

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

*8<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

### REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES – K WARREN

#### **MATTER FOR MONITORING**

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

#### **Autism Strategy Update**

##### **1. Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to update Elected Members on the position of Neath Port Talbot in respect of the Autism strategy and action plan.

##### **2. Executive Summary**

The update to ASD strategy provides an overview of the action plan that is being developed within Neath Port Talbot. This includes developing and monitoring of work that is being undertaken as a multi-agency group, with included views of children and people with autism, their family and carers. The report will explain where gaps in services are being identified and how mapping of services is being undertaken. The update will include information in relation to regional Integrated Autism Service, and the plan to make Neath Port Talbot and Autism aware and Autism Friendly County.

#### **Background**

The Welsh Assembly Government's refreshed Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan has been developed in response to what people with autism, their family and carers have said that is important to them. The Welsh Government have worked with a wide range of stakeholders to identify key priority themes and actions that will make a real difference to the lives of children and adults with autism. There is a commitment to improve the lives of people with autism and to ensure that their parent's carers also receive the support they need.

Neath Port Talbot (NPT) hold an ASD steering group, monthly which is attended by a range of multi-agency professionals as well as parents and

carers of children with autism. The aim of the meeting is to develop an action plan within NPT, so that children, young people and adults have their needs understood, to be supported and to voice and achieve their own well-being outcomes to lead fulfilling lives.

The action plan has been in place since 2017, and we are making progress to help ensure that the people of NPT have are autism aware, with the benefits being a more autism friendly county. NPT are working closely with the Integrated Autism Service which is being developed across the Western bay Region. The development of this service is the main delivery objective of the refreshed ASD Strategic Action Plan.

### **3. Financial Impact**

There are no specific financial implications arising directly out of this report

### **4. Equality Impact Assessment**

There are no Equality Impacts associated with this report

### **5. Workforce Impacts**

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

### **6. Legal Impacts**

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

### **7. Risk Management**

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report

## **8. Consultation**

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **9. Recommendation**

That Members note the update.

## **10. Appendices**

- Appendix 1 ASD committee report

## **11. List of Background Papers**

None

## **12. Officer Contact**

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