

Scrutiny Forward Work Programme

Table A

The following items were previously prioritised by the Subject OVS Committees and considered by Corporate at its last meeting where the top three items were scheduled in for the next round of meetings:

Date	Subject Committee	Item	Specific Information to request	Rationale for prioritisation	Proposed date	Suggested Invitees	Prioritised by Committees	Invite Sent	Webcast
08-Jan-18	SOSC 2	Remodelling Older Persons Accommodation	To provide the Committee an update on the progress of the development of two new Extra Care Housing (ECH) schemes within the County Borough and as agreed through an exempt report to Cabinet in July 2017, to gain feedback from this Committee, as part of the consultation process in respect of the proposed plans to tender as a going concern, one of the care homes in scope for the ECH plans.	Scrutiny to act as consultee – vital to have Scrutiny input into any consultation and ensure pre-decision when necessary if any changes proposed.		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.			
10-Jan-18	SOSC 1	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	10 January 2017	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.			
17-Jan-18	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. Exploration of the introduction of definitive timeslines as to when the Council will no longer be able to support the assests Allotments - what the situation is with transferring leases of allotments? Awen - related information to understand how Awen are working in taking over some assets under their remit in the county Borough		Prioritised by SOSC 3 13 September 2017	Mark Shephard, Corporate Director Communities Cabinet Member Education and Regeneration, Cllr Charles Smith Cabinet Member Communities, Cllr Richard Young Fiona Blick Community Groups Guy Smith, Community Asset Transfer officer Sports club reps who may be in need of improved buildings / facilities but do not have the capacity to consider entering into a CAT agreement Pencoed Town Council - Clerk - as they have completed successful CATs			

