. Mae hwn wedi'i greu o eitemau a awgrymwyd gan bob un o'r PCThCau un eu cyfarfodydd blaenorol yn ogystal â'r PCThP. Roedd hefyd yn cynnwys gwybodaeth a gynigiwyd gan Gyfarwyddwyr Corfforaethol, manylion o ymchwil wedi'i wneud gan Swyddogion Craffu a gwybodaeth o gyfarfodydd Datblygu'r Flaenraglen waith rhwng Cadeiryddion Craffu a'r Cabinet.

Wedi ystyried y wybodaeth yn yr adroddiad,

PENDERFYNWYD: Bod y Pwyllgor yn nodi'r adroddiad a'r wybodaeth ategol wedi'i hatodi ato ar ffurf Atodiadau A, B a C.

25. DIWEDDARIAD AR WAITH YM MHARC HMP YN DILYN GWEITHREDU DEDDF GWASANAETHAU CYMDEITHASOL A LLESIANT (CYMRU) 2014, GAN GYNNWYS CYFRANIAD Y CARCHAR AT Y GYMUNED A GOBLYGIADAU CYFLAWNI DYLETSWYDDAU A CHYFRIFOLDEBAU'R DDEDDF AR Y GYLLIDEB

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd y Gwahoddedigion i'r cyfarfod, gan gynnwys Pennaeth Ymyraethau Teulu o G4S. Yna cyflwyno Pennaeth Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion yr adroddiad i aelodau a gwahoddodd gwestiynau gan y Pwyllgor. Nododd Aelod gynnwys yr adroddiad, ond roedd o'r farn ei bod yn annheg bod disgwyl i lefel y cyllid grant gan Lywodraeth Cymru wedi'i roi i'r Awdurdod yn 2016/17 a 2017/18 i sefydlu a gweithredu gwasanaeth a thîm Ystâd Ddiogel leihau yn y dyfodol a'i rannu ymysg pob un o'r 22 o awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru yn rhan o Setliad Llywodraeth Leol cyffredinol. Teimlodd fod hyn yn annheg, o ystyried bod carcharau yn Wrecsam, Sir Fynwy, Caerdydd, Abertawe a Phen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn unig. Nid oedd rhaid ardaloedd awdurdod lleol eraill gefnogi ystadau diogel felly. Golygodd hyn fod disgwyl i lefel y cyllid ar gyfer CBSP yn 2018/19 leihau o fwy na 200k i 18k, sy'n lleihad sylweddol. Cefnogwyd y farn hon gan hol aelodau'r Pwyllgor.

Cytunodd Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant gyda'r sylwadau a ychwanegodd fod yr awdurdod lleol wedi bod o'r farn y byddai'r lefel gychwynnol o gyllid a roddir at y diben hwnnw yn parhau i gael ei rhoi mewn blynyddoedd yn y dyfodol.

Ychwanegodd fod y grŵp Is-grant Dosbarthu wedi'i sefydlu gyda chynrychiolaeth o bob un o'r 22 o awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru, yn ogystal ag o CLILC a Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae'r grŵp hwn yn cyfarfod bob dau fis, ac roedd y pwnc ynghylch cyllid i gefnogi ystadau diogel awdurdodau lleol Cymru yn y dyfodol yn cael ei drafod, a meddyliodd y dylid ei rannu ar sail lefel o boblogaeth lle bo Awdurdod Lleol yn cefnogi darpariaeth ofal

cymdeithasol i garcharwyr dan drefniant ystâd ddiogel. Ychwanegodd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant ei bod yn obeithiol y gallai'r grŵp hwn ddatrys rhywbeth a fyddai'n arwain at Ben-y-bont yn derbyn mwy o gyllid yn y d'fodol, gobeithio.

Gofynnodd aelod sut mae Parc Prison yn wahanol i garchar gwladol

Dywedodd Pennaeth Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion mai carchar Categori B oedd Carchar Parc, mae gan bob carchar lefelau poblogaeth gwahanol gyda gwahanol fathau o droseddwyr yno, yn gyffredinol roedd gan y carcharwyr yng Ngharchar Parc yn Ne Cymru ddedfrydau hirach o'u cymharu â charcharau eraill.

Ychwanegodd y cynrychiolydd o G4S y gall Carchar Parc roi lle i garcharwyr Categori A, felly gall roi lle i garcharwyr o'r lefel diogelwch uchaf, ac mae carcharwyr yno ar hyn o bryd sy'n cwblhau dedfrydau oes. Ond yn gyffredinol, mae'r carchar yn rhoi lle i droseddwyr tymor canolog a hir dymor, ac ail-droseddwyr yn fwy na thebyg. Mae hefyd gan rai o'r carcharwyr hyn anghenion cymhleth y mae angen eu rheoli'n ofalus. .

Gofynnodd Aelod ba ganran o'r carcharwyr yng Ngharchar Parc sy'n dod o'r tu allan i'r Fwrdeistref Sirol ac yna'n ymgartrefu yn yr ardal pan ddaw eu dedfryd i ben. . Gofynnodd hyn, gan y gallai effeithio ar y cyllid a ddyrennir o ran ystadau diogel os oes angen cymorth arnynt ar ôl gadael y carchar.

Dywedodd Pennaeth Ymyraethau Teulu o G4S y gallai gael rhywfaint o ddata y tu allan i'r cyfarfod ac adborth i'r Aelodau.

Ychwanegodd Pennaeth Gofal Cymdeithasol Oedolion, yn unol â Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant, fod dyletswydd ar yr awdurdod lleol i gefnogi troseddwyr yn y carchar ac allan ohono, ni waeth a ydynt wedi dod o'r tu mewn i'r Fwrdeistref Sirol neu tu allan ohoni. Penderfyniad yr unigolyn yw lle y bydd yn byw ar ôl iddo gael ei ryddhau, ac eto pe bai hyn o fewn y Fwrdeistref Sirol, byddai'r Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol yn cefnogi'r unigolyn cyhyd ag sydd angen.

Ychwanegodd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant y byddai cyn droseddwyr wrth gael eu rhyddhau yn derbyn budd-daliadau megis Cymhorthdal Incwm, mae'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn gyfrifol amdanynt o hyd tra eu bod yn cael eu hadfer i wynebu bywyd bob dydd mewn cymuned, gan ei bod, yn aml, yn cymryd amser i'r unigolion hyn addasu i hyn, yn enwedig a ydynt wedi bod yn y carchar am amser hir.

Roedd aelod yn ymwybodol fod G4S, fel mater preifat, yn cael ei dalu i roi cartref i garcharwyr, ac ymholodd lle mae'r arian yn mynd a faint sy'n cael ei ddefnyddio yn y gymuned.

Dywedodd Rheolwr y Gwasanaeth Cymunedol Integredig fod paragraff 4.4 yr adroddiad yn rhoi manylion am broiectau cymunedol helaeth a chysylltiadau cymunedol y mae Carchar Parc wedi'u datblygu.

Dywedodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Chymorth Cynnar bod anghenion gofal cymdeithasol y bobl yn yr ystâd ddiogel yn cael eu bodloni gan y Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol yn unol â gofynion deddfwriaethol. Ond, golyga'r lleihad yn y lefel o gyllid a geir y byddai cost eu hanghenion yn y dyfodol yn fwy na lefel y cyllid y byddai CBSP yn ei derbyn. Cyfunwyd hyn â'r ffaith mai sefydliad Categori B yw Carchar Parc, mae carcharwyr yno am hirach ac felly byddai angen i'r awdurdod lleol ariannu unrhyw anghenion cymorth a gofynion a allai fod ganddynt am hirach.

