

Scrutiny Forward Work Programme

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
29-Apr-19	SOSC 1	MSEP	Panel report to committee to adopt recommendations			N/A	
29-Apr-19	SOSC 1	Review of Fostering Project Information only	Further project as part of the Remodelling Children's Social Services - Detail regarding the upskilling of three internal foster carers to provide intensive, therapeutic step down placements as part of Residential Remodelling project - Review of the foster carer marketing and recruitment strategy at a draft/early stage to allow members input into the process	COSC have proposed that this item be considered by a future SOSC 1 for continuity purposes	Corporate Director proposed October 2018 Prioritised by SOSC1 for February 2019	N/A	
29-Apr-19	SOSC 1	Corporate Landlord	Item proposed by Corporate Director. Report ready to go. To provide information on the Corporate Landlord model and the budget reduction proposals allocated to the implementation and roll out. Following presentation to members - awaiting for confirmation is item should still come to scrutiny.			Cllr Hywel Williams Mark Sheppard, Interim Chief Executive Zak Shell, Head Of Operations - Community Services Tim Washington, Temporary Head of Corporate Landlord Josh Dunn, Services Director, Peopletoo	
01-May-19	SOSC 1/2/3	Forward Work Programme Workshop	To discuss and propose additional items for future consideration on the Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. Discussion be held around the possibility of engaging other staff representatives of the Authority in scrutiny meetings and discussions to gain a more in depth understanding of service provision.			N/A	
03-Jun-19	SOSC 1	Communications and Engagement	Is corporate communications meeting the needs of the various departments within the organisation to effectively communicate with residents - Cllr Watts has requested that points of view are collected from members of the public. Current data of engagement Are current KPIs an effective measurement in a fast changing digital world How do we engage with corporate communications with the digitally excluded - Cllr Stirman has requested that points of view are collected from older, less mobile and non digitally enabled members of the public. Media bias Welsh Language/Other Languages	SOSC 3 Prioritised this item - 18 March 2019		Mark Shephard, Interim Chief Executive Corporate Communications Representative Cllr Dhanisha Patel, Cabinet Member Future generations and Wellbeing Liam Ronan, Communications Manager Emma Blandon, Communications, Marketing and Engagement Manager Bob Phillips, Communications Officer Martin Morgans, Head of Performance and Partnership Services Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter Welsh Language Representatives Public Representatives	
05-Jun-19	SOSC 2	POST 16 ALN Review	To receive details on the findings of the review undertaken of post 16 for learners with Additional Learning Needs.		No time restrictions from Corporate Director	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; Andy Rothwell, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor;	
12-Jun-19	SOSC 3	Waste	Pre-Scrutiny - To receive report detailing the direction of travel for the Waste Contract - for comments and recommendations		Some time during 2019/20	Mark Shephard, Interim Chief Executive Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities; Cllr Hywel Williams, Deputy Leader; Zak Shell, Head of Operations - Community Services	

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For prioritisation				
Item		Rationale for prioritisation	Proposed date	Suggested Invitees
CIW National Review into LAC Information only	The Committee requested that the outcome of the CIW investigation into Looked After Children be provided to Scrutiny for information when it becomes available.		Self assessment and action plan due at end of year. Outcome report should be ready for March.	N/A
Review of Enforcement Vehicle	In February 2018 SOSC 3 requested to receive an update on the enforcement vehicle to enable Members to monitor performance 6-12 after implementation. Possibly an information report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed feedback on the vehicles use; Agreed route for vehicle along with timings; How are the recordings reviewed? Statistics in relation to letters sent and details of enforcement. <p><i>May incorporate with report to Committee on Health and Safety in Schools</i> <i>COSC agreed that the item titled 'Review of Enforcement Vehicle' needed to be more than just an information report but possibly too small for it to be an individual item. The Committee proposed that this be considered as part of another related topic. The scrutiny officer agreed to take the comments back and see possibly where it could fit in with another item;</i></p>	SOSC 3 Prioritised this item - 18 March 2019		
Remodelling Children's Residential Services Project	SOSC 1 requested that the item be followed up by Scrutiny in the future for monitoring purposes, incorporating evidence of outcomes. <i>A report is due to go to Corporate Parenting 6 March 2019. Do Members want to receive as information only or as a discussion item?</i>		Corporate Director proposed early 2019	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help;
Home to School Transport	To provide assurances on rationalisation of Learner Transport as far as possible in order to make budget savings: Update on pilot that school transport team proposing to run in Spring and Summer terms 2017-2018 - to support the enforcement of bus passes on home to school transport contracts. As part of this pilot, the Authority is also investigating opportunities to track the use of our school bus services by individual pupils. Update on Recommendation from BREP: The Panel recommend the need for the Authority to adopt a Corporate approach in relation to Home to School Transport maximising the LA's minibuses such as those used for day centres. It is proposed that this be supported by slightly amending the opening and closing times of day centres so that the buses can be available for school transport. Other aspects that could be considered include the exploration of whether school staff could transport children and young people instead of hiring independent drivers. To test and scrutinise the current licensing and school transport regime to gain assurances that it provides adequate protection against the potential of putting children and vulnerable children at risk from those who are in a position of trust. Changes to the DBS status of their employees to be scrutinised to ensure that children are not being put at undue risk. To provide robust scrutiny and recommendations on how the current regime can be improved. To provide assurances to the public and maintain public confidence in the system of school transport Report to include Update on the current arrangements of how licensing and school transport operates within the County Borough since the change in 2015 to the Police National Policy for disclosing non-conviction information to the local authority. Information to include a report from South Wales Police on its approach to disclosing information it holds about licencees following arrests, charges and convictions. What is the current relationship between the local authority's licensing and school transport departments in relation to the disclosure of information from South Wales police? Is there sufficient oversight on behalf of the local authority and a risk of contractors withholding information which may prejudice the continuation of their contract? Further proposed that Communities be invited to add to report and attend meeting to update Committee on safe routes assessment to determine what work has been undertaken since funding was allocated to this over a year ago.		Receipt of the external review of transport report not due until June/July Scrutiny to consider home-to-school transport from July onwards.	Lindsay Harvey, Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member for Social Services & Early Help (To stand in for Cllr Smith); Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member Communities Nicola Echanis, Head of Education and Early Help. Mark Shephard, Interim Chief Executive; Zak Shell, Head Of Operations - Community Services; Robin Davies, Group Manager Business Strategy and Performance; Sue Cooper, Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing.

