

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 FEBRUARY 2015

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report presents the items due to be considered at the Committee's Special meeting to be held on 7 April 2015 and seeks confirmation of the information required for the subsequent meeting following the Annual General Meeting of Council.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2013–2017 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 19 February 2014 formally set out the improvement objectives that the Council will seek to implement between 2013 and 2017. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

3. Background.

- 3.1 At its meeting on 10 June 2014, the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2014-15.

4. Current Situation / proposal.

Meetings of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 4.1 In relation to the Committee's next meeting, scheduled to be held on 7 April 2015, the table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Out of County ALN (plus update on statementing)	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support	Report detailing the work being undertaken to return children with additional needs to in-house provision. Report to also include an update on changes	

		relating to statementing of children	
Schools Task Group	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships	Report looking at the rationale behind the Task Group, its purpose, expected outcomes etc.	
Child Sexual Exploitation	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director - Children's Services Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support	Report outlining the extent of the issue in Bridgend – with evidence to support this, plus evidence of actions being undertaken to deal with/prevent incidents	
SSARF Nominations	None	Nominations for SSARF Joint Panel	

4.2 The table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend in respect of the following meeting, the date for which will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting of Council in May.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Scrutiny Annual Forward Work Programme 2015-16	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing	Scrutiny Annual Forward Work Programme proposals	
Exclusions in Schools	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People	Update on Task and Finish Group work into exclusions in schools – completed?	
Remodelling of Childrens Residential Care	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing Cllr Huw David, Cabinet	Members requested that they receive further detailed information relating to the remodelling of Children's Residential Care as soon as possible in the new	

	Member Children & Young People Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support	year.	
Recruitment and Retention of Social Workers	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing Cllr Huw David, Cabinet Member Children & Young People Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support	Further detailed examination of the key issues affecting recruitment and retention	

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 The work of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental well being in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality impacts arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the topics due be considered at the meeting of the Committee scheduled for 7 April 2015 and confirm if it requires any additional specific information to be provided by the invitees listed or the Overview & Scrutiny Unit;
- (ii) Determine the invitees to be invited to attend, any specific information it would like the invitees to provide and any research that it would like the Overview & Scrutiny Unit to undertake in relation to its subsequent meeting following the Annual General Meeting of Council.

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Background Documents:

None