Gofynnodd aelod faint o garcharwyr y mae angen arnynt gymorth iechyd arbenigol yng Ngharchar Parc ar hyn o bryd.

Dywedodd Rheolwr y Gwasanaeth Cymunedol Integredig am 70 o garcharwyr sy'n cael eu hasesu, mae angen cymorth corfforol arbenigol ar 27 ohonynt, mae angen cymorth iechyd meddwl ar 19 ohonynt, mae angen cymorth anabledd dysgu ar 5 ohonynt, mae 1 yn dioddef problemau meddygol o ganlyniad i gamddefnyddio sylweddau, tra bod angen rhywfaint o gymorth emosiynol a llesiant cyffredinol ar y gweddill. Mae cynlluniau gofal yn cael eu dylunio ar gyfer yr holl garcharwyr o'r fath y mae angen rhyw fath o gymorth meddygol arbenigol arnynt, ychwanegodd. Mae cynlluniau arbenigol eraill yn cael eu creu ar gyfer carcharwyr hefyd, er enghraifft mewn sgiliau bywyd ar gyfer yr adeg y cânt eu rhyddhau yn ôl i'r gymdeithas.

Teimlodd y Cadeirydd y byddai'n ddefnyddiol i Aelodau'r Pwyllgor dderbyn data ar ofynion anghenion cymorth sydd ar waith ar gyfer carcharwyr yn Parc ers y 12 mis diwethaf, ynghyd â'r llinellau a nodir uchod.

Cadarnhaodd Rheolwr y Gwasanaeth Cymunedol Integredig y byddai'r trosglwyddo'r wybodaeth hon i'r Aelodau y tu allan i'r cyfarfod.

Gofynnodd Aelod pa ddulliau y mae staff yng Ngharchar Parc yn eu defnyddio i gadw carcharwyr yn iach.

Cyfeiriodd Pennaeth Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion at baragraff 4.4 yr adroddiad, a dywedodd fod hyn yn cynnwys cynnal amrywiaeth o ddsbarthiadau cadw'n heini, cyrsiau cerdded a maeth, gan gynnwys dosbarthiadau colli pwysau wythnosol i fynd i'r afael â materion gorbwysedd. . Cynhaliwyd y rhain dan oruchwyliaeth staff gydag arbenigedd meddygol priodol. Ychwanegodd fod staff y carchar a'r tîm ystâd ddiogel yn gweithio'n effeithiol i gynnal amrywiaeth o fentrau cymorth iechyd a llesiant

Ychwanegodd Pennaeth Ymyraethau Teulu o G4S ei fod wedi'i gyflogi yng Ngharchar Parc ers iddo agor yn 1997, a hyd yn oed wrth ystyried natur carchar, mae Parc wedi'i gydnabod am ei ffyrdd arloesol o gadw carcharwyr yn actif, a chyda chymorth y tîm o CBSP mae wedi ennill gwobrau am fentrau gwahanol y mae wedi bod yn rhan ohonynt sy'n cefnogi carcharwyr a'u teuluoedd, ac mae hyn yn cynnwys carcharwyr gydag anghenion cymhleth.

Gofynnodd Aelod yn nodi bod disgwyl i'r cyllid grant Ystâd Ddiogel ostwng yn sylweddol, a yw'r cymorth y mae CBSP yn ei roi yn rhan o'r carchar, yn fwy na'r hyn sydd ei angen yn statudol dan Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant. Pe bai hyn yn wir, teimlodd na ellid parhau gyda hyn yn y dyfodol o ganlyniad i'r lefel o gyllid wedi'i lleihau'n sylweddol y mae disgwyl i'r Awdurdod ei derbyn.

Dywedodd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol fod swm cychwynnol y cyllid grant o £236k gan Lywodraeth Cymru wedi datblygu'r tîm Ystâd Ddiogel yn y carchar gyda'r cyllid uchod ar sail barhaus mewn cof. , Er mwyn rhoi cymorth Gofal Cymdeithasol i garcharwyr, a chyda'r cyllid hwn yn cael ei leihau'n fawr, byddai hyn, yn yr hirdymor, yn lleihau lefel y cymorth y gallai'r Awdurdod ei roi, er y byddai'n dal i roi'r hyn y mae ei angen arnynt.

Ychwanegodd Rheolwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Integredig fod canllawiau dan y Ddeddf hefyd yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol roi cymorth i garcharwyr wedi'u rhyddhau, ac mewn amgylchiadau lle bod carcharwyr yn cael eu cartrefi yn y Fwrdeistref Sirol, maent yn dod yn gyfrifoldeb i'r awdurdod lleol 12 wythnos cyn eu rhyddhau.

Teimlodd Aelod y dylid ystyried, dan MTFS y Cyngor, edrych ar gyllid ategol at y diben o ddarparu'r Ystâd Ddiogel yng ngolwg lefel y cyllid wedi'i leihau gan Lywodraeth Cymru. Nododd hefyd fod Carchar Parc wedi bod yn cymryd mwy o garcharwyr yn ddiweddar nag y mae wedi mewn blynyddoedd diweddar. Roedd hefyd bryderon ganddo y gallai carcharwyr gael eu blaenoriaethu i gael llety ar ôl iddynt gael eu rhyddhau, ar draul achosion blaenoriaeth eraill sydd am gael cartrefi, megis teuluoedd un rhiant. Yn olaf, plediodd i sefydliadau'r sector preifat gan gynnwys G4S am eu cymorth parhaus tuag at fentrau cymunedol, er enghraifft yr Ardal Gyhoeddus. Nododd y rhestr o brojectau cymunedol, cysylltiadau cymunedol a gwaith arall y mae'r Carchar wedi'i ddatblygu (fel y dangosir ym mharagraff 4.4. yr adroddiad), ond teimlodd fod y rhain yn ansylweddol, ac y gellir cyfrannu mwy o'r carchar o bosibl i gefnogi'r gymuned. Cytunodd aelod arall â sylwadau hyn a theimlodd hefyd nad oes digon yn cael ei wneud gan Garchar Parc i fuddio'r gymuned leol, ac y gellir rhoi mwy o gymorth yn hyn o beth.

Cadarnhaodd Pennaeth Ymyraethau Teulu o G4S fod 800 o garcharwyr yn y carchar pan agorodd yn gyntaf. Mae'r rhif hwn bellach wedi cynyddu i 1700, felly mae bellach galw mwy ar adnoddau carchar nag o'r blaen. Ychwanegodd fod Carchar Parc yn gwneud mwy na'r disgwyl o ran cyfrannu'n gadarnhaol at y gymuned leol, er nad oes rhaid iddo. Enghreifftiau o hyn yw gwasanaeth bws i deuluoedd ymweld â'u perthnasau yn y carchar. Mae hyn ar ei ben ei hun yn costio swm pum ffigur bob blwyddyn na fyddai carchar gwladol yn ei ddarparu fel arfer. Mae cynlluniau eraill mae'r carchar yn rhan ohonynt megis cefnogi Sgowtiaid, Gwobr Dug Caeredin, Ambiwllans Sant Ioan, y Cadetiaid, y Gwobr Cyflawnwr Ifanc a digwyddiadau'r Pasg a'r Nadolig. Ychwanegodd y byddai'n fwy na fodlon cyfarfod â'r Aelod Lleol y tu allan i'r cyfarfod, gyda'r bwriad o fynd i'r afael â'i phryderon hi a phryderon Aelodau eraill ynghylch hyn.