Safeguarding	<p>To include: Safeguarding activity in both Children and Adult Services; Safeguarding arrangements in Cwm Taf.</p> <p>To include information on Child & Adult Practice Reviews - details of reviews over last 12 months - what recommendations have come out of them, how have they been responded to, how have they helped inform future work to help safeguard children & adults.</p> <p><i>Possibly invite SOSC 1 to attend also.</i></p>		Should receive an annual update. Last received in July 2018.	<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; Terri Warrilow, Adult Safeguarding and Quality Manager; Representation from Police; Representation from Health.</p>	
Member and School Engagement Panel - Annual Report	Annual Update to - SOSC 1 on the work of the Member and School Engagement Panel			<p>Spring term 2019 - Plasnewydd Primary School; Summer term 2019 - Ogmores Vale Primary School; Autumn term 2019 - Tynyrheol Primary School.</p>	
Strategic Review of Health & Safety Responsibilities	<p>In light of the recent Crown Court Case where the Authority pleaded guilty to serious breaches of Health & Safety legislation after the death of a young pupil at Maesteg Comprehensive. Practice, Policy and review of reported "near misses".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many near misses have been reported? - How did we respond? - What lessons have been learnt? <p>With reference to a recommendation made by BREP 2018 - The Panel request that an assessment of School Crossing Patrol and possible alternatives is included in this report</p> <p>Scrutiny Chairs have agreed to carry out an 'Information Gathering' exercise, interviewing representatives from schools, governors from schools and parents to present alongside the Officer report. Item to include information gathered from Scrutiny Chairs Research Group</p>	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Health and Safety rep	Wait it after scrutiny research group completed		
Local Authority Estyn Report			Timings TBC - when go to Cabinet and then to Scrutiny	<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; Andy Rothwell, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor; Managing Director CSC</p>	
Post 16 Education - Consultation	Report scheduled to go to Cabinet in April 2019 incorporating comments from Scrutiny. This is a further report to receive hard options now going forward for Post-16 Education. Incorporate Penybont model- for discussion		Timings TBC with SIG - when go to Cabinet and Scrutiny etc around Oct 2019 approx	<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; Andy Rothwell, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor; Managing Director CSC</p>	
Education Outcomes	See Feedback from 30 January 2019		Feb-20	<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; Andy Rothwell, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor; Managing Director CSC Representative from School Budget Forum Headteacher Representation</p>	

New Curriculum Changes	Report on changes to new curriculum and how this is impacting on schools need to determine purpose of report - whether this needs scrutinising or presentation to Members outside of Committee		TBC - 2020	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; Andy Rothwell, CSC Senior Challenge Advisor; Managing Director CSC Headteacher representation	
Sports Provision Playing Field Charging Strategy	Pre-decision item as part of consultation over strategy.		Consider after the outcome of the consultation exercise due to finish mid-July	Mark Shephard, Interim Chief Executive Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member – Communities; Zak Shell, Head of Operations - Community Services; Kevin Mulcahy, Group Manager - Highways & Green Spaces; Philip Beaman, Green Spaces and Bereavement Services Manager; Guy Smith, Community Asset Transfer Officer.	
Youth Offending Service restructure	Proposed by Corporate Director. The Youth offending service is moving out of the Western Bay and full consultation is currently underway with staff on a new restructure and working with new partners.		Consider during July?	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration;	

The following items for briefing sessions or pre-Council briefing

Item	Specific Information to request				
Social Services Commissioning Strategy	To include information on what work has taken place following the Social Services and Wellbeing Act population assessment. To also cover the following: • Regional Annual Plan • Bridgend Social Services Commissioning Strategy				
Cwm Taf Regional Working	Update on situation and way forward with Regional Working with Cwm Taf? How will we undertake Regional working?				
Residential Remodelling - Extra Care Housing	Site visit to current Extra Care Housing and then to new site once work has begun				
Changes to Education Outcomes	Update on how education outcomes are now being reported based on new WG legislation				