

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 - MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2024

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor F D Bletsoe – Chairperson

D T Harrison

Present Virtually

E L P Caparros  
J Llewellyn-Hopkins

P Ford  
A Wathan

D M Hughes

M Lewis

Apologies for Absence

P Davies, RL Penhale-Thomas and R Williams

Declarations of Interest

None

Invitees:

Councillor Jane Gebbie

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Social Services and Health

Claire Marchant

Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing

Shagufta Khan  
Laura Kinsey  
Jane Lewis  
Tania Turner  
Pete Tyson

Social Work Lead in Adult Social Care  
Head of Children's Social Care  
Group Manager - Direct Care Provider Services  
Provider Services Manager - Support at Home  
Planning and Contract Management Officer

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Ceri Williams

Provider Services Manager - Emergency Accommodation and Respite Services

Officers:

Rachel Keepins  
Stephen Griffiths

Democratic Services Manager  
Democratic Services Officer – Committees

**61. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> That the minutes of meetings of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 dated 19 January 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	19 February 2024

**62. Social Services and Wellbeing Commissioning Strategies 2023-28**

Decision Made	<b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> Following consideration of the report and discussion with the Cabinet Member and Officers, the committee made the following comments:  <b>Financial Resources and Achievability</b> Whilst fully supporting the basis and argument behind the Commissioning Strategies, Members expressed concern regarding the potential funding available 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.  <b>Consistency of data provided</b> 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.
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	<p>Following a query as to how the Committee could assist the service area in any way in taking the Commissioning 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.</p> <p><b>Additional Information</b> 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.</p>
Date Decision Made	19 February 2024

**63. Care Inspectorate Wales Inspection of Bridgend County Borough Council's Regulated Services in Adult Social Care**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> Following consideration of the report and discussion with the Cabinet Member and Officers, the Committee made the following comment:</p> <p>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 the areas highlighted and implement improvements. Members congratulated all involved on a glowing report.</p>
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**64. Forward Work Programme Update**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Committee approved the Forward Work Programme (FWP) in Appendix A, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet in Appendix B and noted that the FWP, Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet and any updates from the Committee would be reported to the next meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>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.</p>
Date Decision Made	19 February 2024

**65. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	19 February 2024

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

The meeting closed at 12:01.