

Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2023-2024

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10 July 2023	Prevention and Wellbeing, Leisure (Halo) and Cultural Trusts (Awen) and further integration with BAVO	The Committee requested that a visit be arranged for Members of the Committee to the Books on Wheels mobile library service to provide them with an understanding of the areas it covers and what is currently available.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 11 September 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31760/SOSC2ResponsesandActions10July230902.pdf
10 July 2023	Prevention and Wellbeing, Leisure (Halo) and Cultural Trusts (Awen) and further integration with BAVO	The Committee requested a breakdown by characteristic of the number of participants that access leisure facilities that receive free or subsidised membership/access	Scrutiny / Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 11 September 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31760/SOSC2ResponsesandActions10July230902.pdf
10 July 2023	Prevention and Wellbeing, Leisure (Halo) and Cultural Trusts (Awen) and further integration with BAVO	The Committee requested a copy of the presentation to be shared with all Members, demonstrating the vision and work to be undertaken at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl, utilising the Levelling Up Funding	Scrutiny / Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 11 September 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31760/SOSC2ResponsesandActions10July230902.pdf
10 July 2023	Prevention and Wellbeing, Leisure (Halo) and Cultural Trusts (Awen) and	The Committee requested, with regard to the partnership working with Halo Leisure and Awen, whether there are plans to bring the timelines into alignment, as the Healthy Living Partnership with Halo	Scrutiny / Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 11 September 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31760/SOSC2ResponsesandActions10July230902.pdf

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	further integration with BAVO	Leisure was established for a 15-year period in 2012 and the partnership agreement with Awen runs until 2035.			
10 July 2023	3 Year Sustainability Plan to Improve Outcomes for Children and Family Services in Bridgend	The Committee Recommended that an additional column be added to the Plan to include in a table, what actions demonstrate success and how those successes are measured.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 12 February 2024.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31760/SOSC2ResponsetoRecommendationsandActions10July230902.pdf
10 July 2023	3 Year Sustainability Plan to Improve Outcomes for Children and Family Services in Bridgend	The Committee requested that they receive a quarterly update on the implementation of the Plan.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 12 February 2024.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31760/SOSC2ResponsetoRecommendationsandActions10July230902.pdf
10 July 2023	3 Year Sustainability Plan to Improve Outcomes for Children and Family Services in Bridgend	The Committee requested clarification as to how the demographic, age profile, deprivation and any other factors affect the formula for applications for grant funding.	Scrutiny / Chief Officer – Finance, Performance & Change	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 11 September 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31760/SOSC2ResponsetoRecommendationsandActions10July230902.pdf
18 Sept 2023	Adult Community Mental Health Services	The Committee Recommended that they write to the Members of the Senedd for Bridgend and Ogmores to request an invitation to the round table meetings run by them, involving third sector and voluntary organisations and relating to	Scrutiny/Chair of SOSC 2	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 12 February 2024.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31751/AppendixASarahMurphyMSandHuwIrrancaDaviesMS.pdf

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		mental health and the <i>Bridgend Mental Health Pathway</i> .			https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31768/AppendixBemailfromtheOfficeoftheMemberoftheSeneddforBridgend28September2023.pdf
18 Sept 2023	Adult Community Mental Health Services	The Committee requested data relating to the notable increase in the number of young people on the autism spectrum being referred to the Community Mental Health Teams and a copy of the existing Code of Practice on the Delivery of Autism Services in Wales.	Scrutiny / Head of Adult Social Care	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 13 October 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31770/SOSC2ResponsestoRecs18Sept23amended120224.pdf
18 Sept 2023	Adult Community Mental Health Services	The Committee requested that information relating to the pathway to independent advocacy for adults be circulated to all Members to enable them to signpost constituents requiring advocacy.	Scrutiny / Head of Adult Social Care	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 13 October 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSDDisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD787&ID=787&RPID=6256609&sch=doc&cat=13499&path=13490%2c13493%2c13499
18 Sept 2023	Adult Community Mental Health Services	<u>Assisting Recovery in the Community Service (ARC)</u> The Committee requested:	Scrutiny / Head of Adult Social Care	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 16 October 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSDDisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD787&ID=787&RPID=6256609&sch=doc&cat=13499&pa

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		a) Information regarding the types of courses available from ARC; b) Information on how the service has evolved and adapted in recent years; c) Data showing the age range of individuals accessing the service, the reasons why and the interventions of the service with them; and d) Case examples of work that has been done on an individual and group level in the last 12 months.			th=13490%2c13493%2c13499
18 Sept 2023	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2022/23	The Committee Recommended that the financial modelling that is available to the Cabinet during the budget setting process, also be made available to the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel to assist with their budget discussions regarding financial sufficiency for the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate.	Scrutiny / Chief Officer, Finance, Performance and Change / Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 12 February 2024	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31770/SOSC2ResponestoRecs18Sept23amended120224.pdf
18 Sept 2023	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2022/23	The Committee Recommended that they write a letter, in support of the Deputy Leader and the Council’s response to the Welsh Government Consultation, <i>Rebalancing Care and Support Programme</i> , to the Welsh Minister for Social Services regarding standardised Welsh National pay, terms and conditions to prevent the “poaching” of staff by other	Scrutiny/Chair of SOSC 2	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 13 October 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSDDisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=S787&ID=787&RPID=6256609&sch=doc&cat=13499&path=13490%2c13493%2c13499