Gofynnodd Aelod i'r Gwahoddedigion a yw carcharwyr yng Ngharchar Parc yn derbyn digon o gymorth a thriniaeth feddygol am unrhyw gyflwr meddygol penodol a allai fod ganddynt. Gofynnodd hefyd a yw unrhyw ofynion cymorth meddygol bryd ar gael, heb unrhyw oedi i'r rheiny y mae eu hangen arnynt, a heb unrhyw oedi.

Cadarnhaodd Pennaeth Ymyraethau Teulu o G4S eu bod ar gael a bod ansawdd y cymorth meddygol ar gyfer carcharwyr wedi symud ymlaen a gwella yn ystod y 6 neu 7 o flynyddoedd diwethaf. Ychwanegodd fod gofal lleddfol hefyd ar gael yn y carchar, os yw carcharwyr sydd â salwch marwol am aros yno gyda'u teuluoedd uniongyrchol yn eu cwmni, yn lle mynd i'r ysbyty.

Teimlodd Aelod y byddai o fudd pe bai'r Carchar, yn ogystal â gweithio â'r Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol, hefyd yn gweithio gyda sefydliadau trydydd sector eraill, gyda'r bwriad o edrych at gynnig cyfleoedd ar gyfer gwella sgiliau carcharwyr er mwyn eu helpu i fanteisio ar gyfle hyfforddiant neu gyflogaeth ar ôl iddynt gael eu rhyddhau. Byddai cyfleoedd o'r fath yn eu rhwystro rhag aildroseddu, teimlodd.

Dywedodd Pennaeth Ymyraethau Teulu o G4S pan fo carcharwyr yn cae eu rhyddhau 'Ar Drwydded', y rhoddir projectau iddynt eu gwneud, megis adnewyddu mynwentydd a dylunio meysydd chwarae ysgolion, fel rhagflaenydd i fynd ymlaen i fanteisio ar hyfforddiant a chyflogaeth, gobeithio.

Argymhellion

Roedd yr Aelodau yn siomedig gyda phenderfyniad wedi'i wneud gan Lywodraeth Cymru i ddosbarthu cyllid grant i 22 o awdurdodau lleol yng Nghymru i ddarparu gofal cymdeithasol ar gyfer yr ystâd ddiogel, yn lle dosbarthiad penodol i'r awdurdodau hynny gyda charcharau. Felly argymhellodd y Pwyllgor fod llythyr yn cael ei anfon i'r Adran Gyfiawnder a Llywodraeth Cymru yn dweud y dylent ystyried y dyraniad cyllid Grant gan

fod CBSP wedi'i roi dan anfantais ariannol annheg gan fod ganddo Ystâd Ddiogel o fewn ei ffiniau.

Argymhellodd y Pwyllgor fod CBSP yn mabwysiadu "Dull Un Cyngor" a bod Swyddogion o bob Cyfarwyddiaeth yn cyfarfod gyda G4S i ymchwilio i'r cyfle i'r rheiny yn yr Ystâd Ddiogel allu cyfrannu at yr Ardal Gyhoeddus i gael effaith gadarnhaol uniongyrchol yn y gymuned.

Argymhellodd yr Aelodau y dylai CBSP gyhoeddi'n well y busnesau lleol sy'n cynnig cymorth a chyfleoedd am swyddi i gyn droseddwr.

Argymhellodd yr Aelodau hefyd fod yr eitem hon yn aros ar y Flaenraglen Waith a'i thrafod ar ôl blwyddyn.

Gwybodaeth Bellach

- Pa ganran o boblogaeth carchar Parc oedd yn byw ym Mwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr cyn iddynt ddod yn breswlydd cyffredin CBSP o ganlyniad i fod yn yr Ystâd Ddiogel.
- Gofynnodd yr Aelodau am ddadansoddiad o'r rheiny yn yr Ystâd Ddiogel y mae angen gofal cymdeithasol gan CBSP arnynt a gofynnodd eu bod yn cynnwys yr ystod oedran a pha becynnau gofal y mae eu hangen arnynt.
- Beth yw'r costau cyfan ar CBSP i ddarparu'r gwasanaeth cyfredol ar gyfer y carchar. Gofynnodd yr Aelodau fod y dadansoddiad yn cynnwys costau cyflog blynyddol y tîm Ystâd Ddiogel, costau blynyddol darparu offer a chost flynyddol darparu gofal personol y mae CBSP yn ei thalu i dîm meddygol G4S ar hyn o bryd.

Gofynnodd yr Aelodau hefyd i dderbyn costau mewn perthynas â darpari gofal cymdeithasol yng nghlinig diogel Caswell ym Mhen-y-fai.

26. ENWEBU I BANEL TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU'R BWRDD GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS

Cyflwynodd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Gweithredol a Phartneriaeth adroddiad i enwebu Aelod i sefyll ar Banel Trosolwg a Chraffu'r Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus.

PENDERFYNWYD: Enwebu'r Cynghorydd KJ Watts i sefyll fel Aelod ar Bwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Pwnc 1 ar Banel Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu'r Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus.

27. ADRODDIAD ENWEBU HYRWYDDWR RHIANT CORFFORAETHOL

Cyflwynodd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol y Gwasanaethau Gweithredol a Phartneriaeth adroddiad a ofynnwyd i'r Pwyllgor enwebu Aelod fel ei Hyrwyddwr Rhianta Corfforaethol i gynrychioli'r Pwyllgor fel Gwahoddai i gyfarfodydd Pwyllgor Rhianta Corfforaethol y Cabinet.

PENDERFYNWYD: Enwebu'r Cynghorydd J Gebbie i sefyll fel Aelod o Bwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Pwnc 1 ar Bwyllgor Rhianta Corfforaethol y Cabinet yn rhinwedd Gwahoddai.

28. EITEMAU BRYD

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Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 11:42

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

5 SEPTEMBER 2018

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

- a) To present the items prioritised by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee including the next item delegated to this Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- b) To present the Committee with a list of further potential items for comment and prioritisation;
- c) To ask the Committee to identify any further items for consideration using the pre-determined criteria form;
- d) To consider and approve the feedback from the previous meetings of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 and note the list of responses including any still outstanding at Appendix A.

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 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.
- 3.2 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").

Feedback

- 3.3 All conclusions made at Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SOSC) 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.
- 3.4 These will then be presented to the relevant Scrutiny Committee at their next meeting to ensure that they have had a response.
- 3.5 When each topic has been considered and the Committee is satisfied with the outcome, the SOSC will then present their findings to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) who will determine whether to remove the item from the FWP or to re-add for further prioritisation at a future date.
- 3.6 The FWPs will remain flexible and will be revisited at each COSC meeting with input from each SOSC and any information gathered from FWP meetings with Corporate Directors and Cabinet.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

- 4.1 Attached at **Appendix B** is the overall FWP for the SOSCs which includes the topics prioritised by the COSC for the next set of SOSCs in Table A, as well as topics that were deemed important for future prioritisation at Table B. This has been compiled from suggested items from each of the SOSCs at previous meetings as well as the COSC. It also includes information proposed from Corporate Directors, detail from research undertaken by Scrutiny Officers and information from FWP Development meetings between the Scrutiny Chairs and Cabinet.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to first consider the next topic they have been allocated by the COSC in Table A and determine what further detail they would like the report to contain, what questions they wish Officers to address and if there are any further invitees they wish to attend for this meeting to assist Members in their investigation.
- 4.3 The Committee is also asked to then prioritise up to six items from the list in Table B to present to the COSC for formal prioritisation and designation to each SOSC for the next set of meetings.

