

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 - THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2024

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor C Davies – Chairperson for the Meeting

GH Haines

Present Virtually

D T Harrison  
A Wathan

J Llewellyn-Hopkins  
R Williams

RL Penhale-Thomas

R J Smith

Apologies for Absence

S Aspey, F D Bletsoe (Chairperson), P Ford and M Lewis

Nicola Echanis - Head of Education, Early Years and Young People

Invitees

Councillor Jane Gebbie

Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing

Claire Marchant

Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing

Jackie Davies

Head of Adult Social Care

Mark Wilkinson

Group Manager - Learning Disability

Kevin Rogers

Social Worker - Substance Misuse Social Work Team

Raeanna Grainger

Group Manager, IAA & Safeguarding

Charlotte Pickin

Safeguarding and Secure Estate Manager

Ryan Jones

Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager

Kirsty Williams

Partnership and Community Safety Partnership Manager

Sian Bunston

Manager – Regional Substance Misuse Team

Greg Robinson

Senior Manager – Substance Misuse - Cwm Taf Morgannwg

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Officers:

Stephen Griffiths  
Jessica Mclellan

Interim Scrutiny Officer/Democratic Services Officer - Committees  
Scrutiny Officer

Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Llewellyn-Hopkins – personal - item 5 – Teacher in local schools and a Governor in Cynffig Comprehensive School.

**12. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 dated 23 September 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	14 November 2024

**13. Integrated Substance Misuse Service in Bridgend**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee thanked the Service User Invitee and Social Worker for attending the meeting and for their valued contributions to the discussions.  Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member, Officers and Invitees the Committee made the following requests for additional information:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Committee <b>requested</b> a copy of the presentation regarding the residential rehabilitation centre visit and the Cwm Taf Morgannwg residential rehabilitation framework.</li><li>2. The Committee <b>requested</b> a breakdown of the number and location of rehabilitation placements.</li><li>3. With reference to the tables on page 11 of the agenda pack relating to drug and alcohol related deaths in Bridgend, the Committee <b>requested</b> national comparative data with the rest of Wales and</li></ol>
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	the UK.
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**14. Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2023/24**

Decision Made	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member and Officers, the Committee made the following recommendations and requests for additional information:</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that data be included within the 'Workforce' section of the report, with input from Human Resources, clarifying what is meant by compliance or non-compliance with the Council's Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Policy.</li><li>5. The Committee considered that the Key Performance Indicator relating to completion of the mandatory safeguarding e-learning module for social workers who undertake extensive, in-person safeguarding training skewed the representation of the Directorate's performance on the uptake of the e-learning module and <b>recommended</b> that this be reflected in the report.</li><li>6. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that an update be included in the report regarding the new Early Intervention and Prevention front door team to include information regarding the Action Plan and detailing how it will be monitored by a Project Management Board chaired by the Head of Adult Social Care.</li><li>7. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that representatives from Education and Human Resources be invited for scrutiny of future Annual Corporate Safeguarding Reports.</li><li>8. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that a letter be sent on behalf of the Committee to Welsh Government to express their concern regarding the statutory responsibilities placed on local authorities to tackle homelessness which are not fully funded putting significant pressure on public finances.</li><li>9. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that future Annual Corporate Safeguarding Reports contain</li></ol>
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	comparative data from comparable Welsh local authorities. <b>Additional Information</b>  10. The Committee <b>requested</b> the terms of reference for the independent audit that has been commissioned to look at numbers of children becoming looked after and details of who is conducting it.
Date Decision Made	14 November 2024

**15. Forward Work Programme Update**

Decision Made	<b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  That the Committee approved the Forward Work Programme (FWP) in Appendix A, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet in Appendix B and noted that the FWP as approved by the Committee would be reported to the next meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Date Decision Made	14 November 2024

**16. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	14 November 2024

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 12:27.