18-Jan-18	SOSC 1	Residential Remodelling - Children's	<p>Following its meeting on 6 November 2017, the Committee requested that the item be re-considered at a future Special meeting to receive more detailed information. The Committee overall felt they needed a greater understanding of the current situation in order for them to be confident in making informed comments and recommendations to Cabinet on the proposed model going forward.</p> <p>The Committee therefore requested that this report include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupancy levels for residential homes and over past 12 months. • Numbers and types of in house and OOC foster placements for last 1-2 years. • Detail on the approximate length of placements in Sunnybank? If extending the age that young people can be there, is this extending the length of time they are there and if so where would any other young people go who need the same support – ie. is 1 home/ 4 beds enough? How many (if applicable) with similar needs are being sent OOC? • How many OOC placements are likely to remain due to being best placed and likewise how many are we likely to be able to bring back in house? Is it only future potential OOC that are being looked at for in house placements rather than placing them OOC following remodelling? • Upfront costs for staffing and training relies on OOC being reduced but how will this be achieved without the services and changes first in place? • What evidence is there that young people will be eligible for supported people grant funding and if not, would they still be able to be supported through supported lodgings? What are the associated savings for supported lodgings in comparison to residential home placements? • Whilst supported lodgings may suit some young people 16-18, what about those who it would not be suitable for? • Members requested more information on the Business case behind the remodelling – ie. it was reported that this is part of a bigger picture but what is the bigger picture? What evidence is there that there are prospects for income generation – how would this be possible if all our residential places are full anyway? How are business efficiencies going to be improved? What does success look like? What targets are there and expected outcomes for the remodelling project? • Information on care leaver destinations – where are they 2 years after leaving care for example? (if we have this information). • How is the issue of compatibility addressed in placements – given the rising numbers and pressure for placements, what assurances are there to ensure compatibility and that young people are not being placed in even more vulnerable situations? One example is that the homes have previously been reported as not in suitable locations being in areas at risk of CSE, criminal damage, threats to kill and child abuse. • If all foster placements are full, how will 3 be freed up to undertake up-skilling to become transitional carers? • Do all Foster Carers need specialist training or should this only be targeted to a small number? – If we cannot sign them in with a contract the Authority could be paying out for a lot of training which may then benefit IFA should foster carers transfer over. • Examples of LAC feedback to consultation and engagement – what are their responses to the proposed model? • Evidence of workforce planning – what do we have and what do we need? • What evidence is there that the Authority has looked at best practice elsewhere? • Could the Committee be provided with the most recent Rota Visiting report to get an idea of the types of issues/comments being raised by Members in the recent past. 	Pre decision Scrutiny item - second meeting - further report		<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help; Laura Kinsey, Head of Children's Social Care; Pete Tyson, Group Manager – Commissioning; Lauren North, Commissioning and Contract Management Officer; Natalie Silcox, Group Manager Childrens Regulated Services.</p>			
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07-Feb-18	SOSC 2	The Economic Prosperity of Bridgend County Borough	To include areas such as Economic Development, Worklessness Programmes, EU Funding for Skills.		SOSC 3 - prioritised for next set of meetings 17/07/2017 13/09/2017 SOSC 1 - proposed waiting until the detail of the Revenue Support Grant are known before this item is considered. SOSC 2 - 18/09/2017	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.			This item has been highlighted as suitable for webcasting.
08-Feb-18	SOSC 1	School Standards Report 17-18	Annual school performance report from CSC	Annual school performance results from the basis of monitoring of schools which is a primary responsibility of Scrutiny.	Proposed to receive late January/early February once the school results have been formally published.	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			
12-Feb-18	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking review – When is the car parking review going to be undertaken? Charges for staff car parking at all sites - has this been reviewed? If this was taken forward what income would this generate? • Residents Parking - when residents permit parking going to be rolled out? • Inconsiderate parking in the Borough - where are the problem areas? What are we doing to tackle these issues? Are we prosecuting? • Parking outside schools - How are we tackling bad parking at schools? Update on the introduction of the mobile camera van that was purchased to tackle such issues. What areas has this van been at. How many fines have been issued to date? • Pedestrianisation - particularly in Bridgend Town Centre. Outcomes of the consultation to allow traffic into the town • Business Rates • Strategic Building Investment • Disabled facilities 		Prioritised by SOSC 3 17 July 2017 13 September 2017 Prioritised by SOSC 2 18 September 2017	Mark Shephard, Corporate Director Communities Zak Shell, Head of Streetscene Satwant Pryce, Head of Regeneration			This item has been highlighted as suitable for webcasting.
07-Mar-2018	SOSC 2	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	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; Representative from Age Concern Wales; Representative from ABMU; Representative from Bavo.			Corporate highlighted this item as suitable for webcasting.

12-Mar-2018	SOSC 1	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 - 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			
21-Mar-2018	SOSC 3	Empty Housing	<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>In relation to empty properties - could a breakdown of service provision be provided? To include contracts that we sub let out.</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>Cllr Dhanisha Patel</p> <p>Welsh Government contacts?</p> <p>Helen Picton, SRS (VOG)</p> <p>Jennifer Ellis (RCT)</p>	SOSC 3 and SOSC 1 reprioritised this in Dec 2017 after it was rescheduled to accommodate other report		
16-Apr-2018	SOSC 1	Early Help and Social Care	<p>The process into how the following information will be presented will be confirmed following meetings with both Directorates Corporate Directors.</p> <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 at a draft/early stage to allow members input into the process <p>To evidence how the two services are working together and the impact on the LAC population.</p>			<p>Susan Cooper Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing;</p> <p>Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support;</p> <p>Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration;</p> <p>Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;</p> <p>Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help.</p> <p>Laura Kinsey, Head of Children’s Social Care;</p> <p>Mark Lewis,</p> <p>Elizabeth Walton James, Group Manager Safeguarding and Quality Assurance</p>	SOSC 1		

17-Apr-2018	SOSC 2	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 – Ogmore, 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> <p>What initiatives are available within the community?</p> <p>What input is provided by AMBU and what is provided by Bridgend Council?</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>			
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Table B

The following items were deemed important for future prioritisation:

