

**SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 - WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2023**

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB / REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2023 AT 15:00**

Present

Councillor F D Bletsoe – Chairperson

E L P Caparros  
M Lewis

P Davies  
J Llewellyn-Hopkins

P Ford  
A Wathan

D M Hughes  
R Williams

Apologies for Absence

D T Harrison and RL Penhale-Thomas

Officers:

Claire Marchant	Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing
Jackie Davies	Head of Adult Social Care
Raeanna Grainger	Group Manager, IAA & Safeguarding
Louise Morgan	Team Manager - Older People Mental Health
Nicola Echanis	Head of Education & Family Support
Gail Biggs	Group Manager - Learner Support
Martin Morgans	Head of Performance and Partnership Services
Shagufta Khan	Social Work Lead in Adult Social Care
Mark Wilkinson	Group Manager - Learning Disability
Jessica McLellan	Scrutiny Officer
Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Cabinet Member

Councillor Jane Gebbie

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Health

Declarations of Interest

None

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**55. Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2022/23**

Decision Made	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> Following detailed consideration and discussions with Officers and Cabinet Members, the Committee made the following Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That future presentations of this report also contain data from previous years to allow Members to draw comparisons.</li><li>2. That the Committee write a letter to Welsh Government expressing their concern regarding the number of children and families in temporary accommodation and the need for uplift to the Local Housing Allowance to support the social sector via private rental.</li></ol> <p><b><u>Additional Information</u></b></p> <p>Following detailed consideration and discussions with Officers and Cabinet Members, the Committee requested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. The number and percentage of staff who attended the recent 2-day Signs of Safety training and the number and percentage of staff who have subscribed to the next cohort of 5-day training in January 2024.</li></ol>
Date Decision Made	6 December 2023

**56. The Learning Disability Transformation Programme**

Decision Made	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> Following detailed consideration and discussions with Officers and Cabinet Members, the Committee requested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Members expressed concern that the £3.61m level of overspend is not sustainable and requested that the proposed efficiency savings to reduce spending in Learning Disability Services be made available to the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel.</li><li>5. Any examples of potential savings that could be explored where there is possible duplication of provision and resources, for example, the provision of transport to school for a disabled child in a family with a Motability car.</li></ol>
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	6. That an Update from Learning Disability Transformation Programme be added to their Forward Work Programme for 2024/25 to include performance monitoring data from the Programme Board and results from the outcome surgeries demonstrating achievements for individuals.
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**57. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	6 December 2023

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#) for Part One and this [link](#) for Part Two.

The meeting closed at 17:31