Corporate Parenting

- 4.4 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.

- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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.

Identification of Further Items

- 4.7 The Committee are reminded of the Criteria form which Members can use to propose further items for the FWP which the Committee can then consider for prioritisation at a future meeting. The Criteria Form emphasises the need to consider issues such as impact, risk, performance, budget and community perception when identifying topics for investigation and to ensure a strategic responsibility for Scrutiny and that its work benefits the organisation.

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. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment

- 7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the Planning of Scrutiny business in both the short-term and in the long-term on its policies, budget and service delivery
- Prevention - The early preparation of the Forward Work Programme allows for the advance planning of Scrutiny business where Members are provided an opportunity to influence and improve decisions before they are made by Cabinet
- Integration - The report supports all the wellbeing objectives

- Collaboration - Consultation on the content of the Forward Work Programme has taken place with the Corporate Management Board, Heads of Service, Elected Members and members of the public
- Involvement - Advanced publication of the Forward Work Programme ensures that the public and stakeholders can view topics that will be discussed in Committee meetings and are provided with the opportunity to engage.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Approve the feedback from the previous meetings of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 and note the list of responses including any still outstanding at Appendix A;
- (ii) Identify any additional information the Committee wish to receive on their next item delegated to them by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other items in the overall FWP shown in Appendix B;
- (iii) Identify any additional items using the criteria form, for consideration on the Scrutiny Forward Work Programme.

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Background documents

None

| Date | Item | Members wished to make the following comments and conclusions: | Response/Comments |
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| 13-May-2018 | Secure Estate | Members were disappointed at the decision made by Welsh Government to distribute grant funding across 22 Local authorities in Wales to provide a social care provision to the secure estate, as opposed to a specific distribution to those authorities with prison populations. The Committee therefore recommended that a letter be sent to the Department of Justice and Welsh Government stating that they should reconsider the Grant funding allocation as BCBC had been placed in an unfair financial disadvantage by having a secure estate within its boundary. | Chair of Committee to draft letter. In addition the interim 151 officer has made representations to the Welsh Government Decision Support Group |
| | | The Committee recommended that BCBC adopt a "One Council Approach" and officers from all directorates meet with G4S to investigate the opportunity of those in the Secure Estate being able to contribute to the public realm to have a direct positive impact in the community. | Noted |
| | | Members recommended that BCBC should better publicise the local businesses that offer support and job opportunities to ex-offenders. | Noted. Public relations advised accordingly |
| | | Members recommend that this item stay on the Forward Work Programme and revisit no sooner than 1 year | Noted |
| | | Further information requested | |
| | | What percentage of the prison population in Parc previously resided in Bridgend County Borough before they became an ordinary resident of BCBC as a result of being in the secure estate. | This information was requested from the prison, but unfortunately the prison do not collect data in this way. |
| | | Members requested a breakdown of those in the secure estate that require social care from BCBC and asked that they include the age range and what care packages they require. | Please find current information requested based on a snapshot as at week ending 03/08/2018: |
| What are the total costs to BCBC to provide the current service to the prison. Members asked for the breakdown to include annual salary costs of the secure estate team, annual costs of providing equipment and the annual cost of providing personal care which BCBC currently pay to the G4S medical team. | Secure Estate Budget 18/19 BCBC Staff £111k Occ Therapist £52k Care support £50k Equipment £4k Training £4k Total Budget £221k | | |
| Members also asked to receive costs in relation to providing social care at the secure Caswell Clinic in Pen-Y-Fai | Caswell Clinic is a Medium Secure Mental Health facility and therefore not part of the Secure Estate. The NHS is responsible for all care and support of patients in that facility. | | |

| | Number of People by size of Domiciliary Care Package in Hours | | | |
|--------------|---|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Age Band | 1-4 hours | 5-9 hours | 10-12 hours | Total |
| 16-64 years | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 65-84 years | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 85+ years | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |

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Scrutiny Forward Work Programme

The following items were previously prioritised by the Subject OVS Committees and considered by Corporate at its last meeting where the top three items were scheduled in for the next round of meetings:

| Date | Subject Committee | Item | Specific Information to request | Rationale for prioritisation | Proposed date | Suggested Invitees | Prioritised by Committees |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---|---|--|---|---------------------------|
| Page 21 16-Sep-2018 | SOSC2 | Advocacy | Advocacy for Children and Adults: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcome from the Advocacy Pilot Scheme The current system Social Services & Wellbeing Act Regional Children Services advocacy Adult Services – Golden Thread Project | | Corporate Director proposed September 2018 | 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 Children's Social Care; Richard Thomas, Strategic Planning and | |
| 17-Sep-2018 | SOSC3 | Waste Services | Members would like the report to include an update on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling performance statistics for other LA's for comparison and benchmarking against Bridgend; The future recycling of black plastic (i.e. food cartons, etc.) The performance of their call centre and the average time taken to answer a call, and is this still based in Torquay? Are there any plans for Kier to assist with recycling from BCBC offices and schools? The impact of the recently recruited senior managers associated with the Bridgend contract and front line operative staff. Was recruitment successful? Have all staff now been given full inductions and training; Information on the updates to the CRC centre including the instalment of the polystyrene baler and webcam so residents are able to monitor the traffic flow at the site. Change of days for the communal collections - Has this happened? Has the service shown improvements since the change? Impact of the new collection vehicles. Have they made collection rounds more efficient? Outcome of the review of BCBC in house Street Scene enforcement activity Longer term trend of flytipping. What are the figures of flytipping in the Borough? Have they improved? Domestic or business? A breakdown in the number of referrals received before the new contract in a typical month and what they were related to and a breakdown of the number of referrals received in April 2018 A review of the AHP bags be considered when Scrutiny revisit the subject of 'Waste' in approximately 12 months time to include the monetary against environmental impact. | | 17th September 2018 | Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities; Cllr Hywel Williams, Deputy Leader; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities; Zak Shell, Head of Streetscene; Maz Akhtar, Regional Manager Kier Lee Woodall, Finance and Operations Director Scott Saunders, Business Manager | |
| 16-Oct-2018 | SOSC1 | Post 16 Education | Following a meeting with Cabinet and Scrutiny Chairs, Members have requested to receive the report on Post -16 Education, in advance of the report being received by Cabinet on 23 October 2018 | | 16-Oct-2018 | 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. Michelle Hatcher, Group Manager Inclusion and School Improvement Third Sector Representatives | |
| 18-Oct-2018 | SOSC2 | ALN Reform | When the Act has been further progressed, report to include consideration of the following points: a) How the Authority and Schools are engaging with parents over the changes to the Act? b) What the finalised process is for assessments and who is responsible for leading with them? c) What involvement/responsibilities do Educational Psychologists have under the Act? d) Has the Act led to an increase in tribunals and what impact has this had? This is set against the context of the recent announcement by the Lifelong Learning Minister that instead of saving £4.8m over four years the Act could potentially cost £8.2m due to an expected increase in the number of cases of dispute resolution. e) Given that the Act focuses on the involvement of young people and their parents, what support is available for those involved in court disputes? f) Outcomes from the Supported Internship programme. g) Support for those with ALN into employment. h) Staffing - Protection and support for staff, ALNCO support, workloads and capacity. i) Pupil-teacher ratios and class sizes and impact of Act on capacity of teachers to support pupils with ALN j) How is the implementation of the Act being monitored; what quality assurance frameworks are there and what accountability for local authorities, consortiums and schools? | Needs revisiting to monitor implementation of the Bill and if needs are being met as well as impact on future budgets - | | 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. Michelle Hatcher, Group Manager Inclusion and School Improvement Third Sector Representatives | |
| 22-Oct-18 | SOSC3 | Revised CAT Process | What is the latest with the CAT process? How has it been streamlined since it last came to Scrutiny back in January 2018 How many CATs have now been processed and completed? How has the position improved What are the plans for CAT going forward How many CAT applications have been received altogether? How many have been progressed? How many have withdrawn and for what reasons? List of CAT 1 priorities and what is the plan for these? | | | Mark Shephard, Corporate Director - Communities; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member - Communities; Guy Smith, Community Asset Transfer Officer. | |

