

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT TO CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE**

**26 NOVEMBER 2020**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING**

**APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE FOR CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES**

**1. Purpose of report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the revised statements of purpose for the current children and young people's residential services provision in Bridgend County Borough Council. It is a requirement under the Council's constitution that these are presented to the Corporate Parenting Committee to approve.

**2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives/other corporate priorities**

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-

**Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.

**Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

**3. Background**

3.1 Bridgend County Borough Council currently has four children's residential homes delivering services to children and young people aged 0-19 years:

- **Maple Tree House** provides a service for children and young people aged 8-17 years who require a period of assessment to establish a long term placement plan. The assessment period is 6 months. Maple Tree house also has two emergency beds which provide accommodation for up to 28 days.
- **Sunny Bank** provides a medium to long term service for children and young people aged 8-15 years who have been assessed as requiring a residential placement.

- **Bakers Way** provides a short break service to disabled children and young people aged 0-18 years.
- **Harwood House** provides a medium to long term, 52 week residential service for up to three children and young people aged 8–18 years with complex needs, including a learning disability. However continuing provision will be considered for young people aged up to 19 years who continue in educational placements.

#### 4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 The introduction of The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (RISCA) came into force on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2018. The purpose of the Act was to build on the success of regulation in Wales and reflected the changing world of social care. It places service quality and improvement at the heart of the regulatory regime and strengthens protection for those who need it. Regulation will move beyond compliance with minimum standards, and focus more on the quality of services and the impact which they have on people receiving them.
- 4.2 Each Local Authority is now issued with a certificate of registration as opposed to individual services being registered. This means that all of Statements of Purpose are presented in a more uniform way. A guide to compiling a statement of purpose was provided under the above Act by Care Inspectorate Wales (April 2019).
- 4.3 In the Autumn of 2018 all of our services were registered to meet the requirements of the new legislation. Each in-house service provision has its own statement of purpose which is attached as an Appendix as follows:

- Appendix 1** – Bakers Way
- Appendix 2** – Harwood House
- Appendix 3** – Sunny Bank
- Appendix 4** – Maple Tree House

- 4.4 In line with Regulations, the Statements of Purpose have now been subjected to their annual review and changes to the statements are described below:
- **Bakers Way** – *Pages 20 and 21* were updated to reflect a change in the management structure i.e. to reflect the line management of the Group Manager, Placements and Provider Services.
  - **Harwood House** - *Pages 21 and 22* were updated to reflect a change in the management structure i.e. to reflect the line management of the Group Manager, Placements and Provider Services.
  - **Sunny Bank** – On *page 2* in the first paragraph the word “Positive” was added to behavioural support as this better reflects the approach taken within the home. *Page 13* was updated setting out the Residential Manager’s role across two homes. *Page 14* was updated to acknowledge that Human Resources (HR) undertake the relevant staff checks, and demonstrate a consistent approach by the Council across all 4 homes.

*Pages 17 and 18* were updated to reflect a change in the management structure i.e. to reflect the line management of the Group Manager, Placements and Provider Services.

- **Maple Tree House** – On *pages 13 and 14* the staffing structure has been updated. *Page 14* was updated setting out the Residential Managers role across two homes and that Human Resources (HR) undertake the relevant staff checks. *Pages 18 & 19* were updated to reflect a change in the management structure i.e. to reflect the line management of the Group Manager, Placements and Provider Services.

## **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. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications**

7.1 The implementation of the duties and responsibilities under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) (SSWBA) 2014, in turn, supports the promotion of two of the seven goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 within the County Borough of Bridgend. By promoting an environment that maximises people's physical and mental well-being and by supporting children, young people, adults and their carers and families to fulfil their potential no matter what their circumstances, the wellbeing goals of a healthier and more equal Bridgend and Wales are supported.

7.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with five ways of working to guide how the Authority should work to deliver wellbeing outcomes for people. The following is a summary to show how the five ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been considered in this report:

- **Long term:** The residential provision has been assessed to meet the needs of the current and future looked after children population.
- **Prevention:** Harwood House enables children with complex needs to remain living in the county whilst Bakers Way provides respite to support disabled children and young people to remain living within their families. The statements of purpose will support the other residential provisions to run effectively meeting the needs of Looked After Children.

Maple Tree House provides accommodation which enables children whose needs cannot be met within foster care to live in the community in Bridgend. The multi-disciplinary team facilitates the return of children who currently live outside of county. The wrap around support service assists in the prevention of long term residential care and provides short term intervention to enable children to return home or to live with family or foster carers.

- **Integration:** Children and young people have homes in the county borough that support familial contact, attendance at local education provision as well as helping to maintain their community and ethnic links.
- **Collaboration:** All of the homes have strong links to health, education, police and other local community services to meet the holistic needs of children and young people who live in them. The homes work in close collaboration with other departments within the Local Authority as well to ensure that young people's needs are met.
- **Involvement:** Each of the residential units have independent rota visits undertaken, are inspected by Care Inspectorate Wales and review feedback from children and young people and their families through meeting or evaluation forms.

## **8. Financial implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

9.1 It is recommended that Members note the content of the report and approve the statement of purpose for each of the 4 residential service provisions.

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### **Background documents:**

None