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LEGAL SERVICES JOINT CHILD CARE TEAM STUDY

1. Purpose of Report

To advise Members of a forthcoming study of the Legal Services Joint Child Care Team.

2. Background

The team providing legal services with respect of child protection for Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea is jointly provided between the three authorities; it is based in Swansea and line management is with that authority but the staff are employees of Neath Port Talbot.

We would normally be reporting to this Committee the business plan for the service. However, a special study has been commissioned by the three authorities looking at the future of the team. Members have previously received reports on the pressures to which the team is subject. The study will look at those pressures and how best to relieve them. The study will also look at the future development of the service and the relationships between the three authorities. Inevitably this study when finalised will have an effect on any business plan which would be developed at this time.

We therefore propose to report the business plan after the report is produced.

3. Background Papers

None

4. Wards Affected

All

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