TABLE B

For prioritisation

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| Item | | Rationale for prioritisation | Proposed date | Suggested Invitees |
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| Education Outcomes | <p>Requested from SOSC 1 meeting in February to receive a further report at a meeting in the near future, (to be agreed by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny), incorporating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Categorisation information; • In relation to Post-16 data at 4.53 of the report, the Committee requested that they receive the baseline for each school to give a better indication of how each school has improved; • Information on Bridgend's ranking for Key Stage 4 based on the latest results; • Information on what targets were set at each stage in order to determine whether the performance was expected and possibly a cohort issue or whether any actuals differed significantly from the targets set; • Information that the Consortium has gathered through drilling down into each schools' performance to determine what challenges schools face; • Further detail of the performance of those with ALN attending the PRU or Heronsbridge School as Members felt this was not incorporated into the report to a great degree; • Information on the work that the Consortium is doing to identify the variation for each secondary school at Key Stage 4, and what is being done about it; • More information in relation to each schools performance – not necessarily more data but detail of the where, what and how in relation to good and poor performance for each school so that the Committee has an overall understanding of the current situation and priority schools in Bridgend; • What extent are schools responding to the changes recently introduced such as the removal of Btec etc, to ensure they are still meeting the needs of the pupils; • What work is being done to mitigate against future dips in performance resulting from any changes to curriculum or changes to performance measures; • Evidence of how the Consortium has made a direct impact on schools and school performance, what outcomes can they be measured on in relation to Bridgend to assure Members of value for money; • What is being done to mitigate against the impact of changes in teachers to ensure that this does not have a resulting impact on the performance of pupils; • Performance in relation to vocational qualifications and non-core subjects – where are there causes for concern and where there is excellent work taking place etc. | | Jan-2019 | <p>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; Mike Glavin, Managing Director CSC Representative from School Budget Forum Sarah Merry, Chair of CSC JOSC (Deputy Leader Cardiff Council) Primary, Secondary and Special School Headteacher representative Simon Pirote, Principal Bridgend College</p> |
| Review of Fostering Project | <p>Further project as part of the Remodelling Children's Social Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detail regarding the upskilling of three internal foster carers to provide intensive, therapeutic step down placements as part of Residential Remodelling project - Review of the foster carer marketing and recruitment strategy at a draft/early stage to allow members input into the process | <p>COSC have proposed that this item be considered by a future SOSC 1 for continuity purposes</p> | <p>Corporate Director proposed October 2018</p> | <p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Laura Kinsey, Head of Children's Social Care; Pete Tyson, Group Manager – Commissioning; Lauren North, Commissioning and Contract Management Officer; Natalie Silcox, Group Manager Childrens Regulated Services.</p> |
| Direct Payment Scheme | <p>Details on the revised policy including how the legislation has affected it. How Direct Payments are delivered. What support has been provided to service users since the launch of the new scheme. How was the scheme launched to service users.</p> | <p>Corporate Director has proposed this as a potential item</p> | <p>Corporate Director proposed November</p> | <p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;</p> |
| CIW investigation into LAC Information only | <p>The Committee requested that the outcome of the CIW investigation into Looked After Children be provided to Scrutiny for information when it becomes available.</p> | | <p>Self assessment and action plan due at end of year.</p> | <p>Cllr Phil White</p> |
| Remodelling Children's Residential Services Project | <p>SOSC 1 requested that the item be followed up by Scrutiny in the future for monitoring purposes, incorporating evidence of outcomes.</p> | | <p>Corporate Director proposed early 2019</p> | <p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;</p> |
| CAMHS | <p>With reference to the responses received in relation to Child Adolescent Mental Health Services Members on 12 December 2018, Members note that most of the replies feature an element of work in progress and have asked to retain the item on the FWP for future review. To receive an update on current provision and further advise on current situation in relation to comments and conclusions made on 12 December 2018.</p> <p>Update on work being undertaken throughout Wales looking at causes of mental health: 'Working Together for Mental Health'.</p> <p>To include an update on how we are getting on moving into Cwm Taf.</p> | | <p>Corporate Director proposed early 2019</p> | <p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Chair and CEX of ABMU and Cwm Taff Health Boards</p> |

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| <p>Empty Properties</p> | <p>SOSC 3 requested that this item continue on FWP - reasons and purpose to be confirmed</p> | | | <p>Darren Mepham, Chief Executive ; Martin Morgans, Head of Performance and Partnership Services Possible input from Mark Shephard, Corporate Director - Communities for the Commercial side Cllr Dhanisha Patel, Cabinet Member Future Generations and Wellbeing</p> |
| <p>Home to School Transport</p> | <p>To provide assurances on rationalisation of Learner Transport as far as possible in order to make budget savings: Update on pilot that school transport team proposing to run in Spring and Summer terms 2017-2018 - to support the enforcement of bus passes on home to school transport contracts. As part of this pilot, the Authority is also investigating opportunities to track the use of our school bus services by individual pupils. Update on Recommendation from BREP: The Panel recommend the need for the Authority to adopt a Corporate approach in relation to Home to School Transport maximising the LA's minibuses such as those used for day centres. It is proposed that this be supported by slightly amending the opening and closing times of day centres so that the buses can be available for school transport. Other aspects that could be considered include the exploration of whether school staff could transport children and young people instead of hiring independent drivers. To test and scrutinise the current licensing and school transport regime to gain assurances that it provides adequate protection against the potential of putting children and vulnerable children at risk from those who are in a position of trust. Changes to the DBS status of their employees to be scrutinised to ensure that children are not being put at undue risk. To provide robust scrutiny and recommendations on how the current regime can be improved. To provide assurances to the public and maintain public confidence in the system of school transport Report to include Update on the current arrangements of how licensing and school transport operates within the County Borough since the change in 2015 to the Police National Policy for disclosing non-conviction information to the local authority. Information to include a report from South Wales Police on its approach to disclosing information it holds about licencees following arrests, charges and convictions. What is the current relationship between the local authority's licensing and school transport departments in relation to the disclosure of information from South Wales police? Is there sufficient oversight on behalf of the local authority and a risk of contractors withholding information which may prejudice the continuation of their contract? Further proposed that Communities be invited to add to report and attend meeting to update Committee on safe routes assessment to determine what work has been undertaken since funding was allocated to this over a year ago.</p> | <p>To provide assurances on rationalisation of Learner Transport as far as possible in order to make budget savings. To test and scrutinise the current licensing and school transport regime to gain assurances that it provides adequate protection against the potential of putting children and vulnerable children at risk from those who are in a position of trust. Changes to the DBS status of their employees ought to be scrutinised by an Overview & Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity to ensure that children are not being put at undue risk. To provide robust scrutiny and recommendations on how the current regime can be improved.</p> | <p>Corporate Director proposed March 2019 as the external review would not be completed until January 2019</p> | <p>Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member Communities Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help. Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities;</p> |
| <p>Communication and Engagement</p> | <p>Is corporate communications meeting the needs of the various departments within the organisation to effectively communicate with residents Current data of engagement Are current KPIs an effective measurement in a fast changing digital world How do we engage with corporate communications with the digitally excluded</p> | | | <p>Darren Mepham, Chief Executive Corporate Communications Representative Cllr Dhanisha Patel, Cabinet Member Future generations and Wellbeing</p> |
| <p>Supporting People Programme Grant</p> | <p>Full breakdown of the various services currently supported through this grant within BCBC (inc. the various financial detail) along with how this may have changed over recent years. The number of individuals supported through the grant and in what way. How are decisions made about where to spend the grant and how much in specific areas How effective is the grant support that is provided across a variety of sectors within BCBC, and to ensure that the grant is being targeted at the services most in need.</p> | <p>Improved outcomes in line with the agreed objectives of the grant. Improved support for those in need of emergency housing and support</p> | | <p>Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing Cllr Phil White Cabinet Member Social Services and Wellbeing Wellbeing directorate Housing Darren Mepham, Martin Morgans? Lynne Berry? Cllr Dhanisha Patel, Cabinet Member Future Generations and Wellbeing</p> |

