

Scrutiny Forward Work Programme

Table A

The following items were agreed at the previous Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting for allocation to each SOSC:

Date	Subject	Item	Specific Information to request	Rationale for prioritisation	Proposed date	Suggested Invitees	Prioritised by
09-Oct-17	SOSC 2	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring the training being undertaken by professionals and volunteers to support and identify children and young people with mental health issues. Links with the Youth Offending Service – where these have ceased due to staffing issues, how there is a continued communication and joint up working between CAMHS and the YOS. <p>Links to transitional services and Adult Mental Health. Looking at how services were working together in cases where there is a direct impact from Adult Mental Health on children, such as parental alcohol or substance misuse or domestic abuse where children are involved.</p> <p>Data on what services are being offered and provided by schools.</p>		<p>SOSC 1 - End of 2017/beginning of 2018</p> <p>SOSC 2 - Priority in next set of meetings</p>	<p>Sue Cooper, Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing;</p> <p>Lindsay Harvey, Corporate Director - Education and Family Support (Interim);</p> <p>Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;</p> <p>Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration;</p> <p>Laura Kinsey, Head of Children’s Social Care;</p> <p>Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Family Support;</p> <p>NHS representative - Jo Abbott-Davies;</p> <p>Mark Wilkinson, Group Manager - Social Services & Wellbeing;</p> <p>Suzanne Sarjeant, Head of Pencoed Primary;</p> <p>Kaye King, Wellbeing Officer, Pencoed Primary;</p> <p>Jeremy Evans, Head of Heronsbridge;</p> <p>Dr Sylvia Fowler, Heronsbridge;</p> <p>Lorraine Silver, ALN Casework Manager;</p> <p>Representation from external agencies?</p>	SOSC 2
06-Nov-17	SOSC 1	Residential Remodelling - Children's	Appraisal of the options and proposed new model for children's residential provision and use of therapeutic interventions. (Pre decision item)	Pre decision Scrutiny item - November 2017 prior to going to Cabinet		<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing;</p> <p>Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;</p> <p>Laura Kinsey, Head of Children’s Social Care;</p> <p>Pete Tyson, Group Manager – Commissioning;</p> <p>Lauren North, Commissioning and Contract Management Officer;</p> <p>Natalie Silcox, Group Manager Childrens Regulated Services.</p>	SOSC 1 SOSC 2
22-Nov-17	SOSC 3	Waste	<p>New Waste scheme</p> <p>Why scheme was not rolled out over a number of months</p> <p>AHP Waste bags – what is being done to address dignity issue?</p> <p>Road sizes – what is being done about streets and residences that the waste trucks aren’t able to access?</p> <p>Residential homes – what assistance and advice have they been given in how they respond to the new scheme?</p> <p>To explore the possibility of compiling the issues being raised through Member referrals</p> <p>To provide comparisons on like for like basis on how other Local Authorities manage their waste</p> <p>How are the collection routes planned out by Kier and where is the customer service centre located?</p> <p>How was the 3 months expected disruption time accepted by the Council?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the work of the education and enforcement officers that were recruited. More specifically relating to the education side of their work. Where have they been? How have they engaged with the public? Have they visited any homes? How many officers are there? When is enforcement going to start? Use of vehicles to collect waste and recycling. Do we now have sufficient amount of vehicles? Members were concerned that transit vans were being used for the collection of purple bags and asked for the rationale for this? Information on the Household Waste recycling centres. How has the change in contract impacted on the centres and the staff that work there. Members were concerned at the reported increase in wait times reported by their constituents at the centres. Has there been any increase of staff at these centres? Are the public generally complying with the new way in which the centres work? i.e separating and sorting their waste. How are the areas where communal waste is collected being managed? How are they complying with the new restrictions? Are they generally compliant? What problems are being reported? Members were particularly concerned with Wildmill area. 	Council agreed that Waste would be looked at by Scrutiny as a priority due to issues being experienced under the new scheme.	October Members proposed that the item wait until after the bedding in period.	<p>Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities;</p> <p>Cllr Hywel Williams, Deputy Leader;</p> <p>Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities;</p> <p>Zak Shell, Head of Streetscene;</p> <p>Maz Akhtar, Regional Manager Kier</p> <p>Julian Tranter, Managing Director Kier</p> <p>Claire Pring, Kier</p>	Council SOSC 1 SOSC 3 SOSC 2

