

REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2 FEBRUARY 2017

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 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 20 April 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
Health Review of Mental Health Services - Together for Children and Young People	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing Lindsey Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support Cllr P White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help	Health to present scrutiny with overview of the Health Review that is being undertaken. (Joint Report with Education)	Detail research / To be confirmed

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	Cllr C Smith, Cabinet Member – Education and Regeneration Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support Nicola Echanis Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships Jo Davies, ABMU Sian Harrop-Griffiths, ABMU Rory Farrelly - Executive Director, Nursing		
School Modernisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation Cllr C Smith, Cabinet Member – Education and Regeneration • Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships Gaynor Thomas, School Programme Manager - 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?	

4.3 Extra Items for Consideration

Schools Strategic Review	Outcome of Consultation and pre-decision prior to final decision by Cabinet
Children's Social Services Overview	Overview of the Service Area, key strategies, projects etc - to include outcome of CSSIW Inspection report from Committee's comments.
Education and Family Support Overview	Overview of the Service Area, key strategies, projects etc
Social Services Recruitment and Retention	<i>Follow up from September 2015 - see Feedback from meeting for report request</i>
FE Sector	How FE Sector operates, what are the strategic plans of the college, what is its relationship with secondary schools and the CSC? <i>(Info incorporated from Youth Engagement and Progression Framework item)</i> 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.

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.¹
- 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 20 April 2017 and confirm if it requires any additional specific information to be provided by the invitees listed or the Overview & Scrutiny Unit;
- (ii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committees 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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