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| Member and School Engagement Panel - Annual Report | Annual Update to - SOSC 1 on the work of the Member and School Engagement Panel | | | |
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The following items for briefing sessions or pre-Council briefing

| Item | Specific Information to request |
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| Social Services Commissioning Strategy | To include information on what work has taken place following the Social Services and Wellbeing Act population assessment. To also cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Annual Plan Bridgend Social Services Commissioning Strategy |
| Cwm Taf Regional Working | Update on situation and way forward with Regional Working with Cwm Taf? How will we undertake Regional working? |
| Residential Remodelling - Extra Care Housing | Site visit to current Extra Care Housing and then to new site once work has begun |
| Children's Social Services | Briefing for SOSC 1 on Child Practice Reviews - details of latest CPRs over last 12-18 months - what recommendations have come out of them, how have they been responded to, how have they helped inform future work to help safeguard children. |

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

5 SEPTEMBER 2018

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

PLAYING FIELDS, OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES AND PARKS PAVILIONS

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to bring to the attention of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee proposals to make the Council's provision of playing fields, outdoor sports facilities and parks pavilions more financially sustainable moving forward. It is intended that this matter is reported to Cabinet on 18 September 2018 seeking permission to enter into a period of consultation. This report therefore offers an opportunity pre-Cabinet decision for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide their views and recommendations on this matter.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The report links to the corporate priority of 'Smarter Use of Resources', ensuring that all resources are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the delivery of services throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities. It also aligns with the priority of moving to a position where there is less reliance on the Council for the cost and provision of services by seeking ways in which the local community, relevant sports clubs and potentially Town and Community Councils might pay a greater part moving forward in maintaining and operating these facilities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council is the main provider of outdoor sports facilities in the County Borough. The provision of these facilities, such as sports pitches and playing fields, is recognised as playing an important contributory part in helping to achieve healthy lifestyles and better levels of physical and mental wellbeing for the County Borough's residents. The Council promotes and subsidises a range of measures intended to support and increase levels of participation in sport and physical activity.
- 3.2 Historically the Council has charged a fixed hire fee for any formal hire of its outdoor sports facilities. However, these fees do not go anywhere near covering the cost associated with providing and maintaining these facilities.

The level of subsidy the Council offers will vary depending on the nature of the users (senior or junior) and the type of sport (for example, rugby, football, cricket, bowls). Additionally the quality of the facilities provided will vary to some extent based on factors such as league requirements, drainage facilities and frequency of use. The formal use of outdoor sports facilities is predominantly by boys and men and so there are potentially equality issues in terms of the current distribution of Council financial support. For example, sports played predominantly by women and girls, such as netball, do not receive similar levels of subsidy.

- 3.3 Many of the sites and facilities are used by a number of separate clubs and organisations as well as being accessible on an informal basis to the wider community. In contrast some facilities are used almost exclusively by a single club or organisation.
- 3.4 A full list of parks pavilions, playing fields and outdoor sports facilities currently provided by the Council is included in **Appendix A**.
- 3.5 As the cumulative impact of many years of substantial budget reductions has been felt by the Council, and the forecast is for further diminishing of resources, it has become apparent that the current level of Council subsidy offered for the provision of outdoor sport and recreation facilities and the associated parks pavilions will not be sustainable. Therefore if no action is taken it is inevitable that the Council will be forced into a position where, as part of future budget reductions, facilities will be forced to close. Even without further specific reductions in the revenue budget associated with maintaining and operating these facilities, many are in a poor state of repair and will be forced to close if minimum levels of health and safety compliance cannot be sustained. However, the Council is committed to finding alternative ways of working and preserving community facilities, including the transfer of responsibility in appropriate circumstances to community groups or Town and Community Councils. This is consistent with the Council priority of seeking less reliance on the Council.
- 3.6 However, it is recognised that a formal policy change, with a potentially significant increase in charges, is likely to be necessary to prompt a greater up take of Community Asset Transfer (CAT) opportunities. A move towards full cost recovery with regard to the provision of playing fields, sports facilities and parks pavilions is likely to be such a trigger and would be consistent with the Council's commercialisation agenda where it seeks, where appropriate, to cover its costs through charging. Such a move is also similar to changes in other Welsh Local authorities, including the Vale of Glamorgan , Neath Port Talbot and Carmarthenshire, where to varying degrees policies have been pursued that encourage CAT or long leases with user sports clubs as those Authorities have been forced to increase charges towards the full cost of provision. There is however no consistent pattern across Wales and some Councils, such as Rhondda Cynon Taf, continue to support policies that maintain high levels of overall public subsidy for the provision of sports facilities.

- 3.7 In the prevailing financial climate in Bridgend there would seem to be a justification to review the current level of subsidy offered for these facilities given the pressures on the Council's budget. However, any proposals need to also recognise the important role that sport and physical activity plays for many sectors of the community. It also needs to be recognised that the vast majority of sports clubs are operated by a small number of volunteers and already face other challenges and financial pressures in maintaining the running and operation of sports teams. In Bridgend, even a recent change to the way that sports clubs were charged for their usage (a move towards an average annual charge which did not financially penalise the majority of clubs) elicited some strong negative reactions. However, set against this, cutbacks to the amount of maintenance the Council is now able to carry out has led in some cases to complaints about the standard of sports facility provision and the trajectory of travel with regard to budgets means that maintaining the current level of subsidy is likely to be impossible without wholesale closure of facilities throughout the County Borough. The aim of the Council therefore is to take a set of proposals and options for public consultation on this matter recognising the issues highlighted in this section to inform future policy and strategy with regard to the provision of, and charging for playing fields, outdoor sports facilities and parks pavilions, and seek ways in which provision can be sustained without such a financial reliance on the Council. The consultation will be targeted at relevant stakeholders such as sports clubs and local organisations who currently use the facilities in scope but also allow Town and Community Councils and relevant sports governing bodies to have their say.
- 3.8 As things currently stand there are provisional Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) proposals relating to this area of service of £150,000 in 2019/20 and a further £350,000 in 2020/21. This is in addition to other historic financial cutbacks to the area of service over recent years that have reduced levels of service in some cases and overall resilience across the service. To be clear in order to meet the full proposed MTFS savings over the coming years, as well as changing the basis of charging for these facilities and accelerating the CAT process it is also likely that other measures, for example, a rationalisation of children's play areas, may also be necessary.

