

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 - MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 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, 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor F D Bletsoe – Chairperson

GH Haines

J Llewellyn-Hopkins

R J Smith

Present Virtually

C Davies  
R Williams

P Ford

M Lewis

A Wathan

Apologies for Absence

D T Harrison and RL Penhale-Thomas

Invitees:

Councillor Jane Gebbie  
Claire Marchant  
Jackie Davies  
Shagufta Khan  
Michelle King  
Sophie Moore  
Julia Wilkinson

Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing  
Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing  
Head of Adult Social Care  
Social Work Lead in Adult Social Care  
Group Manager - Integrated Community Services - Community Reablement  
Group Manager - Prevention and Wellbeing  
Directorate Manager for Community Services - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

Officers:

Stephen Griffiths  
Meryl Lawrence

Democratic Services Officer - Committees  
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Scrutiny

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**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr J Llewellyn-Hopkins – personal - item 4 – Family reasons.  
Cllr R J Smith – personal – Item 5.

Claire Marchant – prejudicial – Item 4 – Family reasons.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  That the minutes of the meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 dated 8 July 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.
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**7. Community Resource Team Package of Care Delays (PoCD)**

Decision Made	<b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member and Officers, the Committee made the following recommendations and requests for additional information:  <b><u>Recommendations</u></b>  1. The Committee welcomed the comprehensive report and responses provided by the Cabinet Member and Officers, however the report highlighted issues and performance on a regional basis, and it was challenging to understand and scrutinise the specific issues in Bridgend County Borough. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that future reports based on services provided on a regional basis need to provide at least in part, an overview and a critical analysis of specific issues and performance in Bridgend County Borough.
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	<p>2. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that Employability Bridgend be utilised on an on-going basis to undertake specific targeted campaigns in a local area to recruit people to work in social care.</p> <p>3. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that the Chair write to the responsible Welsh Government Minister to outline Members concerns about the demand for services and the resources available to provide them.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information</u></b></p> <p>4. Members discussed that in addition to a ward in the Princess of Wales Hospital, there were beds in community hospitals in the other two local authority areas in the region that were not allocated per local authority area, and commented that for a variety of reasons, these might not be suitable for patients from Bridgend and their families. The Committee welcomed that there were currently discussions at the design and development stage, to re-develop Maesteg Community Hospital and <b>requested</b> that a further update be provided on the re-development of Maesteg Community Hospital, when available.</p> <p>5. The Committee <b>requested</b> more detailed information on the composition, work programme, and performance of the Integrated Discharge Delivery Board.</p> <p>6. The Committee <b>requested</b> that they be sent the most recent Annual Report of the CTM Regional Partnership, the Market Stability Report, and the Commissioning Strategy Reports.</p> <p>7. The Committee <b>requested</b> information about current and proposed consultations on an on-going basis, so that opportunities are not missed to input to service developments locally, regionally, and nationally.</p>
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**8. Proposal To Extend the Term of the Healthy Living Partnership with GLL / HALO Leisure**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member and Officers, the Committee made the following recommendations and requests for additional information:</p> <p><b><u>Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>8. Members noted the controls, including determining the number of leisure centres and their opening hours, the Council would maintain if the current contract with HALO Leisure was extended in the short-term. These controls provided the Council with opportunities to achieve budgetary efficiencies through the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and a short-term extension of the partnership agreement would provide the time needed to confirm the Council's longer term strategic direction and for greater economic stability to emerge. As such, Members expressed confidence in the approach presented in the report in respect of the benefits of extending the relationship with HALO Leisure in the short-term and on that basis, the Committee <b>recommended</b> that the Partnership with HALO Leisure be extended in the short-term.</p> <p>9a. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that a further report be submitted at the appropriate time regarding the ongoing long-term strategy and the consequent practical implications for delivering well-being services for the people of the County Borough and that the report should contain more critical analysis of all the options available to the Council.</p> <p>9b. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that representatives of HALO leisure be invited to future Scrutiny Committee meetings that consider the Healthy Living Partnership with GLL / HALO Leisure.</p> <p><b><u>Additional Information</u></b></p> <p>10. The Committee <b>requested</b> more information on the exercise being undertaken with external partners to determine a long-term strategy for well-being services. The report identifies how a short-term extension of the partnership agreement may provide the time needed to confirm the Council's longer term strategic direction and for greater economic stability to emerge.</p>
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**9. Information Report - 2023-24 Quarter 4 Performance**

Decision Made	<b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  The Committee noted the publication of the information report on 2023-2024 Quarter 4 Performance report.
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**10. Forward Work Programme Update**

Decision Made	<b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  11. Members <b>recommended</b> that, given the number of pre-decision reports that are likely to need scrutiny in the coming months, that consideration be given to organising an additional meeting of the Committee before Christmas.
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**11. Urgent Items**

Decision Made	None
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#).

The meeting closed at 13:10.