

# REPORT TO CORPORATE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## 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 15 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 11 July 2016, the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2016/17.

#### 4. Current Situation / Proposal

##### Meetings of the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next scheduled meeting to be held on 15 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
Community Asset Transfer of Land At Cosy Corner	Mark Shephard, Corporate Director – Communities; Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration, Development and Property Services.	Cabinet will be considering a report at the end of March, on the community asset transfer of land at Cosy corner, to the Harbourside Community	Detail research / To be confirmed

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Business Plan 2016/17	Cabinet and CMB; All Scrutiny Chairs; Randal Hemingway, Head of Finance; Yuan Shen, Corporate Performance, Partnership and Transformation Manager.	To comment on Directorate 2016-17 business plans including its actions, milestones and performance measures	Detail research / To be confirmed

4.2 The table below lists all potential items that the Committee approved at their meeting on 11 July 2016, which are put to the Committee for reprioritisation as appropriate.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Proposed Date</b>	<b>Specific Information Requested</b>	<b>Research to be Undertaken by the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Unit</b>
Rationalising the Council's Estate including Depot Rationalisation		Originating out of the Corporate Plan – one of the five key projects/programmes under Corporate Priority 3 – Smarter Use of Resources. Rationalising the Council's Estate – Once decision made in relation to Ravens Court Committee's role to assist in developing the next phase. Depot Rationalisation relates back to 2014 where there were concerns over the budget - increase in the cost of the project and the need for consultants, the disposal of land and the gaining of a capital receipt for this.	Detail research / To be confirmed

### **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>

<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

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 Corporate Resources and Improvement 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 15 March 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 deems appropriate.

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