

CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING - THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2023

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB/REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2023 AT 09:30

Present

Councillor N Farr – Chairperson

F D Bletsoe
M Lewis

JPD Blundell
J E Pratt

J Gebbie
T Thomas

W R Goode
HM Williams

Apologies for Absence

JC Spanswick, J Gebbie and HJ David

Officers:

Steve Berry
Alex Fitzpatrick
Stephen Griffiths
Ryan Jones
Carys Lord
Claire Marchant
Jade Jones
Oscar Roberts

Corporate Parenting and Participation Officer
Team Manager Placements
Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager
Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change
Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing
Contracts and Contract Management Officer
Democratic Services Business Administrative Apprentice

Declarations of Interest

Councillor F D Bletsoe declared a personal interest in item 5 due to section 3.1.2 on the second report

Councillor T Thomas declared a personal interest in item 5 as he is employed with a membership body that represents the interests of property agents.

34. Approval of Minutes

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Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Minutes of a meeting of Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting dated 20 July 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	5 October 2023

35. Corporate Parenting Development Update

Decision Made	<p>The Corporate Parenting and Participation Officer for Bridgend County Borough delivered this report that detailed BCBC's progress and development in terms of corporate parenting focused around examining outcomes socially and educationally for young people. Credit was given to external stakeholders as well as the children who have achieved these outcomes.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the efficiency of services, engagement with young people over celebrating their achievements and costs associated with future projects. These questions were answered by the Deputy Leader, the Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing and the Corporate Parenting and Participation Officer. In addition, a discussion was had around methods of engagement and celebration for milestones of looked after children in comparison to other children.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee noted the progress made, identified within the report.</p>
Date Decision Made	5 October 2023

36. Housing Pathways for Care Experienced Children and Young People

Decision Made	<p>The Contracts and Contract Management Officer delivered this report to update the Committee on progress from a previous Housing report from March 2022, and informing the Committee about the pathway for care leavers. Emphasis was placed on capacity shortages for the demand currently in the system and the possibility of care leavers eventually becoming homeless due to housing stock shortages. Monthly meetings of the area planning group have been planned to address these issues and ensure it receives further attention.</p> <p>Councillors posed questions surrounding the extrapolation of data to future needs, increasing the appeal of care leavers as tenants and caring for unaccompanied asylum seekers tracking young people/care</p>
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	<p>leavers. Additionally, queries were raised regarding numbers of young people accessing the supported service and housing grants/UBI being tailored towards care leavers' needs.</p> <p>These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing, Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager, Contracts and Contract Management Officer and the Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change. The difficulties of the rising cost of housing and the council's financial position were also discussed.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee noted the information contained in the report and the further work required; and considered the priority given to care experienced children in line with the Council's corporate parenting responsibilities when reviewing the Social Housing Allocation Policy.</p>
Date Decision Made	5 October 2023

37. Foster Wales Bridgend Update

Decision Made	<p>The Team Manager for Placements gave this report focusing on placements and engagement with foster carers and the Care experience team. There were no questions given.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee noted the contents of the report.</p>
Date Decision Made	5 October 2023

38. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None.
Date Decision Made	5 October 2023

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The meeting closed at 10:42.