

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>19 MAY 2026</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION FROM SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REGARDING HEALTHY LIVING PARTNERSHIP – AGENCY MODEL</b>
<b>Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer / Cabinet Member</b>	<b>REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>MERYL LAWRENCE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER – SCRUTINY</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<b>This report has no effect on the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b>The report presents Cabinet with the recommendation of the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee from their meeting held on 23 January 2026, during consideration of a report on Healthy Living Partnership – Agency Model.</b>  <b>Cabinet is requested to consider and respond to the recommendation of the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</b>

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Cabinet with the recommendation of the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee from their meeting held on 23 January 2026, during consideration of a report on Healthy Living Partnership – Agency Model.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 23 January 2026, the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the Healthy Living Partnership – Agency Model, when Members were advised that the Agency Model variation would amount to a modification to the procured terms of the contract and that there is a risk that such a modification could be subject to a procurement challenge.

### **3. Current situation / proposal**

#### **3.1** Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member and Senior Officers, the Committee made the following recommendation:

Members expressed concern regarding the risk highlighted in the report received of a procurement challenge arising from a modification to the contract terms if the Agency Model is implemented.

The Committee acknowledged that it is Cabinet's responsibility to explore the risk following the indemnified further external legal advice and recommended that Cabinet evidence consideration of the concerns expressed by the Committee in their deliberations.

#### **3.2** Cabinet is requested to consider and respond to the recommendation above.

#### **3.3** Furthermore, and for information, whilst the Committee were advised that any legal advice would be subject to legal professional privilege, they requested sight of the further indemnified legal advice that will be provided to Cabinet when they are asked to agree to the Agency Model being adopted, and a confidential Members' Briefing to provide reassurance regarding the risk from challenge.

### **4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)**

#### **4.1** The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales, the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

### **5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives**

#### **5.1** The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

#### **5.2** The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 Ways of Working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The scrutiny function contributes to the 5 Ways of Working set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and how they contribute to the Council developing its own five ways of working, driving and measuring those ways of working.

#### **5.3** The scrutiny arrangements assists in the achievement of the Council's 4 Well-being Objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, listed below:

1. A prosperous place with thriving communities
2. Creating modern, seamless public services

3. Enabling people to meet their potential
4. Supporting our most vulnerable

## **6. Climate Change and Nature Implications**

- 6.1 There are no climate change or nature implications arising from this report.

## **7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications**

- 7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications arising from this report.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

- 9.1 Cabinet is recommended to consider and respond to the recommendation of the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **Background documents**

None.