

Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2025-26 Forward Work Programme

Wednesday, 9 July 2025 at 10.00am		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Regional Partnership Agreement	Pre-Decision	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; Head of Adult Social Care; Group Manager – Integrated Community Services Manager; and <u>External</u> Regional Integrated Services Director for Cwm Taf Morgannwg; and Director, Primary Care, Community & Mental Health – Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

Thursday 11 September 2025 at 10.00am		
Report Topics	Any Specific Information Requested	Invitees
Social Services Annual Report 2024-25	Pre-Decision	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing; <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; Head of Adult Social Care; Head of Children and Family Services. Group Manager - Prevention and Wellbeing; Group Manager – Commissioning; and Group Manager - Business Strategy, Performance & Improvement.
Social Services Representations and Complaints 2024-25	Pre-Decision	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing; <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing.

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Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Care Inspectorate Wales Improvement Check of Children and Family Services - June 2025 and Care Inspectorate Wales Fostering Service Inspection - June 2025	CIW to present the Improvement Check report to the Committee.	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; Head of Children and Family Services; Deputy Head of Children and Family Services; <u>External</u> Representatives from Care Inspectorate Wales

Thursday, 6 November 2025 at 10.00am

Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report 2024-25		<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; Head of Adult Social Care; Head of Children and Family Services; Group Manager – Information, Advice and Assistance and Safeguarding; Team Manager – Older People Mental Health; and Education and Community Safety Leads
Community Hubs Strategy	Including Libraries post consultation.	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; and Group Manager – Prevention and Wellbeing.

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Thursday, 4 December 2025 at 10.00am
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Friday, 23 January 2026 at 10.00am

Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Halo, Leisure Arrangements and Wellbeing	Including plans and various programmes provided e.g. carer's offer.	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; Group Manager – Prevention and Wellbeing; <u>External</u> Active Communities Manager – Halo Leisure

Thursday, 12 March 2026 at 10.00am

Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Assisted Transport Policy Implementation Progress	Post implementation progress report	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing
Learning Disability Transformation Programme Progress	Post implementation progress report	<u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; Head of Adult Social Care; Policy Officer – Social Care;
Western Bay Adoption Service Inspection Report		<u>External</u> Representatives from People First

Monday, 27 April 2026 at 10.00am

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Provision of Accommodation Based Regulated Support Services in Bridgend	Post implementation progress report To include information setting out the provision of accommodation based regulated support services in Bridgend to include the following:	<u>Cabinet Member</u> Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing <u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; Head of Adult Social Care.

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	a. whether they are private, public or charity sector; b. how staff are contracted; and c. the ownership of the buildings.	
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Briefings and Workshops:

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Overview – Social Services & Wellbeing Directorate / Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act	Attendance from: Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing Head of Adult Social Care Head of Children and Family Services Group Manager – Prevention and Wellbeing	To be scheduled.
The Replacement System for CareDirector (WCCIS)	The Committee requested a briefing on COR-2024-01 on the Corporate Risk Assessment: The threat to business continuity if the Council is unable to procure and implement major ICT systems which support critical services such as a replacement system for CareDirector (WCCIS). <i>CareDirector</i> is a Cloud-based case management solution for social care organisations that supports integrated working across health and social care.	Members and officers for the Briefing and Workshop – TBD. To be scheduled in early 2026 in partnership with IT.
Use of Artificial Intelligence within Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate	The Committee recommended that there be an all Member briefing on the use of artificial intelligence within the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate and how it is envisaged it could safely aid a reduction in staff numbers.	This will form part of the Digital Strategy which will be reported to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Pre-Decision. To be scheduled after the Digital Strategy has been considered at COSC.

Items to be Scheduled to the Committee's Forward Work Programme

- Support for Care Leavers (including input from Employability and Housing). The Committee have requested that Care Experienced young people be invited for this item.

(Will be a joint report between Social Services, Health and Wellbeing and the Communities and Housing Directorates)

- Regional Partnership Agreement Progress Update (12 months from July 2025)

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- Future Arrangements for Advocacy for Adults and Children
- A closed session detailing confidential information presented to Social Services Improvement Board (including live case studies)
- Review of the Regional Operating Model of the Emergency Duty Team
- Review of the Fostering Service (9-12 months from October 2025)
- External Review of Strength Based Outcome Focused Practice Model being embedded into Adult Social Care
- Further Report regarding the Community Hubs Strategy (at the appropriate time early in 2026)