

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6 JANUARY 2015

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report presents the items due to be considered at the Committee's Special meeting to be held on 17 February 2015 and seeks confirmation of the information required for the Ordinary meeting to be held on 7 April 2015.

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 19 February 2014 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 10 June 2014, the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2014-15.

4. Current Situation / proposal.

Meetings of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 4.1 In relation to the Committee's next meeting, scheduled to be held on 6 January 2015, the table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Quarter 3 Performance 2014/15	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People	Quarter 3 Directorate Performance Report	

Learner Transport	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships Robin Davies, Group Manager Business Strategy & Performance Kevin Mulcahy, Group Manager Transport Michele Hatcher, Group Manager Inclusion	Report detailing outcome of consultation on Learner Transport	
Children's Directorate Business Plan	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support	Receive draft Directorate Business Plan for comment	

4.2 The table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend in respect of a Special meeting of the Committee due to be held on 7 April 2015.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Out of County ALN (plus update on statementing)	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support	Report detailing the work being undertaken to return children with additional needs to in-house provision. Report to also include an update on changes relating to statementing of children	
Schools Task Group	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships	Report looking at the rationale behind the Task Group, its purpose, expected outcomes etc.	
Child Sexual Exploitation	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support	Report outlining the extent of the issue in Bridgend – with evidence to support this, plus evidence of actions being undertaken to deal with/prevent incidents	

SSARF Nominations	None	Nominations for SSARF Joint Panel	
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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 There are no equality impacts arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the topics due be considered at the meeting of the Committee scheduled for 17 February 2015 and confirm if it requires any additional specific information to be provided by the invitees listed or the Overview & Scrutiny Unit;
- (ii) Determine the invitees to be invited to attend, any specific information it would like the invitees to provide and any research that it would like the Overview & Scrutiny Unit to undertake in relation to its subsequent meeting, scheduled to be held on 7 April 2015.

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Background Documents:

None