4. Current Situation

- 4.1 The current charges for the use of sports facilities for users of the Council's sports facilities are set out in **Appendix B**. The level of subsidy for the provision of each of these facilities, as highlighted earlier in the report, will vary. However, in general terms it is estimated that on average the income received from applying charges to users will only make up 20-25% of the actual costs of providing and maintaining the facilities, so typically for the provision and maintenance of outdoor sports pitches and pavilions the Council is providing a subsidy of up to 80%. In 2017/18 the total income received from charges was £93k and the total revenue expenditure for this area of service was £452k. In addition, as the condition of some facilities deteriorates there is an increasing need for investment to ensure the facilities remain safe to use. The Council monitors the charges levied by other local authorities in Wales

and historically the charges it applies are in the mid-range in Wales for facilities such as rugby pitches, football pitches, and cricket pitches. The situation is slightly different for the provision of bowling greens where in most cases the Council already has an arrangement with the user club for them to self-manage the facility in return for a small annual grant. As part of the proposed review and consultation exercise it will be necessary to also review these arrangements and ensure value for money moving forward. A significant number of clubs have expressed an interest in potential asset transfer but at this stage only a small number of clubs have progressed or are well advanced with Community Asset Transfer, including Bryncethin RFC and Caerau Football Club.

- 4.2 In the main however, while there has been considerable initial interest in CAT from sports clubs, most have decided not to pursue their interest beyond that initial expression because while the Council continues to provide a revenue subsidy of up to 80% there is a disincentive to do so. The contract of the current CAT Officer is due to end at the end of October 2018. It is clear that any business case to extend that contract should be dependent on there being a greater likelihood of more CAT transfers. This in turn will result in financial savings and hopefully greater long term sustainability of community sports facilities, albeit it is understood that those taking on CAT will need to be supported appropriately to ensure they have both the skills and expertise to complete the transfer and also the longer term commitment and wherewithal to run the facilities properly moving forward. Members will recall that there is an identified sum in the capital programme to support CAT of sports pavilions as a way of investing in the buildings as part of any proposed transfer subject to business case. Any extension of the CAT Officer's contract will therefore be explicitly linked to the approval by Cabinet of a new charging policy for the users of playing fields, outdoor sports facilities and parks pavilions, with a move towards full cost recovery, as this in turn will change the incentive to progress CAT applications as it is likely that these facilities would make up the majority of potential successful CATs.
- 4.3 As outlined previously, it is proposed to seek the views of various stakeholders including local sports and recreation clubs, relevant governing bodies and Town and Community Councils, via an appropriate consultation exercise, subject to Cabinet approval, on the Council's proposal to move towards full cost recovery for the provision and maintenance of its playing fields, outdoor sports facilities and parks pavilions. In parallel the Council will seek to accelerate (including for example consideration of a fast track process) and promote its offer to local sports clubs, community groups and/or Town and Community Councils of taking the opportunity to transfer the assets and take out long leases or management agreements on them. The Council will continue to offer an appropriate capital investment sum that can be used in the right circumstances to support this process as necessary and evidenced by a business case, and also practical support provided through the CAT Officer.
- 4.4 It is likely that the consultation will propose that charges are amended to cover the full cost of providing the relevant facilities from April 2020. This in turn will

allow the various clubs and organisations time to progress and complete CATs before then if they would rather take on direct responsibility for running and maintaining the facilities than pay the full cost recovery charges. The consultation exercise is intended to offer the opportunity to comment on and shape the Council's proposals, including allowing the opportunity for other alternative proposals that would create the same level of required savings to come forward.

- 4.5 Subject to the approval of Cabinet on the 18 September it is proposed that a consultation exercise is carried out on these matters, with a further report brought back to both the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then Cabinet in the first half of 2019. In the meantime all relevant clubs, user groups and Town and Community Councils will be written to setting out the Council's proposal and drawing attention to the consultation exercise.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

- 5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out at this stage but is recognised that a full EIA will be required to be completed prior to any final decision by Cabinet on changes to charging for sports facilities, informed by the proposed consultation exercise.

7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

- 7.1 Similarly the proposed consultation exercise will inform the Council's views on the impact of changes to the way it provides and charges for outdoor sports facilities on future generations.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 The 2018/19 net budget for Parks and Playing Fields is £359,380, broken down into an expenditure budget of £452,460 and hire income of £93,080. However, charges for these facilities also form part of the wider Authority grounds maintenance budget of £1.6 million. In addition there is a separate budget for children's play areas of £116,690.
- 8.2 There are Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) proposals relating to this area of service of £150,000 in 2019/20 and a further £350,000 in 2020/21. This is in addition to other historic financial cutbacks to the area of service over recent years that have reduced levels of service in some cases and overall resilience across the service.
- 8.3 The proposals are intended to ensure that the proposed MTFS savings can be met by securing additional income from users paying the increased charges and/or more significantly by encouraging the transfer of facilities and reducing the overall maintenance and management costs to the Council.

8.4 In order to achieve the full level of saving currently proposed in the Medium Term Financial Strategy it will also be necessary to review and consider a rationalisation of children's play areas throughout the County Borough and the current grant arrangements paid to bowls clubs as part of their self-management arrangements.

9. Recommendation

9.1 That the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider and comment on the report with a view to their comments and recommendations being considered by Cabinet on the 18 September 2018.

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APPENDIX A

Green Spaces - Sports Facilities (August 2018)

