

REPORT TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29 JULY 2015

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a) present the items due to be considered at the Committee's meeting to be held 23 September 2015 and seeks confirmation of the information required for the subsequent scheduled meeting to be held on 4 November 2015;
- b) present a list of further potential items for prioritisation by the Committee.

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 25 February 2015 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 29 July 2015, the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2015/16.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

Meetings of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next scheduled meeting to be held on 23 September 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
Recruitment and Retention of Social Workers	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing Cllr Hailey Townsend, Cabinet Member, Childrens Social Services and Equalities	Recruitment and Retention of Social Workers – Further detailed examination of the key issues affecting recruitment and retention, update on recruitments and retention project etc. <i>(Following on from meeting in</i>	Detail research / To be confirmed

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	Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support Debra Beeke, Workforce Development Manager Ian Vaughan, HR Officer – Workforce Development Trade Union Representative for Social Workers	<i>October where Committee made comments and recommendations)</i>	
Youth Engagement and Progression Framework (Formerly NEETs) and Youth Services Review Update	Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation Cllr Huw David, Deputy Leader Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships Mark Lewis, Partnership Manager Integrated Partnership Support Team	Update on the development and implementation of the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework action plan. Results of Youth Services Review consultation before it is presented to Cabinet for a decision.	Detail research / To be confirmed
Annual SSARF Report Update	N/A	To provide Members with an update on the work of the Joint Research and Evaluation Panel held on the Social Services Annual Reporting Framework in June 2015.	Detail research / To be confirmed

4.2 The table below lists the item to be considered and the invitees due to attend in respect of the subsequent meeting of the Committee to be held on 4 November 2015.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Permanency and Placement Strategy and Early Help Strategy Updates	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation Cllr Hailey Townsend, Cabinet Member, Childrens	Monitoring of action plans –outcomes that have been achieved as a result of preventative work. Detail regarding the joining up of the two strategies into one – update on reorganisations and restructures	Detail research / To be confirmed

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	Social Services and Equalities Cllr Huw David, Deputy Leader Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships		
Residential Remodelling	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing Cllr Hailey Townsend, Cabinet Member, Childrens Social Services and Equalities Colin Turner, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support Natalie Silcox, Group Manager, Childrens Regulated Services Ian Oliver, Group Manager Commissioning and Transformation (provisional)		

4.3 The table below lists all potential items that the Committee received at their meeting on 22 April 2015, which are put to the Committees for reprioritisation as appropriate.

Topic	Proposed Date	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Directorate Budget Consultation Process	3 December 2015	MTFS Proposals for 2016-17	Detail research / To be confirmed
Annual School Performance (plus Attendance Strategy update)	5 January 2016	Annual school performance report from CSC. Possibly also include update on Attendance Strategy	Detail research / To be confirmed
Schools Task Group	5 January 2016	Committee to be presented with the options being put forward for consultation for comment prior to being agreed for consultation by	Detail research / To be confirmed

Topic	Proposed Date	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
		Cabinet as well as details of the planned consultation process.	
Education of LAC	9 March 2016	Priority arisen out of Business Planning Process – IP2 Working Together To Raise Ambitions And Drive Up Educational Achievement – Joint report between Education and Children’s Social Services providing evidence of the work that is being undertaken and the support that is being provided to target and raise educational performance for children in care.	Detail research / To be confirmed
FSM Attainment Gap	9 March 2016	Priority arisen out of Business Planning Process – IP2 Working Together To Raise Ambitions And Drive Up Educational Achievement – report detailing the work that is being undertaken and the support that is being provided to target and raise educational performance for children from socially deprived backgrounds – how do schools differentiate work for those who are in receipt of FSM? What specific support are they offering these pupils?	Detail research / To be confirmed

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 None

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the topics due to be considered at the meeting of the Committee for 23 September 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 meeting for 4 November 2015;
- (iii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committees Forward Work Programme and reprioritise as the Committees feels appropriate

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