

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 NOVEMBER 2014

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIRECTORATE CHANGE PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Committee about the Children's Directorate Change Programme.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2013-2017 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 3 April 2013 formally set out the improvement objectives that the Council will seek to implement between 2013 and 2017. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

3. Background.

- 3.1 At its meeting on 28 April 2014, the Committee received a report informing them of changes to the Inclusion Programme Board and the Inclusion Service. This report detailed the consultation that was undertaken to restructure the Inclusion Service which presented proposals for the best way forward, given the current financial situation, in meeting the needs of our children and young people within the budget constraints of the Medium Term Financial Strategy to deliver budget savings.
- 3.2 The outcome of the restructure was that the work of the Inclusion Board had been incorporated into the new Children's Change Programme Board.
- 3.3 The Children's Change Programme Board was established in April 2014 and incorporated other Boards as well as the Inclusion Programme Board including the Early Action Programme Board.
- 3.4 The purpose of the Children's Change Programme Board is to bring together a programme of systemic change to improve outcomes for every child, and reflects wide agreement about what those outcomes should be, as set out in the priorities in Children's Directorate business plan.

4. Current Situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Attached at Appendix A is a report from the Children's Directorate detailing the Children's Change Programme.

4.2 When examining the report, Members may wish to consider the following points when formulating their questions to the officers:

- (a) How far do the savings identified under this project contribute towards the total savings required from the Children's Directorate under the Medium Term Financial Strategy?
- (b) What is being done to mitigate the risk of not meeting the shortfall in savings targets, as identified in Appendix C?
- (c) How is the Children's Change Programme being communicated to partner organisations to ensure they are signed up to achieving the priorities, savings and improved outcomes identified?
- (d) How is the Children's Change Programme being communicated to the public in terms of the need to transform and prioritise services within the resources available?

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

5.1 The work of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental well being in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 The equality implications are outlined in the officer's report attached as Appendix A.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The financial implications are outlined in the officer's report attached at Appendix A.

8. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- i. Consider and discuss the information within the attached report;
- ii. Explore issues consistent with its challenge and support role;
- iii. Determine whether it wishes to make any comments or recommendations relating to the report.

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Background Documents:

Reports to the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee
– Bridgend Change Programme, 13 October 2013 & 5 June 2014