

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

28 FEBRUARY 2017

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING

APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE FOR REGULATED SERVICES

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with the revised Statements of Purpose for the current regulated services provision in Bridgend County Borough for approval.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 The report links to the following corporate priority:

- Helping people to be more self-reliant

3. Background

- 3.1 Bridgend currently has four regulated settings which includes a fostering service delivering services to children and young people 0-18 years:

- Newbridge House provides a service to young people 15-17 years who require an intensively managed transition into independent living for a short to medium term period of up to twelve months.
- Sunnybank provides a short to medium term service for up to twelve months to children/young people 11-15 years who display complex needs and require intensive work to stabilise their behaviour to allow them to move on to a permanent/long term placement.
- Bakers Way provides a short break service to disabled children/young people aged 0-18 years.
- Fostering services include; general, relative, Regulation 26, Family Link, private fostering, Support Care and supported lodgings fostering provision and a placement support service.

- 3.2 Each in-house service provision has its own Statement of Purpose which set out the aims and objectives of the service and what individuals can expect from that service. These are attached at **Appendices 1- 4**.

4. Current situation/Proposal.

- 4.1 The Statements of Purpose are annually reviewed to ensure that they are still fit for purpose and a true reflection of the service provision. Any changes are reported to Cabinet for approval.

- 4.2 The changes to the Statements of Purpose are detailed below:

Newbridge House:

- Page 13, sections 5 and 6 - Change in staffing. One full-time position has been split into two part-time positions;
- Pages 15/16, section 8 - Housing options have been updated;
- Page 17, section 9 - List of previously used documents has been removed and has been replaced with essential information;
- Page 26, Section 26 - Paragraph added covering work undertaken around behaviour modification.

Sunnybank:

- Page 18, section 13 - has been re written to reflect changes in the name of an educational provision in the borough (PRU to The Bridge Project).

Bakers Way:

- Page 6 - details of facilities within the unit;
- Page 7 - details of responsible individual;
- Page 8 - staff details and qualifications;
- Page 9 - changes of numbers of staff and title of Directorate;
- Page 13 - amendment to the ending of identification of needs paragraph and the final paragraph in the section entitled assessment of the child/young person's needs;
- Page 14 - amendments to the details of induction process paragraph and title of child's legal status.

Bridgend County Borough Council Fostering services:

- Page 1 - management Structure has been updated;
- Page 5 - Services for looked after children now includes Parent and Child Service;
- Page 6 - Services to carers include QCF (Qualification and Credit Framework) level 3;
- Page 7 - Financial arrangements have been updated;
- Page 12 - The names of the responsible staff within the management structure have been amended.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

5.1 There is no impact on the policy framework and procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality impacts arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 There are no financial implications relating to this report.

8. Recommendation.

- 8.1 Cabinet to note the content of the report and approve the Statements of Purpose for each of the regulated services provision.

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Background documents

None.