

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 September 2016

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES – A. JARRETT

Matter for Monitoring

Wards Affected: All

**Corporate Improvement Objective – Safer Brighter Futures - Highlight
Report – Quarter 1 (April 1st – 30th June) 2016-17**

Purpose of the Report

To provide Members with the Safer Brighter Futures Highlight Report – Quarter 1 2016-17 which provides a progress update for the first three months of 2016-17 for one of the six Corporate Improvement Plan objectives, which fall within the remit of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. This will enable Scrutiny Members to discharge their functions in relation to performance management.

Summary

Significant progress has been made against all three outcomes. Mechanisms are now in place or under development to monitor progress and report expected outcomes against Welsh Government requirements for 2016-17. The introduction of an Outcomes Focused Practice has allowed practitioners to work in a more positive way with children and families and therefore, ensure the right family support mechanisms are in place by taking into account the views and feelings of children and families with regards to the services they receive.

Financial Impact

None

Equality Impact Assessment

There are no equality impacts associated with this report

Workforce Impacts

None

Legal Impacts

The work is in line with the Welsh Government requirements for 2016/17 which relate to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2016.

Risk Management

Failure to have robust performance monitoring arrangements could result in poor performance going undetected.

Consultation

No requirement to consult on this item.

Recommendation

For Members to note the progress report to improve outcomes for children in need and children looked after improvement objective as contained within the attached highlight report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

Matter for monitoring. No decision required.

Implementation of Decision

Matter for monitoring. No decision required.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Summary of progress to improve outcomes for children in need and children looked after - Quarter 1 2016-17

List of Background Papers

The Neath Port Talbot [Corporate Improvement Plan - 2016/2019](#) “Rising to the Challenge”;

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