

## Meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2

19 February 2024

### Recommendations and Responses

	<b>Recommendations / Information Requested:</b>	<b>Response:</b>
<b>Social Services and Wellbeing Commissioning Strategies 2023-28</b>		
<u>Recommendations:</u>		
1.	<p><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.</p>	<p>Social Services and Wellbeing Officers will ensure that the narrative within the budget monitoring reports that go to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting reflects the financial impact of any work/priority areas progressed as defined within the strategies. Capital developments require individual business justification cases which are clear in respect of capital and revenue implications.</p>
2.	<p><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</p>	<p>The Social Services and Wellbeing Performance and Management Information team are in the process of reviewing all figures/ statistics included across the three strategies, to ensure the information is up-to-</p>

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3.	<p>consistent approach throughout the document for ease of reference, particularly for the public.</p> <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>date and also consistent across each strategy. This will be completed in readiness for when reporting to Cabinet for approval in April 2024.</p>
4.	<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>	<p>Circulated to Members – 9 April 2024.</p>
<p><b>Care Inspectorate Wales Inspection of Bridgend County Borough Council's Regulated Services in Adult Social Care</b></p>		
<p><u>Recommendations:</u></p>		
5.	<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</p>	<p>The Directorate welcomes and thanks Members for their response and will inform all relevant staff members.</p>

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	address the areas highlighted and implement improvements. Members congratulated all involved on a glowing report.	
<b>Forward Work Programme Update</b>		
<u>Recommendations:</u>		
6.	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.	Report on Delayed Pathways of Care to be considered at the 23 September 2024 meeting of the Committee.