

# REPORT TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 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 21 March 2017 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 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 March 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
New Extra Care Housing Scheme	<p>Susan Cooper – Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing</p> <p>Jacqueline Davies – Head of Adult Social Care</p> <p>Cllr Philip White – Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help</p>	<p>Who decides where these extra care facilities are built? Will there be more in the future if funds allow?</p> <p>What are the criteria for choosing tenants? Does the amount in their banking account determine how much a month they have to pay; and what are the maximum and minimum ends of the scale</p> <p>How will the waiting list be prioritised?</p> <p>What happens when the tenant’s health deteriorates?</p> <p>Will there be mini buses to take the tenants out on trips or are they expected to be responsible for their own leisure activities?</p> <p>How many homes will each facility contain and of those how many will be available to couples</p>	
Advocacy	<p>Susan Cooper – Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing</p> <p>Jacqueline Davies – Head of Adult Social Care</p> <p>Cllr Philip White – Cabinet Member Social Services and Early Help</p>	<p>Highlighting the work undertaken to date, which is being undertaken in response to the SS &amp; WB Act and our remodelling plans etc</p> <p>Introducing (and highlighting progress) of the pilot project being undertaken over the next 12 months to inform a new model and commissioning plan from April 2018</p>	

## 4.2 Extra Items for Consideration

Topic	Specific Information Requested
Bryn Y Cae	Update on reconfiguration of beds and possible further development of reablement beds or creation of transition beds - from Budget Papers

### Corporate Parenting

4.3 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 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 March 2017 and confirm if it requires any additional specific information to be provided by the invitees listed or the Overview & Scrutiny Unit;

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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

- (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 Committee feels appropriate.

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