

REPORT TO PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

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

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

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

3. Background

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

4. Current Situation / Proposal

Meetings of the Partnership and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4.4 Extra Items for Consideration

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

Corporate Parenting

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

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

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

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

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

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

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is recommended to:

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

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

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