Table B

The following items were prioritised for the next 2 meetings for each Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Item	Specific Information to request	Rationale for prioritisation	Proposed date	Suggested Invitees	Prioritised by Committees
Schools Strategic Review	Post-16 Education – proposals being consulted upon to include the relationships between secondary schools and colleges	Scrutiny to act as consultee – vital to have Scrutiny input into any consultation and ensure pre-decision when necessary if any changes proposed for schools	Agreed at last Corporate OVSC Meeting to be received on 10 January 2018	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help; John Fabes; Mandy Paish, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor.	SOSC 1
School Standards Report 17-18	Annual school performance report from CSC	Annual school performance results form the basis of monitoring of schools which is a primary responsibility of Scrutiny.	SOSC 1 - proposed that this report be prioritised for 8 February 2018	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help; Mandy Paish, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor; Mike Glavin, Managing Director CSC	SOSC 1
The Economic Prosperity of Bridgend County Borough	To include areas such as City Deal, Economic Development, Worklessness Programmes, EU Funding for Skills. How are the Council proactively ensuring that we will benefit from the City Deal?		SOSC 1 - proposed that this be considered early in 2018 as the detail of the Revenue Support Grant will then be known. Proposed for webcasting	Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities; Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration, Development and Property Services; Representative tbc from Bridgend College; Representative tbc from Bridgend Business Forum; Monmouthshire County Council Leader.	SOSC 1 SOSC 2 SOSC 3
Town Centre Regeneration	To provide members with information on the following responsibilities of the Council and how these are managed and can be developed with reduced resources Update on regeneration within the Borough's 4 main town centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking review – • Residents Parking • Inconsiderate parking in the Borough • Parking outside schools • Pedestrianisation • Business Rates • Empty Properties • Strategic Building Investment • Closure of Public Toilets - Borough wide • Disabled facilities 		Proposed for webcasting	Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities; Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration,	SOSC 2 SOSC 3
Community Asset Transfer	How many CAT's have been completed. How many are in process and at what stages. What finance is remaining from the initial £1 million capital allocated several years ago to help improve community buildings and sports pavilions. What has been spent to date and on what. What support is available for businesses looking to undertake a CAT What has been the main reason for CAT's not being progressed beyond initial stages Is there appetite for the CAT process amongst the local communities. Is the process fair if one community has an active local group to progress a CAT, yet another community many not have an active group and hence lose out through no fault of their own. Need to have comparison data from other authorities along with examples of what has worked and not worked. Case study of some CAT's in BCBC Data required on condition of all BCBC sports pavilions and community buildings to have an understanding of the scale of the problem.			Mark Shephard, Corporate Director Communities Zak Shell, Head of Streetscene Guy Smith, Community Asset Transfer Officer Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member Communities	SOSC3

Empty Homes	<p>How effective has this council been on bringing back into use empty properties over the last five years?</p> <p>Does this council have the appropriate policies and process in place to fully utilise the powers that we already have to tackle empty homes?</p> <p>What are the levels of empty homes across Bridgend?</p> <p>What is the potential loss of council tax receipts due to empty homes?</p> <p>Data on levels of empty properties and homes and how long they have been empty for</p> <p>Examples of case studies from Bridgend CBC</p> <p>Good practice from across wales</p> <p>Welsh Government policy</p>			<p>Andrew Jolley, Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services</p> <p>Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities</p> <p>Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration, Development & Property</p> <p>Martin Morgans, Head of Performance and Partnership Services</p> <p>Clr Dhanisha Patel</p> <p>Welsh Government contacts?</p>	SOSC3
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Table C

The following items were deemed important for future prioritisation:

Item	Specific Information to request	Rationale for prioritisation	Proposed date	Suggested Invitees
Advocacy Services for Children and Adults	<p>To include information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcome from the Advocacy Pilot Scheme The current system Social Services & Wellbeing Act Regional Children Services advocacy Adult Services – Golden Thread Project 		Pilot ends April. Therefore proposed date June 2018.	<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing;</p> <p>Clr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;</p> <p>Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care;</p> <p>Laura Kinsey, Head of Children's Social Care;</p> <p>Richard Thomas, Strategic Planning and Commissioning Officer</p>
Prevention and Wellbeing and Local Community Coordination	<p>To include information about the number of different initiatives that are available within the community as an alternative to statutory services.</p> <p>LCC projects to be referenced under a heading for each area – Ogmores, Llynfi and Garw Valleys – to ensure ease of reference to what projects are being carried out where.</p> <p>To include information on the work being undertaken with the 3rd Sector.</p>		Proposed date March/April 2018	<p>Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing;</p> <p>Clr Phil White, Cabinet Member - Social Services and Early Help</p> <p>Clr Dhanisha Patel, Cabinet Member - Wellbeing and Future Generations;</p> <p>Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care;</p> <p>Andrew Thomas, Group Manager – Prevention and Wellbeing.</p>
Safeguarding	<p>To include Safeguarding activity in both Children and Adult Services.</p> <p>To also cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Safeguarding Boards Bridgend Corporate Safeguarding Policy CSE DOLS <p>To evidence how the two services are working together and the impact on the LAC population.</p> <p>Report to provide statistical data in relation to service demands and evidence how quickly and effectively the services are acting to those needs.</p> <p>To receive the outcome of the in depth analysis which was currently being undertaken within the Council.</p>	Members stressed that this subject must be considered by Scrutiny on their FWP as is a huge responsibility of the Authority and Scrutiny must ensure the work being undertaken to protect some of the most vulnerable people is effective and achieving outcomes.	Proposed date by Corporate Director February 2018	<p>Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing;</p> <p>Clr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;</p> <p>Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care;</p> <p>Laura Kinsey, Head of Children's Social Care;</p> <p>Elizabeth Walton James, Group Manager Safeguarding and Quality Assurance</p>
Dementia Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include accurate and up to date figures on the people diagnosed with dementia in Bridgend County Borough for comparison with the number of people predicted to be living with dementia; Provide Members with the information which can be found on the Local GP Dementia Register which highlights prevalence of dementia by area throughout the borough and type of dementia. The Panel recommend that these statistics are presented on a map diagram for ease of reference. If possible, Members wish that this data be elaborated upon to include age, and whether the numbers show if diagnosis was received prior to moving into the borough; Provide an update on the review of joint intentions with health and the third sector and include information regarding the production of a dementia strategy and delivery plan - stating milestones, target dates and responsible officers. Provide an update on existing discussions with nursing care providers in relation to the development of nursing residential care places for people with dementia; <p>Include facts and figures on people with dementia living in Cardiff as well as Neath Port Talbot and Swansea for comparison to Bridgend.</p> <p>Comparisons with other LAs such as Maesteg and the Vale on dementia awareness training to consider how successful the Authority has been in making Bridgend Dementia friendly.</p>		Members proposed that this be considered after Members have received Dementia Care Training in September/October	<p>Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing;</p> <p>Clr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;</p> <p>Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care.</p>