| SPORTS PAVILIONS | | | | |
|------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|----------|
| UPRN | Site Name | Pavilion Name | Address | Postcode |
| 30025 | ABERFIELDS PLAYING FIELDS, OGMORE VALE | Aberfields Pavilion | Aber Road, Nantymoel | CF32 7PN |
| 20018 | BETTWS PLAYING FIELDS | Bettws | Heol Richard Price, Bettws | CF32 4LL |
| 20019 | BLAENGARW CRICKET | Blaengarw Cricket | Garreg Side, Blaengarw | CF32 8NL |
| 20020 | BLANDY PARK PLAYING FIELDS | Blandy Park | Rear of Oxford Street, Pontycymmer | CF32 8DG |
| 40026 | BRYNCETHIN RUGBY PLAYING FIELDS | Bryncethin | Blackmill Road, Bryncethin | CF32 9YW |
| 70022 | CAE GOF PLAYING FIELDS | Cae Gof | Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr | CF32 0AA |
| 10040 | CAERAU AFC. | Caerau Athletic | Humphrey's Terrace, Caerau | CF34 0SG |
| 10041 | CAERAU WELFARE PARK | Caerau Welfare | Protheroe Street, Caerau | CF34 0SP |
| 50020 | COYCHURCH PLAYING FIELDS | Coychurch | Heol Simonston, Coity | CF35 6AA |
| 70023 | CROFT GOCH PLAYING FIELDS | Croft Goch | Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill | CF33 6BU |
| 20021 | CWM GARW PLAYING FIELDS | Cwm Garw Rugby | Garreg Side, Blaengarw | CF32 8NL |
| 30026 | EVANSTOWN WELFARE PARK | Evanstown | Heol y Parc, Evanstown | CF39 8RH |
| 10042 | GARTH PARK | Garth Welfare | Bridgend Road, Garth | CF34 0NE |
| 50021 | GREAT WESTERN AVENUE PLAYING FIELDS | Gt Western Avenue | Gt Western Avenue, Bridgend | CF31 1PE |
| 90012 | HEOL-Y-CYW PLAYING FIELDS. | Heol y Cyw | Off High Street, Heol y Cyw | CF32 6HZ |
| 10043 | HERMON ROAD/METCALF STREET PLAYING FIELD | Hermon Road | Hermon Road, Caerau | CF34 0RH |
| 20022 | LAWRENCE PARK PLAYING FIELDS | Lawrence Park | Gwaun Bant, Pontycymer | CF32 8HD |
| 30027 | LEWISTOWN PLAYING FIELDS | Lewistown | Blackmill Road. Lewistown | CF32 7HU |
| 20023 | LLANGEINOR RECREATION GROUND | Llangeinor | Bettws Road, Llangeinor | CF32 8PG |
| 10045 | LLANGYNWYD PLAYING FIELDS | Llangynwyd | Maesteg Road, Llangynwyd | CF34 9SG |
| 10047 | MAESTEG WELFARE PARK | Maesteg Welfare | Heol Ty Gwyn, Maesteg | CF34 0AZ |
| 30028 | NANTYMOEL R.F.C. PLAYING FIELD | Nantymoel Park | Gwendoline Street, Nantymoel | CF32 7SG |
| 60062 | NEWBRIDGE FIELDS (NORTH) | Newbridge Flds (BS) | Angel Street, Bridgend | CF31 3AZ |
| 60063 | NEWBRIDGE FIELDS (SOUTH CRICKET) | Newbridge Flds (Cricket) | Angel Street, Bridgend | CF31 3PN |
| 60064 | NEWBRIDGE FIELDS (SOUTH NEW) | Newbridge Flds (New) | Angel Street, Bridgend | CF31 3PN |
| 70025 | NORTH CORNELLY PLAYING FIELDS, MEADOW ST | Cornelly | Meadow Street, North Cornelly | CF33 4LL |
| 30029 | OGMORE VALE R.F.C. PLAYING FIELD | Ogmore Park | Bridge Street, Ogmore Vale | CF32 7AN |
| 40028 | PANDY PARK PLAYING FIELDS | Pandy Park | Terfyn, Ynysawdre | CF32 9EW |
| 90013 | PENCOED RECREATION GROUND | Felindre | Felindre Road, Pencoed | CF35 5PB |
| 20024 | PWLL-Y-GARN PLAYING FIELDS | Pwll Carn | Pwllcarn Terrace, Blaengarw | CF32 8HT |
| 80033 | REST BAY PLAYING FIELDS | Rest Bay | Rest Bay, Porthcawl | CF36 3QB |
| 10114 | SOUTH PARADE | South Parade | South Parade, Maesteg | CF34 0AB |
| 90014 | WOODLANDS PARK, PENCOED | Woodlands | Llwyn Gwern, Pencoed | CF35 6UN |
| BOWLS PAVILIONS | | | | |
| 30066 | CAEDU PARK | Ogmore Vale Bowls Club | Park Avenue, Ogmore Vale | CF32 7DH |
| 70022 | CAE GOF BOWLS PAVILION | Cefn Cribwr Bowls Club | Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr | CF32 0AA |
| 10041 | CAERAU WELFARE PARK - BOWLS. | Caerau Athletic Bowls Club | Protheroe Street, Caerau | CF34 0SP |
| 30026 | EVANSTOWN WELFARE PARK - BOWLS | Gilfach Coch Mens Bowls / GC Ladies BC | Heol y Parc, Evanstown | CF39 8RH |
| 10042 | GARTH PARK. | Maesteg Celtic Bowls Club | Bridgend Road, Garth | CF34 0NE |
| 80028 | GRIFFIN PARK | Griffin Park Pavilion Association | New Road, Porthcawl | CF36 5DG |
| 20022 | LAWRENCE PARK PLAYING FIELDS | Garw Valley Tennis Club | Gwaun Bant, Pontycymer | CF32 8HD |
| 20022 | LAWRENCE PARK PLAYING FIELDS | Waunbant Bowls | Federation Lane, Pontycymer | CF32 8LQ |
| 10047 | MAESTEG WELFARE PARK BOWLS PAVILION | Maesteg Bowls Club | Heol Ty Gwyn, Maesteg, | CF34 9PW |
| 60187 | NEWBRIDGE FIELDS BOWLS PAVILION | Bridgend Municipal Bowling Club | Newbridge Fields, Bridgend | CF31 4AH |
| 90036 | PENCOED BOWLS PAVILION | Pencoed Bowls Club | Felindre Road, Pencoed | CF35 5PB |
| 70026 | PYLE BOWLING GREEN. | Kenfig Hill and Pyle Bowls Club | Marshfield Avenue, Pyle | CF33 6BS |
| 30030 | WAUNLLWYD | Wyndham Bowls Club | Waun Fach, Nantymoel | CF32 7PU |

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APPENDIX B

Facility & Activity (all charges inclusive of VAT unless stated otherwise)

2018/19
(17/18 charge plus 4%)

Bowling Greens

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| Season Ticket Adult | £79.00 |
| Season Ticket Junior/OAP | £53.00 |
| Casual Use Per Hour Adult | £4.60 |
| Casual Use Per Hour Junior/OAP | £3.20 |

Putting Greens

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| Casual Use Per Round Adult | £3.60 |
| Casual Use Per Round Junior/OAP | £2.50 |
| Lost Balls | |

Tennis

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| Season Adult | £66.00 |
| Season Junior/OAP | £43.30 |
| Club Use Per Game Adult | £3.80 |
| Club Use Per Game Junior/OAP | £3.00 |

Playing Fields

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| Sports Pitches - Rugby / Football | |
| Adult Use of Pitch | £35.70 |
| Junior Use of Pitch | £22.80 |
| Mini Use of Pitch | £17.00 |

Sports Pitches - Cricket

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| Adult Use of Pitch - Prepared Wicket | £41.30 |
| Junior Use of Pitch - Prepared Wicket | £26.80 |
| Adult Use of Pitch - Artificial Wicket | £24.80 |
| Junior Use of Pitch - Artificial Wicket | £14.00 |

Special Day Events

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| Adult Use of Ground | £111.10 |
| Junior Use of Ground | £66.00 |

Pavilions

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| In Conjunction With The Use of Sports Pitches | |
| Adult Use of Pavilion (Rugby/Football) | £18.90 |
| Junior Use of Pavilion (Rugby/Football) | £12.10 |
| Adult Use of Pavilion (Cricket) | £18.90 |
| Junior Use of Pavilion (Cricket) | £12.10 |
| Mini Use of Pavilion | £12.10 |

Special Day Events

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| Adult Use for Special Events | £72.30 |
| Junior Use for Special Events | £40.50 |

Social Events, Meetings etc.

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| Social Event Less Than 4 Hours - Adult | £79.70 |
| Social Event Less Than 4 Hours - Junior/OAP | £45.70 |
| Meeting Less Than 4 Hours - Adult | £26.50 |
| Meeting Less Than 4 Hours - Junior/OAP | £15.30 |
| All Year Use (Once Weekly) - Adult | £617.00 |
| All Year Use (Once Weekly) - Junior/OAP | £354.40 |
| All Year Use (Once Monthly) - Adult | £184.80 |
| All Year Use (Once Monthly) - Junior/OAP | £103.90 |