

**REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**21 JULY 2016**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP  
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 13 October 2016 and seeks confirmation of the information required for the subsequent scheduled meeting to be held on 15 December 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 improvement priorities identified in the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Plan adopted by Council on 10 March 2016 formally set out the improvement priorities that the Council will seek to implement between 2016 and 2020. 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 16 June 2016, the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2016/17.

**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 13 October 2016, the table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Invitees</b>	<b>Specific Information Requested</b>	<b>Research to be Undertaken by the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Unit</b>
Early Help, Permanency and Placement (Joint Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing</li><li>• Cllr Hailey Townsend, Cabinet Member, Childrens Social Services and Equalities</li></ul>	Monitoring of action plans – what outcomes have been achieved as a result of this preventative work? What evidence is there to support this? Eg. Reduced numbers of CIN/LAC, reduced number of	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family Support</li> </ul>	<p>placements, increase in adoptions. Budget reduction CH25: Reduction in Safeguarding LAC numbers and related reduction in costs. Detail regarding the joining up of the two strategies into one – update on reorganisations and restructures.</p>	
Central South Consortium Estyn Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Transformation</li> <li>• Cllr Huw David, Deputy Leader</li> <li>• Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships</li> <li>Hannah Woodhouse, Managing Director - CSC</li> </ul>	Findings from Estyn's inspection of the CSC.	

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 15 December 2016.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Invitees</b>	<b>Specific Information Requested</b>	<b>Research to be Undertaken by the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Unit</b>
Directorate Budget Consultation Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deborah McMillan, Corporate Director – Education and Family Support</li> <li>• Cllr Huw David, Deputy Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cllr Hailey Townsend, Cabinet Member, Childrens Social Services and Equalities</li> <li>• Nicola Echanis, Head of Strategy Commissioning and Partnerships</li> <li>• Laura Kinsey, Head of Safeguarding and Family</li> </ul>	MTFS Proposals for 2017-18	Detail research / To be confirmed

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	Support		

4.3 The table below lists all potential items that the Committee approved at their meeting on 16 June 2016, which are put to the Committee for reprioritisation as appropriate.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Proposed Date</b>	<b>Specific Information Requested</b>	<b>Research to be Undertaken by the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Unit</b>
Annual School Performance	02-Feb-17	Annual school performance report from CSC	Detail research / To be confirmed
Schools Strategic Review	02-Feb-17	Update on the work of the 4 workstreams so far.	Detail research / To be confirmed
Member and School Engagement Panel	02-Feb-17	Response from Corporate Director - Education and Family Support and Managing Director - CSC to Committee's Annual Report from MSEP. (January 2016). (Information Report)	Detail research / To be confirmed
School Modernisation	01-Apr-17	One of Programmes under Corporate Priority 3 - Smarter Use of Resources. What will Band B look like? How will programme link in with Schools Strategic Review?	Detail research / To be confirmed
FE Sector	01-Apr-17	How FE Sector operates, what are the strategic plans of the college, what is its relationship with secondary schools and the CSC?	Detail research / To be confirmed

#### 4.4 Extra Items for Consideration

Youth Engagement and Progression Framework	Outcome Report and Action Plan resulting from the Youth Review Consultation. Further information as to how the FE College were engaging and assisting schools regarding reducing the number of young people becoming NEET.
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CAMHS	To consider the links between CAMHS / domestic abuse / Substance misuse / Homelessness/LAC etc. (Has been proposed as a possible collaborative Scrutiny item).
Social Services Recruitment and Retention	Follow up from September 2015
Secure Estates	The implications of the secure estate requirements in the Act in relation to care and support to CYP.

### **Corporate Parenting**

- 4.3 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>
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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 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**

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<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

8.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the topics due to be considered at the meeting of the Committee for 13 October 2016 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 as well as any research that it would like the Overview & Scrutiny Unit to undertake in relation to its meeting for 15 December 2016;
- (iii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committee's Forward Work Programme and reprioritise as the Committees deems appropriate.

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