

**REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**15 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 2 February 2017 and seeks confirmation of the information required for the subsequent scheduled meeting to be held on 20 April 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 16 June 2016, the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2016/17.

**4. Current Situation / Proposal**

**Meetings of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee**

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next scheduled meeting to be held on 2 February 2017, the table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Invitees</b>	<b>Specific Information Requested</b>	<b>Research to be Undertaken by the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Unit</b>
Residential Remodelling and Inspections	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing Cllr P White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help	Pre-decision item prior to being considered by Cabinet in July 2017. Update on work and plans related to the Residential Remodelling and information relating to the recent inspections	

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	Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support Shell Trainor, Project Manager	of Children's Homes. Chair has also requested brief update on bakers way be included and the annual update on Rota Visiting be incorporated.	
Annual School Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Family Support</li> <li>Cllr C Smith, Cabinet Member – Education and Regeneration</li> <li>• Sue Roberts, Group Manager – School Improvement or</li> <li>Paul Wolstenholme, Bridgend Link Adviser</li> <li>Mike Glavin, Assistant Director CSC</li> <li>Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships</li> <li>Hannah Woodhouse, Managing Director - CSC</li> </ul>	Annual school performance report from CSC	
Member and School Engagement Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation</li> <li>• Cllr Huw David, Deputy Leader</li> <li>Hannah Woodhouse, Managing Director - CSC</li> </ul>	Response from Corporate Director - Education and Transformation and Managing Director - CSC to Committee's Annual Report from MSEP. (January 2016). (Information Report)	

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 20 April 2017.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Invitees</b>	<b>Specific Information Requested</b>	<b>Research to be Undertaken by the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Unit</b>
Health Review of Mental Health Services - Together for Children and Young People	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing Cllr P White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help Laura Kinsey, Head of	Health to present scrutiny with the findings of the recent Health Review	Detail research / To be confirmed

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	Safeguarding and Family Support Representative from ABMU		
FE Sector	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation Cllr C Smith, Cabinet Member – Education and Regeneration Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships Simon Pirotte, Bridgend College Rob Evans, Bridgend College Andrew Slade, Chair BASH Mike Glavin, CSC	How FE Sector operates, what are the strategic plans of the college, what is its relationship with secondary schools and the CSC?  (Info incorporated from Youth Engagement and Progression Framework item) The Committee also requested that they receive further information as to how the FE College were engaging and assisting schools regarding reducing the number of young people becoming NEET.	

#### 4.3 Extra Items for Consideration

School Modernisation	One of Programmes under Corporate Priority 3 - Smarter Use of Resources. What will Band B look like? How will programme link in with Schools Strategic Review?
Schools Strategic Review	TBC
Social Services Recruitment and Retention	Follow up from September 2015

#### 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. <sup>1</sup>

4.4 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.

4.5 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 Children and Young People 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 2 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 20 April 2017;
- (iii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committee's Forward Work Programme and reprioritise as the Committees deems appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> 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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