

# REPORT TO CORPORATE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22 September 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 on 10 December 2015 and seeks confirmation of the information required for the subsequent scheduled meeting to be held on 19 January 2016;
- 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 24 June 2015 the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2015/16.

#### 4. Current Situation / Proposal

##### Meetings of the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next scheduled meeting to be held on 10 December 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
2015-16 Half Year Financial	Cabinet and CMB All Scrutiny Chairs Yuan Shen - Corporate Improvement and Integrated	To review performance as at 30 September 2015 against 2015-16 corporate plan commitments, milestones and indicators	To be confirmed

Performance	Partnerships Manager Debbie Exton, Group Manager Finance Darren Mepham – Chief Executive (other invitees?)		
Delivery update on Making Best Use of Resources project within the Bridgend Change Programme	Ness Young – Corporate Director – Resources and Section 151 Officer, Councillor M Gregory - Cabinet Member, Resources, Deborah Macmillan - Corporate Director Education and Transformation, Andrew Jolley - Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Regulatory (other invitees?)	To review progress on the following projects: • Finance System • Community Care Information System • Sickness absence management • Schools SLA (including schools’ sickness absence management) • Parc Afon Ewenni • Out of Hours • Overtime • Asset Disposal • Schools’ modernisation programme • Strong Communities, Connecting Services • Maximising Space and Technology • Business support review • Procurement and commissioning • Regulatory services collaboration	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 19 January 2016.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Invitees</b>	<b>Specific Information Requested</b>	<b>Research to be Undertaken by the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Unit</b>
Corporate Plan	Cabinet and CMB All Scrutiny Chairs Ness Young – Corporate Director – Resources and Section 151 Officer Debbie Exton, Group Manager Finance Darren Mepham – Chief Executive (other invitees?)	To comment on the Council’s draft 2016-2020 Corporate Plan including its improvement priorities, revised actions and the associated commitments and indicators for 2016-17	To be confirmed
Directorate Budget Consultation Process	Ness Young – Corporate Director – Resources and Section 151 Officer, Councillor M Gregory - Cabinet Member, Randal Hemmingway - Head of Finance & ICT (other invitees?)	Presented annually - Consideration of Directorate Budget for 2016/17	

4.3 The table below lists all potential items that the Committee received at their meeting on 24 June 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
Budget Responses and Budget REP (accounts for time = 2 items)	5 February 2016	Collate all OVSC BREP feedback and comments	
2015-16 Quarter 3 Financial Performance	22 March 2016	To review 2015-16 financial performance as at 31 December 2015	Detail research / To be confirmed
2016-17 Business Plans	22 March 2016	To comment on Directorate 2016-17 business plans including its actions, milestones and performance measures	Detail research / To be confirmed

## Corporate Parenting

4.4 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a local authority towards looked after children and young people. This is a legal responsibility given to local authorities by the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. The role of the Corporate Parent is to seek for children in public care the outcomes every good parent would want for their own children. The Council as a whole is the 'corporate parent' therefore all Members have a level of responsibility for the children and young people looked after by Bridgend.<sup>1</sup>

4.5 In this role, it is suggested that Members consider how the services within the remit of their Committee affects children in care and care leavers, and in what way can the Committee can therefore assist in these areas.

4.6 Scrutiny Champions can greatly support the Committee in this by advising them of the ongoing work of the Cabinet-Committee and particularly any decisions or changes which they should be aware of as Corporate Parents.

## 5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

5.1 The work of the Corporate Resources and Improvement 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.

<sup>1</sup> Welsh Assembly Government and Welsh Local Government Association 'If this were my child... A councillor's guide to being a good corporate parent to children in care and care leavers', June 2009

## 7. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the topics due to be considered at the meeting of the Committee for 10 December 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 19 January 2016;
- (iii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committees Forward Work Programme and reprioritise as the Committee feels appropriate.

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