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**CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
30 June 2022	Call-in of Cabinet Decision: Recycling and Waste Service Post 2024	<p>The Committee concluded that the Decision would not be referred back to Cabinet but made a number of recommendations:</p> <p>a) That any future consideration of the Waste contract be presented to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a suitable time so as to enable pre-decision scrutiny and effective input into any forthcoming decision. The Committee requested that this incorporate any specialist advice that is commissioned for the future waste service model, before referring on to Cabinet, as mentioned at paragraph 9.5 of the Cabinet report;</p> <p>b) That going forward, contingency measures as well as a deeper look at other possible options for waste</p>	Scrutiny / Cabinet	Recommendations formally reported to Cabinet 18 October 2022 for consideration and response to be provided to COSC.

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		service provision is fully and openly considered and deliberated;  c) That the other options that were considered in order for Cabinet to arrive at the current decision for a short-term waste contract from 2024 to 2026, be published in the public domain to ensure full openness and transparency.		
30 June 2022	Revenue Budget Outturn 2021-22	The Committee requested information be provided on the nature and source of insurance claims in 2021-22.	Scrutiny / Chief Officer Finance, Performance and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 2 September 2022.
30 June 2022	Revenue Budget Outturn 2021-22	The Committee requested information be provided demonstrating the Revenue Reserves held by Directorate.	Scrutiny / Chief Officer Finance, Performance and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 2 September 2022.

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21 July 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 - Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast	The Committee highlighted the impact of the volatility of the price of fuel on services, providers and the Council budget and recommended the need to be mindful of this going forward when scrutinising related reports.	Scrutiny / Committee Members	<b>ONGOING</b> - Recommendation to be actioned by the Scrutiny Team and the Committee.
21 July 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 - Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast	The Committee requested information regarding current recruitment issues, vacancy rates and data regarding repeat advertisements for job vacancies.	Scrutiny / Chief Officer Legal, Regulatory and Human Resources	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 21 October 2022.
21 July 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 - Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast	The Committee requested the total amount of projected schools' deficit budget for 2022-2023.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director – Education and Family Support	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 21 July 2022.
21 July 2022	Council Performance Against its Commitments for the Year 2021-22	The Committee recommended that the narrative for Welsh Government PAM/015 (PSR002) in Appendix A regarding Disabled Facilities Grants be expanded to	Scrutiny / Chief Officer Finance, Performance and Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 21 October 2022.

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		clarify that it included all persons/groups.		
21 July 2022	Council Performance Against its Commitments for the Year 2021-22	The Committee requested a written response regarding the lengthy process of compelling property owners to bring their empty properties into reuse to include real case examples and timescales.	Scrutiny / Chief Officer Finance, Performance and Change / Head of Performance & Partnerships	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 21 October 2022.
21 July 2022	Council Performance Against its Commitments for the Year 2021-22	The Committee requested updated literature regarding Bridgend’s promotion of foster care recruitment.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 9 December 2022.
5 September 2022	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2021-22	<p>The Committee recommended that the Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) should include data and graphics to demonstrate the impact of staffing pressures on the Directorate.</li> <li>(b) make reference to the Corporate Risk Register</li> </ul>	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing	<b>ACTIONED</b> - Recommendations circulated. Corporate Director for Social Services and Wellbeing acknowledged and reflected recommendations (b) and (c) in an amended Report formally reported to Council on 19 October 2022 and confirmed that recommendation (a) would be

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		<p>when referring to the Critical Incident instigated in 2022.</p> <p>(c) should reflect not only the increase in demand on Social Care but also the complexity and nature of referrals being made (particularly in Children's Social Care).</p>		<p>incorporated, as far as possible, into Director of Social Services Annual Report 2022-23.</p>
<p>5 September 2022</p>	<p>Director of Social Services Annual Report 2021-22</p>	<p>The Committee recommended that they write a letter, in support of the Deputy Leader, to the Welsh Government Minister for Social Services regarding budgetary pressures.</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Chair of COSC</p>	<p><b>ACTIONED</b> – Letter sent to Welsh Government Minister for Social Services.</p>
<p>5 September 2022</p>	<p>Director of Social Services Annual Report 2021-22</p>	<p>The Committee requested a written response regarding the Adult, Children and Wellbeing Quality Standards detailing the up to date/current position on each of the 'Next Steps' outlined in the Report.</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided. Chased.</p>
<p>5 September 2022</p>		<p>The Committee requested a copy of the letter sent by the Deputy</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Deputy Leader and</p>	<p><b>ACTIONED</b> – response and</p>

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	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2021-22	Leader to the Welsh Government Deputy Minister for Social Services regarding workforce concerns.	Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help	information circulated 21 October 2022.
5 September 2022	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2021-22	The Committee requested Information regarding the Discharge Hub at the Princess of Wales Hospital and information on how Care and Repair support the service.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing / Head of Adult Social Care	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided. Chased.
5 September 2022	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2021-22	The Committee requested information on the innovative ways in which the Council is recruiting staff.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 9 December 2022.
5 September 2022	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2021-22	The Committee requested confirmation of whether Social Services plan to engage primary school children in survey work to set wellbeing baselines for the Council’s review of play sufficiency, as they had done with the secondary school children.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing / Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided. Chased.

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27 October 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 Q2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee fully supports the Council's discussions with the UK Government regarding further funding or continuation of the 'Homes for Ukraine' Scheme and noted the impact of the 6-month sponsorship period implemented through the Scheme coming to an end and the risk of refugees becoming homeless. The Committee agreed to monitor this as part of their FWP.	Scrutiny / Committee Members	<b>ONGOING</b> - Scrutiny Team liaising with Chair of COSC and Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change regarding optimal scheduling.
27 October 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 Q2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee requested that when the Council look to make a press release regarding the upcoming budget consultation that Officers be mindful of improving communication to residents and improving understanding of the budget and purpose of reserves held.	Scrutiny / Corporate Policy & Public Affairs Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
27 October 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 Q2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee proposed that BREP consider how the budget is set for the Social Services and Wellbeing (SSWB) Directorate to reflect the demographics of the County Borough, the level of demand and the statutory duties of the Directorate.	Scrutiny/BREP	<b>ONGOING</b> - Recommendation to be actioned by the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel.

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27 October 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 Q2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee requested that early indications of each Directorate's proposed draft budgets be presented to BREP with potential options for budget reductions at the next related meeting each Director has been invited to attend.		<b>ACTIONED</b> – BREP actioned.
27 October 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 Q2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee requested that they received greater detail on the reasons for the 56.2% variance and significant overspend in the Planning and Development section of the Communities Directorate which the Committee noted was an understaffed department.	Scrutiny / Chief Officer – Finance, Performance & Change / Corporate Director - Communities	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
27 October 2022	Budget Monitoring 2022-23 Q2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee requested a written response from the Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing on the following:  a. The reliability of agency workers and providers; b. The cost difference between an agency worker compared to a full time Social Worker;	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.



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		<p>c. On average, how many agency workers work in the SSWB Directorate; and</p> <p>d. The average length of stay for agency workers in the SSWB Directorate.</p>		
27 October 2022	Temporary Accommodation	The Committee recommended that a review be conducted on the procurement of temporary accommodation and how to secure its longevity and that this be reported back to the Committee at an appropriate time.	Scrutiny / Head of Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
27 October 2022	Temporary Accommodation	The Committee requested information on the package of support that is provided to families and individuals relocated to temporary accommodation with particular consideration of the impact on the welfare of children who are relocated away from family and friends and whether they have to change school.	Scrutiny / Head of Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.