Item	Specific Information to request	Rationale for prioritisation	Proposed date	Suggested Invitees			Webcast
Safeguarding	<p>To include Safeguarding activity in both Children and Adult Services. To also cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Safeguarding Boards Bridgend Corporate Safeguarding Policy CSE DOLS <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 evidence how the two services are working together and the impact on the LAC population.</p> <p>To receive the outcome of the in depth analysis which was currently being undertaken within the Council.</p> <p>To include information on Advocacy for Children and Adults:</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 	<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.</p>	<p>Pilot for Advocacy ends April. Therefore proposed date May/June 2018.</p>	<p>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; Laura Kinsey, Head of Children’s Social Care; Elizabeth Walton James, Group Manager Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Richard Thomas, Strategic Planning and Commissioning Officer</p>			
ALN Reform	<p>When the Bill has been further progressed, report to include consideration of the following points:</p> <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? 	<p>Needs revisiting to monitor implementation of the Bill and if needs are being met as well as impact on future budgets</p>	<p>Proposed by SOSC 1 to be revisited in next years FWP</p>	<p>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</p>			
Annual Recommendations/feedback Update to each SOSC	<p>Update on all feedback that required follow up and recommendations - Cabinet and Officer ones</p>		<p>Proposed for March 2018 to inform next years FWP planning</p>	<p>None</p>			

Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) Inspection of Children's Services.	<p>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.</p>					
Emergency Housing	<p>Is the current emergency housing provided by BCBC meeting the needs of the service users? Is the current provision a good use of public resources? Should an alternative provision be made to ensure families, in particular children, achieve their potential. Service user numbers Service user demographic –ages, disabilities, gender Outcomes Challenges faced daily by families using provision –health, dentist, mental health, schools <i>*Members have requested a possible site visit</i> <i>Possibility of combining item with Empty Housing</i></p>	<p>members asked for this item to be prioritised by the Corporate Committee to address the homelessness across the county which has increased and can be seen by the increased number of people sleeping in tents.</p>		<p>Andrew Jolley, Corporate Director – Operational and Partnership Services; Martin Morgans, Head of Performance and Partnership Services Cllr Dhanisha Patel, Cabinet Member - Wellbeing and Future Generations;</p>	<p>SOSC3 SOSC 1</p>	
Budgetary impacts of Parc Prison	<p>How much core funding does BCBC receive to deal with the impact of a prison being located within its boundary? What is the true cost of servicing this need? Is there is a different impact due to Parc Prison being privately run as opposed to being run by the Prison Service?</p>			<p>Susan Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care Cllr P White, Cabinet Member Services and Early Help</p>		
Waste Services Contract	<p>Members would like the report to include an update on the following: The impact of the recently recruited senior managers associated with the Bridgend contract and front line operative staff. Was recruitment successful? Have all Members now been given full inductions and training Information on the updates to the CRC centre including the instalment of the polystyrene baler and webcam so residents are able to monitor the traffic flow at the site. Change of days for the communal collections - Has this happened? Has the service shown improvements since the change? Impact of the new collection vehicles. Have they made collection rounds more efficient? Outcome of the review of BCBC in house Street Scene enforcement activity Longer term trend of flytipping. What are the figures of flytipping in the Borough? Have they improved? Domestic or business?</p>	<p>Members requested that this item is prioritised by the Corporate Committee for June 2018 so they can monitor the contract and ensure that improvements to the delivery of the service are made. Members requested that this item remain until significant improvements are made and the service is at a satisfactory level for residents.</p>	<p>SOSC 3 proposed revisit item in June 2018</p>	<p>Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director Communities; Cllr Hywel Williams, Deputy Leader; Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities; Zak Shell, Head of Streetscene; Maz Akhtar, Regional Manager Kier Julian Tranter, Managing Director Kier Claire Pring, Kier</p>		

The Committee recommend that Scrutiny consider a future item on what other Local Authorities are doing to respond to the gap in provision in Community Services.

The Committee requested that a review of the AHP bags be considered when Scrutiny revisit the subject of 'Waste' in approximately 12 months time to include the monetary against environmental impact.

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?
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