# Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2024-2025**

| Date of<br>Meeting | Agenda Item  | Action   | Responsibility   | Outcome  | Response  |
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| 8 Jul 24           | Building on Strengths, Improving Lives - A Three- Year Plan for Sustainable Care and Support for Adults in Bridgend County Borough Council | The Committee requested that Members receive information about the BAVO consultation exercise by email.  | Scrutiny / Corporate Director -Social Services and Wellbeing | Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided. Chased.                                 |           |
| 13 Mar 25          | Forward Work<br>Programme Update   | The Committee <b>requested</b> that the following reports be added to their Forward Work Programme:  a. Support for Care Leavers (including input from Employability and Housing); and | Scrutiny / Chair of Committee                                | ACTIONED: Scrutiny actioned in Forward Work Planning meeting with Scrutiny Chair and Corporate Director. | Complete. |
|                    |  | b. Early Intervention, Prevention and Edge of Care Services.   |  | ACTIONED – This item was reported to 1 May 2025 meeting.   |           |
| 13 Mar 25          | Forward Work Programme Update  | The Committee <b>requested</b> that the draft Library Strategy be added to the Committee's FWP as a Pre-Decision   | Scrutiny   | ACTIONED – Provisionally scheduled to 25   | Complete. |

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|                 |   | item following the consultation in the Autumn.  |   | September 2025 on<br>the Committee's<br>Forward Work<br>Programme         |                  |
| 1 May 25        | Early Help, Prevention and Edge of Care | The Committee expressed concern at the number of acronyms being used within reports causing a barrier to full understanding of reports and terms included. and <b>recommended</b> that future reports contain a glossary of abbreviations to assist the Committee and the public.   | Scrutiny / Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing | ACTIONED: Response and information circulated 27 June 2025.               | Follow link here |
| 1 May 25        | Early Help, Prevention and Edge of Care | The Committee expressed concern that early intervention services may not be prioritised as they are non-statutory and recommended that a letter be written to the Welsh Government (and copied to the local Senedd Members) setting out the following:  a. that Early Help and prevention are central to the Council's strategy of supporting and protecting the most vulnerable in our community; b. that it would present a corporate risk to the Authority if such services are not sufficiently funded; and c. highlighting the impact: i) of late notification and retrospective | Scrutiny/Chair<br>of SOSC 2                                   | ACTIONED:  Letter sent to WG on 16 May 2025. Response awaited and chased. | Follow link here |

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|                    |   | grant funding on financial and workforce planning; ii) on grant funded staff on rolling annual contracts; and iii) of the lack of inflationary uplift on budgetary pressures and workforce funding.  |   |   |                  |
| 1 May 25           | Early Help, Prevention and Edge of Care                                 | Whilst acknowledging the timescales in the Action Plan were specified by the Institute of Public Care, the Committee expressed concern regarding the achievability of the ambitious timescales set out in the Action Plan and recommended that accurate and measurable milestones with timescales be included in the Action Plan, and to assist with monitoring. | Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing / Deputy Head of Children and Family Services            | ACTIONED: Response and information circulated 27 June 2025. | Follow link here |
| 1 May 25           | Early Help, Prevention<br>and Edge of Care                              | The Committee <b>requested</b> information regarding LGBTQ+ support available for children and young people, having been advised that most of the support available is from the Education, Early Years and Young People Directorate.   | Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People / Group Manager (Early Years and Young People) | ACTIONED: Response and information circulated 27 June 2025. | Follow link here |
| 1 May 25           | Care Inspectorate Wales Inspection of Bridgend County Borough Council's | The Committee expressed concern about the lack of clarity regarding the responsibility for meeting the cost of national insurance contributions for  | Scrutiny  | ACTIONED:  Letter sent to WG on 16 May 2025.                | Follow link here |

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|                    | Regulated Services in<br>Adult Social Care  | employees of commissioned services and <b>recommended</b> that a letter be written to the Welsh Government to request a clear indication of whether or not these contributions will be met by additional funding in the Authority's settlement or whether this will be an additional cost pressure to Bridgend. |  | Response awaited and chased.   |                  |
| 1 May 25           | Care Inspectorate Wales Inspection of Bridgend County Borough Council's Regulated Services in Adult Social Care | The Committee highlighted the value Member rota visits provide and recommended that the importance of them be reiterated and communicated to all Members of the Council.  | Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing | ACTIONED: Response and information circulated 27 June 2025.  | Follow link here |
| 1 May 25           | Forward Work<br>Programme Update  | The Committee <b>requested</b> that the following reports be added to their Forward Work Programme:  a. Social Services Representations and Complaints; and  b. Early Help – Operating Arrangements at the Front Door.  | Scrutiny / Chair of SOSC 2                         | ACTIONED: Scrutiny actioned in Forward Work Planning meeting with Scrutiny Chair and Corporate Director. | Complete         |
| 1 May 25           | Forward Work<br>Programme Update  | Following consideration of the Corporate Performance Dashboard for Quarter 3 2024-25, the Committee <b>requested</b> a written update on the performance of the following:  | Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing | ACTIONED: Response and information circulated 27 June 2025.  | Follow link here |

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|                    |                                  | <ul> <li>a. Percentage of reablement packages completed that reduced the need for support, maintained the same level of support and mitigated need for support (SSWB38).</li> <li>b. Number of people who access independent advocacy to support their rights within children's social care and adult's social care (SSWB61).</li> <li>c. Average waiting time on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards waiting list (SSWB63).</li> </ul> |   |   |                  |
| 1 May 25           | Forward Work<br>Programme Update | The Committee <b>requested</b> a Member Briefing setting out the provision of accommodation based regulated support services in Bridgend to include the following:  a. whether they are private, public or charity sector; b. how staff are contracted; and c. the ownership of the buildings.  | Scrutiny / Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing | ACTIONED: Response and information circulated 27 June 2025. | Follow link here |