



SOCIAL CARE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.00 pm THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

COMMITTEE ROOMS A/B - NEATH CIVIC CENTRE

PART 1

1. Declarations of interest
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (*Pages 5 - 8*)

To scrutinise information and monitoring issues being reported by:

3. Open Front Door Presentation
Presentation of the Head of Children's Services Keri Warren
4. To select appropriate items from the Cabinet Board Agenda for pre-scrutiny (Cabinet Board reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members).
5. Forward Work Programme 2018/19. (*Pages 9 - 12*)
6. Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairman pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972
7. Access to Meetings to resolve to exclude the public for the following item(s) pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the relevant exempt paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

PART 2

8. To select appropriate private items from the Cabinet Board Agenda for pre-scrutiny (Cabinet Board Reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members).

S.Phillips
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

Friday, 7 September 2018

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: **Councillor L.M.Purcell**

Vice
Chairperson: **Councillor S.E.Freeguard**

Councillors: H.C.Clarke, A.P.H.Davies, C.Galsworthy, J.Miller,
S.Paddison, S.H.Reynolds, D.Whitelock,
O.S.Davies, C.Williams, C.Edwards and
A.N.Woolcock

Notes:

- (1) *If Committee Members or non-Committee Members wish to have relevant items put on the agenda for future meetings, then please notify the Chief Executive/Chair eight days before the meeting.*
- (2) *If non-Committee Members wish to attend for an item of interest, then prior notification needs to be given (by 12.00 noon on the day before the meeting). Non-Committee Members may speak but not vote, or move or second any motion.*
- (3) *For pre scrutiny arrangements, the Chair will normally recommend forthcoming executive items for discussion/challenge. It is also open to Committee Members to request items to be raised - though*

Members are asked to be selective here in regard to important issues.

- (4) The relevant Cabinet Board Members will also be invited to be present at the meeting for Scrutiny/ Consultation purposes.*
- (5) Would the Scrutiny Committee Members please bring the Cabinet Board papers with them to the meeting.*

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SOCIAL CARE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Committee Rooms A/B - Neath Civic Centre)

Members Present:

2 August 2018

Chairperson: Councillor L.M.Purcell

Vice Chairperson: Councillor S.E.Freeguard

Councillors: H.C.Clarke, A.P.H.Davies, S.Paddison, S.H.Reynolds, D.Whitelock, C.Williams and A.N.Woolcock

Officers In Attendance A.Jarrett, Ms.A.Thomas, Ms.K.Warren, Ms.D.Berni, Ms.M.Selby, Ms.C.Howard, A.Bradshaw, Ms.L.Livingstone, R. Davies, J.Davies, Ms.N.Jones and L.Hedges

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors A.R.Lockyer and P.D.Richards

Observers E.Bradfield

1. **MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH JULY 2018**

Members referred to the Young Carers Strategy report and queried whether a response had been received from Officers in relation to the question raised regarding the definition of first year pupils. Officers explained that they would look into this and get back to Members.

Members referred to the Quarterly Performance Management Data 2017/2018 report, and queried whether a response had been received from Officers in relation question raised regarding why there was a 12 week wait between Social Work Assessments and Direct Payments requests. Officers stated they would look into the matter further and circulate a response to the committee members via e-mail after the meeting.

The Committee noted the minutes.

2. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

3. **PRE-SCRUTINY**

3.1 Community Based Care for Looked After Young People with Complex Needs.

The Committee received information in relation to Community Based Care For Looked After Young People With Complex Needs as contained within the circulated report.

Members queried the difference between Residential Care and Foster Care provision. Officers explained that in residential care everything was in one place, there was a consistent and stable environment, and therapeutic support was available on site.

Members questioned were there any children under the age of 8 or 9 in Residential Care. Officers stated that the youngest was 12. Members questioned what MSJ stood for. Officers explained this was the term for “illegal highs.”