Residential Remodelling - Extra Care Housing Schemes	Information on the Extra Care Housing Schemes. To include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose/model Changes to residential care Communication strategy Possible site visit to extra care housing scheme and new site once work has begun.		Proposed date June 2018.	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care; Carmel Donovan, Group Manager Integrated Community Services; Representative from Linc.
School Modernisation Band B	To advise committee on the development of the strategic outline plan for band b of the 21 st century schools modernisation programme	Scrutiny to inform the plans and refine the rationale for the development of the schools estate	Proposed by Officers and subsequently agreed by SOSC 1 for prioritisation in March 2018	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help; Gaynor Thomas, Schools Programme Manager
ALN Reform	When the Bill has been further progressed, report to include consideration of the following points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How the Authority and Schools are engaging with parents over the changes to the Bill? What the finalised process is for assessments and who is responsible for leading with them? What involvement/responsibilities do Educational Psychologists have under the Bill? Has the Bill led to an increase in tribunals and what impact has this had? This is set against the context of the recent announcement by the Lifelong Learning Minister that instead of saving £4.8m over four years the Bill could potentially cost £8.2m due to an expected increase in the number of cases of dispute resolution. Given that the Bill focuses on the involvement of young people and their parents, what support is available for those involved in court disputes? Outcomes from the Supported Internship programme. Support for those with ALN into employment. Staffing - Protection and support for staff, ALNCO support, workloads and capacity. Pupil-teacher ratios and class sizes and impact of Bill on capacity of teachers to support pupils with ALN How is the implementation of the Bill being monitored; what quality assurance frameworks are there and what accountability for local authorities, consortiums and schools? 	Needs revisiting to monitor implementation of the Bill and if needs are being met as well as impact on future budgets	Proposed by SOSC 1 to be revisited in next years FWP	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help. Michelle Hatcher, Group Manager Inclusion and School Improvement Third Sector Representatives
Early Help and Social Care	The process into how the following information will be presented will be discussed and confirmed following meetings with both Directorates Corporate Directors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to date figures presenting the numbers of Looked After Children by Local Authority; A breakdown of referral figures, to include statistics from local pre-school nurseries; Outcome from the review undertaken by Institute of Public Care; What services are being provided post 16, given that research indicates shows that children who have been looked after, have the increased probability that their children will also end up in the care system; Outcomes from the following Residential Remodelling project work streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For moving out-of-country residential placements to in-county Upskilling of three internal foster carers to provide intensive, therapeutic step down placements. Review of the foster carer marketing and recruitment strategy 		Proposed by SOSC 2	Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing; Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help. Laura Kinsey, Head of Children's Social Care; Mark Lewis, Group Manager Integrated Working and Family Support Elizabeth Walton James, Group Manager Safeguarding and Quality Assurance
Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) Inspection of Children's Services.	Members have proposed that this item be removed from the Forward Work Programme as they are satisfied with the outcome of the meeting. The Committee requested that they receive an information report detailing the progress of the plan and update Members whether or not the actions have addressed the issues raised by the Inspectorate.			
Annual Recommendations/feedback Update to each SOSC	Update on all feedback that required follow up and recommendations - Cabinet and Officer ones		Proposed for March 2018 to inform next years FWP planning	None

The following items for briefing sessions or pre-Council briefing

Item	Specific Information to request
Overview of Direct Payment Scheme	<p>To update Members on the Direct Payments Process.</p> <p>How outcomes for individuals are being identified and monitored.</p> <p>What activities are being requested by individuals to enable them to achieve their personal outcomes.</p> <p>How the Direct Payments system is being monitored.</p> <p>To include clarification and further details on the exact costs of commissioning the IPC.</p>
Social Services Commissioning Strategy	<p>To include information on what work has taken place following the Social Services and Wellbeing Act population assessment.</p> <p>To also cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Annual Plan • Bridgend Social Services Commissioning Strategy
Western Bay Regional Report	Update on situation and way forward with WB and Regional Working?