

CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING - WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor J Gebbie – Chairperson

P Davies
T Thomas

M J Evans

N Farr

J E Pratt

Present Virtually

RJ Collins

HM Williams

Apologies for Absence

E L P Caparros, M Jones, Lindsay Harvey and JC Spanswick

Officers:

Steve Berry	Corporate Parenting and Participation Officer
Lisa French	Independent Reviewing Service Manager
Raeanna Grainger	Group Manager, IAA & Safeguarding
Gemma Hayne	Employability Programme Team Leader
Mark Lewis	Group Manager - Integrated Working
Claire Marchant	Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing
Michael Pitman	Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Oscar Roberts	Business Administrative Apprentice - Democratic Services

Declarations of Interest

None.

53. Approval of Minutes

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Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Committee approved the minutes of the 08/05/2024 as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	4 September 2024

54. Employability Bridgend Update For Care Experienced Young People

Decision Made	<p>The Employability Programme Team Leader presented the report updating the current status of Employability Bridgend's service delivery and progress in supporting people in Bridgend into finding work and obtaining qualifications.</p> <p>Committee members posed questions about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How engagement rates with care-experienced children can be improved.• Whether any common flaws with engagement have been.• Potential causes of non-engagement.• Any further plans for collaboration between Employability Bridgend and BCBC Directorates. <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee noted the report, noting also that the benefits of the service are great but that increased take-up should be encouraged. The Committee also asked for a further update in future with additional details on care-experienced children who are not engaging with the service.</p>
Date Decision Made	4 September 2024

55. Regional Children's Advocacy Service

Decision Made	<p>The Group Manager, IAA & Safeguarding gave this report outlining progress in Bridgend's regional referral service, showing an overall reduction in usage however providing underlying context and reasoning behind some of the changes in figures. Some feedback from young people over the last year was also presented, which was overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>Members asked questions on the subjects of:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reasons behind a decrease in referrals.• Potential availability to children with Care and Support Plans.• How further feedback can be gathered.• Any issues with residential care as previously raised.• Measures being taken to ensure feedback from social workers.• Any results of a review of the service. <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee noted the report.</p>
Date Decision Made	4 September 2024

56. Independent Reviewing Service Annual Report 2023-2024

Decision Made	<p>The Group Manager, IAA & Safeguarding delivered this report recapping the work of the Independent Reviewing Service from April 2023 to March 2024, focusing on good progress made on numbers of children on the Child Protection Register and care-experienced children, maintaining a high 90% compliance rate.</p> <p>Members had a question about the report on whether Tros Gynnal Plant is still involved with the service, which was answered by the Group Manager, IAA & Safeguarding.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee noted the report, acknowledging the incredible work that Children's Services as well as the wider Social Services and Wellbeing directorate has done in this progress and thanking them for their dedication and commitment.</p>
Date Decision Made	4 September 2024

57. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None.
Date Decision Made	4 September 2024

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

The meeting closed at 11:00.