

Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2
2024-25 Forward Work Programme

Monday 8 July 2024 at 10.00am		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Building on Strengths, Improving Lives – A Three-Year Plan for Sustainable Care and Support for Adults in Bridgend County Borough Council.	<p>Pre-decision.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to provide Members of the Committee with an opportunity to scrutinise the three-year plan for sustainable care and support for adults in Bridgend County Borough Council.</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader/ Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; and the Head of Adult Social Care; and Head of Adult Social Care; Social Work Lead in Adult Social Care; Group Manager - Direct Care Provider Services; Group Manager – Integrated Cluster Network Service; Group Manager - Learning Disability, Mental Health, and Substance Misuse.</p>
Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination Report	To nominate one Member as its Corporate Parenting Champion to represent the Committee as an invitee at meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting in addition to the Chairperson of SOSOC 2 who is automatically appointed.	N/A

Monday 23 September 2024 at 10.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Delayed Pathways of Care	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 support at home including reablement care when discharged from hospital.	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader/ Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; and partner representatives, including health colleagues - TBD.</p>
Extension of the Healthy Living Partnership	<p>Pre-decision.</p> <p>The report offers Members the opportunity to scrutinise the benefits of an extension to the existing healthy living partnership agreement with GLL/Halo Leisure. The current agreement is due to end in March 2027 and the report will provide information on the legal and procurement considerations that the Council may need to make. The report will identify how the current partnership has delivered on outcomes for the Council and supported its wellbeing objectives whilst improving the leisure facilities and delivering financial savings. The report will identify the reasoning as to why an extended relationship may be a cost-effective way forward for the Council in comparison to alternatives.</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader/ Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; and others TBD.</p>

Thursday 14 November 2024 at 10.00am		
Theme/ Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Substance Misuse	To evaluate the effectiveness of the current arrangements and to provide an opportunity for Members to advise on future developments.	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; and the Head of Adult Social Care; and service users/ partners – Police and Health colleagues - TBD.</p>

APPENDIX D

Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2023-24	To include an update on Child Exploitation, placement sufficiency, and staffing challenges.	<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; and the Head of Adult Social Care; Head of Children’s Social Care; Group Manager, IAA & Safeguarding; Team Manager – Older People - Mental Health.</p>
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Friday 17 January 2025 at 10.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee’s Role	Invitees
Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-29 and Budget Proposals		<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of Council; Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing; Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance; Cabinet Member for Resources (Job Share).</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change; Chief Officer - Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy; Head of Adult Social Care; Head of Children’s Social Care; Deputy Head of Finance; and Finance Manager – Social Services & Wellbeing / Chief Executive’s Directorate.</p>

Thursday, 13 March 2025 at 10.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee’s Role	Invitees
Library and Cultural Services	Pre-decision.	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of Council; Deputy Leader/ Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing; Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance; Cabinet Member for Resources (Job Share).</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing.</p>

Thursday, 1 May 2025 at 10.00am		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee’s Role	Invitees
TBD		<p><u>Cabinet Member</u></p> <p><u>Officers</u></p>

Briefings and Workshops:

Briefing/ Workshop: September 2024		
Topic	Information Required / Committee’s Role	Invitees
The Elimination of Private Profit from the Care of Looked After Children	The Welsh Government introduced legislation, The Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill, on 20 May 2024. Amongst a number of aims, the Bill contains provisions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restrict the making of profit by providers of children’s homes services, secure accommodation services and fostering services for looked after children. 	Members and officers for the Briefing and Workshop – to be finalised.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• require local authorities to submit a sufficiency plan to Welsh Ministers in respect of accommodation for looked after children, and to take all reasonable steps to secure sufficient accommodation provided by not-for-profit entities, either within or near to its areas to meet their needs. <p>The aim is to ensure that public money invested in accommodation for care experienced children is not extracted as profit, but instead is reinvested back into the system to support sustainable and better outcomes, services and professional development.</p> <p>The initial briefing for all Members, and the subsequent Workshop for Members of SOSC 2, will explore what this could mean for the future care of children in the Borough.</p>	
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Other Items:

15 April postponed reports:

- A 3 Year Sustainability Plan to Improve Outcomes for Children and Family Services in Bridgend: Year 1 Report on Progress – 2023/24 - updated version to be provided during 2024-25.
- Information Report for Noting – Quarter 3 Performance 2023-24 (and Dashboard) – updated version to be provided during 2024-25.

Reports requested by the Committee:

- Child Exploitation – To be covered in the Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2023-24.
- Reablement Care – To be covered in the Delayed Pathways of Care Report – 23 September 2024.
- Progress on the Learning Disability Transformation Programme – 6 monthly updates to be provided during 2024-25.
- Direct Payments – TBD.
- Post 18 Housing and Financial Support for Care Experienced Children (Post Basic Income Pilot) – A report, Basic Income Pilot Scheme Exit Strategy, was considered by the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting at its meeting on 8 May 2024. This could be provided for information to Members.

Other Potential Items:

- Social Services Transport Policy.
- The Social Partnership.