

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

10 JUNE 2014

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE –
LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES**

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRESSION FRAMEWORK

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the progress being made regarding the implementation of the Youth Engagement and Progression (YE&P) Framework, which has superseded the NEETs Strategy.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2013-2017 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 3 April 2013 formally set out the improvement objectives that the Council will seek to implement between 2013 and 2017. 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 on 10 October 2011, the Committee considered an agenda item on 14 – 19 year olds not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). At that time the NEET Strategy for 2011-14 was in draft form.
- 3.2 At the October 2011 meeting, the Committee made a number of comments, including concerns about financial sustainability and concerns regarding whether the NEET Strategy was sufficiently integrated with other strategies and projects covering various age groups.
- 3.3 Since that time, the NEET Strategy is no longer produced as a separate document and has been superseded by the Youth Engagement and Progression (YE&P) Framework.

4. Current Situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The officers' report is attached at Appendix A. The Youth Engagement and Progression Framework Implementation and Action Plan is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 When considering the report, the Committee may wish to bear the following points in mind:
- i. What were the outcomes of the workshop held on 28 November 2013? (paragraph 3.1 of Appendix A refers).*
 - ii. What is the membership of the strategic multi agency group that will develop a more focused action plan? (paragraph 4.4 Appendix A)*
 - iii. Has the Plan (Appendix 1) been shared with WG? If so, has BCBC received any feedback?*
 - iv. How will timescales associated with each of the actions be agreed?*
 - v. When will the Employment and Progression Coordinator be appointed?*

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 The equality implications are outlined in the officer's report attached as Appendix A.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The financial implications are outlined in the officer's report attached as Appendix A.

8. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- i. Consider and discuss the information within the attached report;
- ii. Explore issues consistent with its challenge and support role;
- iii. determine whether it wishes to make any comments or recommendations relating to these reports.

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Background Documents:

None