Members queried whether there had been a reduction in Stage 1 and Stage 2 complaints. Officers explained that Stage 2 complaints were at an all time low, and there had been a reduction in Stage 1 complaints due to dialogue with families at earlier stages.

Following scrutiny, it was agreed that the report be noted.

4. **SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19.**

Members requested for a report on Adult Safeguarding and Quality Assurance to be programmed in to the work planner. Officers confirmed that this would be brought to the Committee meeting in October.

Members requested for specific monthly performance indicators to be brought to each meeting for monitoring.

Members commented that they were pleased to see that the Autism Strategy was still due to come to the Committee meeting in September.

Members requested for a Mental Health Task and Finish Group to be set up.

5. **PRE-SCRUTINY**

The Committee scrutinised the following matters:

Cabinet Board Proposals

5.1 Neath Port Talbot Council's Consultative draft Homelessness Strategy 2018-2022

The Committee received information in relation to the Neath Port Talbot Council's Consultative draft Homelessness Strategy 2018-2022 as circulated within the report.

Members queried how confident were Officers that multi agencies were working together effectively. Officers stated they were very confident with the current partnership working arrangements in place.

In relation to Priority Three: Review of temporary accommodation service models on page 23, Members commented on the incorrect spelling of the word permanent, and also commented on the line spacing in the report. Officers apologised for these errors and stated that they would be rectified.

Following scrutiny, the Committee were supportive of the proposals to be considered at Cabinet Board.

5.2 Neath Port Talbot's Plan for Adult Social Care 2018- 2020 Consultation

The Committee received information in relation to Neath Port Talbot's Plan for Adult Social Care 2018-2020 Consultation as circulated within the report.

Members commented that the section titled “What are we going to focus on” on page 64 in the strategy needed to be re-worded as it gave the impression that the Authority was not carrying out some of its duties. Officers agreed to look at this section and make the suggested amendments.

Members queried why the Homelessness Strategy consultation was 60 days but both the Adult Social Care and Children and Young People Services Consultation was 90 days. Officers explained that the Homelessness report would be going to Committee before Christmas, and the Adult Social Care and Children and Young People’s report would be going to Committee after Christmas.

Following scrutiny, the Committee were supportive of the proposals to be considered at Cabinet Board.

5.3 Neath Port Talbot’s Plan for Children and Young People Services 2018-2019 Consultation

Members questioned were there any plans to increase the workforce. Officers explained that the workforce has been increased by two members of staff.

Following scrutiny, the Committee were supportive of the proposals to be considered at Cabinet Board

CHAIRPERSON

(DRAFT)
Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Forward Work Programme 2018/19

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Officer
10 May 2018	Asset Based Approach- Detail and Update	Andrew Jarrett
31 May 2018	Forward Work Programme Workshop	
7 June 2018		
5 July 2018	Autism Strategy- POSTPONED	Keri Warren
	Review of High Cost Placements- DEFERRED TO AUGUST	Keri Warren
2 August 2018	Review of High Cost Placements	Keri Warren

**Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Forward Work Programme 2018/19**

13 September 2018	'Open Front Door' Presentation	Keri Warren
11 October 2018	Adult Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	Keri Warren
	Welfare Rights Update	Leighton Jones
	Monthly Performance Indicators	David Harding
8 November 2018	Report on Rota Visits Feedback	Gemma Hargest
	Autism Strategy	Keri Warren
	Monthly Performance Indicators	David Harding
6 December 2018	Mental Health Recovery Plan Monitoring	

10 January 2019	Monthly Performance Indicators	David Harding
7 February 2019	Monthly Performance Indicators	David Harding
7 March 2019		
4 April 2019	Monthly Performance Indicators	David Harding
2 May 2019	Mental Health Recovery Plan Monitoring	Andrew Jarrett

30 May 2019		

To be built in:

- Monitoring of Direct Payments
- Valleys Action Plan
- Income Generation/Budget Monitoring
- Community Transport Element of Asset Based Approach
- Learning Disability Service and Mental Health Service Strategic Business Plan Monitoring