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		local authorities and therefore ensuring that Bridgend retains a skilled workforce.			
18 Sept 2023	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2022/23	The Committee requested an update on the progress and cost of the priority for Children's Social Care to enhance in-house foster care capacity and implement therapeutic support service for foster carers.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 2 November 2023.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSDDisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD787&ID=787&RPID=6349871&sch=d&oc&cat=13499&path=13490%2c13493%2c13499
23 Nov 2023	Joint Inspection of Child Protection Arrangements (JICPA) in Bridgend 12-16 June 2023	The Committee recommended that they write to the Invitees expressing the Committee's gratitude for their attendance at the Committee meeting and for providing transparent and comprehensive responses to Members' questions.	Scrutiny/Chair of SOSC 2	ACTIONED - Letter sent to the Invitees – No Response required.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31788/30NovLetterfromChairofSOSC2.pdf
23 Nov 2023	Joint Inspection of Child Protection Arrangements (JICPA) in Bridgend 12-16 June 2023	The Committee recommended that they write a letter, in support of the Cabinet Member for Education and the Corporate Director Education and Family Support, highlighting the importance of safeguarding training for School Governors and requesting that urgent consideration be given to making such training mandatory.	Scrutiny/Chair of SOSC 2	ACTIONED - response and information circulated 9 February 2024.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31787/29Nov23LettertoMinisterforEducationandWL.pdf https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31789/19December23ResponsefromMinisterforEducation.pdf

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6 Dec 2023	Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2022/23	The Committee recommended that future presentations of this report also contain data from previous years to allow Members to draw comparisons.		Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.	
6 Dec 23	Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2022/23	The Committee recommended that they 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.	Scrutiny/Chair of SOSC 2	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 9 February 2024.	https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31776/14Dec2023LettertoMinisterforClimateChange.pdf https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s31777/JJ0335723ResponsefromWGJulieJames240110.pdf
6 Dec 23	Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2022/23	The Committee requested 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.		Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.	
6 Dec 23	Learning Disability Transformation Programme	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		Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.	

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		be made available to the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel.			
6 Dec 23	Learning Disability Transformation Programme	The Committee requested 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.		Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.	
19 Jan 24	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28	The Committee made recommendations and requested additional information.	Scrutiny / Chair of COSC	<p>ACTIONED - Recommendations formally reported to COSC and onward to Cabinet on 6 February 2024 for consideration and response.</p> <p>Response from Cabinet on 20 February 2024.</p>	<p>https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/eListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=4425&Ver=4</p> <p>https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/eListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=4426&Ver=4</p>
19 Feb 24	Social Services and Wellbeing Commissioning Strategies 2023-28	<p>Financial Resources and Achievability</p> <p>Whilst fully supporting the basis and argument behind the Commissioning Strategies, Members expressed concern regarding the potential funding available</p>	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided	

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		<p>to take them forward given the difficult current, and predicted future, budget situation. The Committee appreciate that the exact financial requirements would not been known until full business cases had been developed, however, on face value Members queried whether the strategies were entirely realistic and achievable even on work scheduled for year one, given the Authority's resources, both financial and staff based. Members agreed to monitor this closely in any future related work the Committee considers, and also requested that this be referred to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for examination under their regular budget monitoring item.</p>			
19 Feb 24	<p>Social Services and Wellbeing Commissioning Strategies 2023-28</p>	<p>Consistency of data provided The Committee commented on the data displayed in the strategies and that at times there were percentages provided whilst other times figures are quoted. Members proposed that there be a consistent approach throughout the document for ease of reference, particularly for the public.</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided</p>	
19 Feb 24	<p>Social Services and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Following a query as to how the Committee could assist the service area in any way in taking the Commissioning</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social</p>	<p>Recommendations circulated</p>	

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	Commissioning Strategies 2023-28	Strategies forward, it was proposed and agreed by the Committee that Members be encouraged to share the key messages with their fellow Councillors as well as their constituents in respect of managing expectations. Members were asked to spread the word that services will be provided differently in future with more innovative practices, such as a series of short-term services for individuals, rather than possibly full long-term packages of care from the start. This was to try and reduce demand and pressure on services and also proved more successful at enabling people to regain their independence.	Services and Wellbeing	requesting response - to be provided	
19 Feb 24	Social Services and Wellbeing Commissioning Strategies 2023-28	Additional Information The Committee requested that they receive copies of the presentations referred to by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Social Services and Health that were presented to the recent Regional Partnership Board.	Scrutiny/ Deputy Leader	ACTIONED – Information circulated 8 April 2024.	N/A
19 Feb 24	Care Inspectorate Wales Inspection of Bridgend County Borough Council's	The Committee welcomed the positive report from the Care Inspectorate Wales and stated that it was indicative of the hard work that has gone on from care home and social services staff to address	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided	

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	Regulated Services in Adult Social Care	the areas highlighted and implement improvements. Members congratulated all involved on a glowing report.			
19 Feb 24	Forward Work Programme Update	The Committee also agreed to add the subject of 'Reablement Care' to their forward work programme to consider the current issues being experienced in the County Borough and specifically how the Authority is working with the Health Service to support individuals who require reablement care when discharged from hospital.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing	Added to the FWP	N/A