

SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2) - MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2) HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2026 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor F D Bletsoe – Chairperson

S J Bletsoe

JPD Blundell

AJ Williams

Present Virtually

N Clarke
M Lewis

P Davies

RM James

W J Kendall

Apologies for Absence

P Ford, D M Hughes, J Llewellyn-Hopkins and R Williams

Invitees:

Councillor Jane Gebbie
Councillor Martyn Jones

Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing
Cabinet Member for Education and Young People

Claire Marchant
Lindsay Harvey

Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing
Corporate Director – Education, Early Years & Young People

David Wright
Raeanna Grainger
Gayle Shenton
Tanya Smith

Deputy Head of Children and Family Services
Group Manager, IAA & Safeguarding
Head of Learning
Head of Strategy, Early Years and Youth

Officers:

Jessica McLellan
Oscar Roberts

Scrutiny Officer
Democratic Services Officer - Committees

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor Amanda Williams – Personal – Item 4 – Community Governor and Chair of Governors at Coety Primary School
- Item 8 – Member of Llais

66. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the meeting of Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 12 March 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	8 June 2026

67. 'Our Bravery Brought Justice' - the Bridgend Response to the North Wales Child Practice Review

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member and Senior Officers the Committee made the following recommendations and requests for additional information: Recommendations 1. The Committee recommended that a letter be sent to Welsh Government asking them to consider making safeguarding training mandatory for all school governors. 2. The Committee expressed concern regarding the level of Chair of Governor attendance at the termly meetings arranged by the Head of Learning and whether they are undertaking the mandatory training and recommended that the Corporate Director write to all Chairs of Governors sharing a copy of the report and setting out their roles and responsibilities. 3. The Committee discussed whether routes to safeguarding were clear to all school Governors and parents and recommended that this be a standing item on the Agenda of the Chair of Governor termly meetings arranged by the Head of Learning and that routes to safeguarding are highlighted to parents in a newsletter and on parental apps.
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	4. The Committee recommended that the report be shared with Members of the Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information. 5. The Committee referred to the <i>Training on Child Sexual Abuse Awareness & Understanding Men who Sexually Abuse Children</i> set out in the Action Plan appended to the report and recommended that the reference to <i>Men</i> be changed to <i>People</i> both in the title of the training and its content. 6. The Committee discussed the importance and responsibility of the role of Members as Corporate Parents and recommended that consideration be given to making the Corporate Parenting training mandatory and that the training is repeated for all Members shortly. Additional Information Requested 7. The Committee requested copies of the responses from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, South Wales Police and Welsh Government to the North Wales Child Practice Review. 8. The Committee requested detail of how safeguarding leads in schools are selected.
Date Decision Made	8 June 2026

68. Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Councillor Della Hughes be nominated to represent the Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee as an Invitee to meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.
Date Decision Made	8 June 2026

69. Information Report - Corporate Performance Quarter 3 2025-26

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee considered the content of the Corporate Performance Quarter 3 2025-26 report, the
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	Corporate Performance Dashboard Quarter 3 2025-26 and the Regulatory Tracker updated for Quarter 3 2025-26 within the remit of the Committee and had regard to the dashboard and the tracker when considering the Committee's Forward Work Programme report.
Date Decision Made	8 June 2026

70. Forward Work Programme Update

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Committee approved the Forward Work Programme (FWP) in Appendix A subject to the inclusion of the following to be reviewed by a Working Group in the first instance, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet in Appendix B and noted that the FWP as approved by the Committee would be reported to the next meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information: a. Welsh Government Review of Safeguarding Boards; and b. Review of Section 5 of Wales Safeguarding Procedures.
Date Decision Made	8 June 2026

71. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None.
Date Decision Made	8 June 2026

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

The meeting closed at 13:06.