

REPORT TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 DECEMBER 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 February 2017 and seeks confirmation of the information required for the subsequent scheduled meeting to be held on 21 March 2017;
- b) present a list of further potential items for prioritisation by the Committee.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

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

3. Background

3.1 At its meeting 19 July 2016, the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2016/17.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

Meetings of the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next scheduled meeting to be held on 21 February 2017, 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
Update on the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act	Susan Cooper – Corporate Director Social Services & Wellbeing; Cllr P White – Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help; Cllr Hayley Townsend, Cabinet Member Wellbeing and Future Generations; Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care	An update on the implementation of the Act to also include DOLS as requested by Members	

Secure Estate	Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr P White - Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care.	To provide an update following the July 2016 meeting to include the following information	
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4.2 The table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend in respect of the subsequent meeting of the Committee to be held on 21 March 2017.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
New Extra Care Housing Schemes	Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr P White - Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care.	From the ASC OVSC meeting on 13 January 2016 - Members requested that an item on the two new Extra Care facilities is added to the 2016/17 Forward Work Programme.	
Bryn Y Cae	Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr P White - Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help Jackie Davies, Head of Adult Social Care	Members requested an update on reconfiguration of beds and possible further development of reablement beds or creation of transition beds.	

4.4 Extra Items for Consideration

Topic	Specific Information Requested
Home Care – Quarterly Status Report	To monitor progress and achievability of the proposed savings.

Corporate Parenting

4.5 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a local authority towards looked after children and young people. This is a legal responsibility given to local authorities by the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. The role of the Corporate Parent is to seek for children in public care the outcomes every good parent would want for their own children. The Council as a

whole is the 'corporate parent' therefore all Members have a level of responsibility for the children and young people looked after by Bridgend. ¹

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

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

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

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

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 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 February 2017 and confirm if it requires any additional specific information to be provided by the invitees listed or the Overview & Scrutiny Unit;
- (ii) Determine the invitees to be invited to attend, any specific information it would like the invitees to provide as well as any research that it would like the Overview & Scrutiny Unit to undertake in relation to its meeting for 21 March 2017;
- (iii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committee's Forward Work Programme and reprioritise as the Committees feels appropriate.

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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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