

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Social Care Health and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

5th July 2018

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES- KERI WARREN

Matter for Monitoring

Wards Affected:

All Wards

NEATH PORT TALBOT YOUNG CARERS STRATEGY 2017- 2020- ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT 2017-18

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present Cabinet with:
 - a. An update in relation to the Neath Port Talbot (NPT) Young Carers Strategy 2017-2020 (Appendix 1); and the partnership working taking place across the region to achieve Neath Port Talbots (NPT) strategic commitments to Young Carers and Young Adult Carers (Background Paper 1);
 - b. A Progress Report aligned to the Strategy (Appendix 1);
 - c. A Service Delivery overview for 2018-2019 (Appendix 2)
 - d. Inform members of Engagement and Marketing activities in relation to Young Carers 2017-2018 (Appendix 3);

Executive Summary

2. Supporting Carers is a priority in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWA). This report aims to assure Members that the Council recognises the valuable role of Young Carers and Young Adult Carers, as such, is working with partners in order to provide support to Carers both in terms of their own wellbeing needs and in their caring role.
3. The NPT Young Carers Strategy 2017-2020 has been developed in line with the Carers Strategy (Wales) Measure 2010, the NPT Joint Carers Commissioning Strategy 2015-18 and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWB). It sets out the commitment, vision and principles in Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to enable the commissioning of appropriate needs led services for Young Carers and their families.
4. This update report also aims to reiterate the Councils commitment to Young Carers, Young Adult Carers and the Progress achieved in the first year of the Strategies Delivery.(Appendix 1)
5. An overview of the Service delivery now provided to Young Carers and Young Adult Carers as per the start of the financial year 2018 (Appendix 2), provides assurance with regards to the Early Intervention and Prevention agenda in respect of Young Carers.
6. This update report provides members with information on the engagement and participation achieved in 2017-2018 as per the Strategies recommendations (Appendix 3)

Background

7. The SSWB places an increasing emphasis on Local Authorities to provide support to people in ways that will enable them to live independently within their own communities to maximise their choice and independence and give them greater control over the services they receive. In line with NPT's Family Support Strategy (2015 - 2018) and Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy (2014 - 2017) the Council has made a commitment to promote and improve the health and wellbeing of the children and families that it works with by providing needs led and outcome focused services.

8. The Council is committed to supporting Young Carers and recognises the impact caring has on Young Carers wellbeing outcomes and quality of life. The Neath Port Talbot Young Carers Strategy 2017-2020 (Background Paper 1) is a working document and is reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and focussed on the needs of Young Carers living within NPT.
9. Service Model(s) for Young Carers and Young adult carers have changed from April 2018 in order to respond to new Guidance under the Families First Programme and the Strategies objectives. The Young Carers Service was successfully tendered and awarded to the 'Council's' Youth Service provision. An outline of this Service provision is highlighted in Appendix 2-(Service Delivery).
10. The purpose of the NPT Young Carers Strategy is to improve the lives of young carers and their families in Neath Port Talbot. The Council aims to identify and reduce the numbers of children and young people who are undertaking inappropriate caring roles and the numbers of families who rely on the care of a young person for their unmet care needs because this impacts negatively on a young person's emotional and physical well-being. The Council seeks to ensure that every young carer in NPT has the resources and support necessary to achieve their full potential and lead a life away from their caring role.
11. The Council has worked in collaboration across the Education and Social Services Directorate and alongside the Children's Rights Unit to develop the Young Carers Campaign. This is a resource tool for Young Carers, by Young Carers, in order to maximise awareness, identification and training tools for schools and relevant stakeholders (Appendices 3- Marketing and Engagement & Appendix 4- Young Carers Campaign Material)
12. The Council have worked closely with partners to progress the strategic objectives for Young Carers. The Neath Port Talbot Joint Carers Strategic Commissioning Group was re-established in December 2017. It coordinates key officers from Health, Local Authority and Commissioned services. The Carers Strategic Commissioning group exists to set the strategic direction of the NPT Joint Carers Strategy and NPT Young Carers Strategy and to plan, develop and co-ordinate the implementation of the Strategies across the Borough.

Financial Impact

13. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Equality Impact Assessment

14. There are no equality impacts associated with this report, however full EIAs were undertaken on production of the Strategies referenced in this document.

Workforce Impacts

15. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report

Legal Impacts

16. The Council make reference to the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and the duties implied on the Council as such.

Risk Management

17. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

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

Recommendations

19. To note the contents of this report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

20. Report is for monitoring purposes only and no decisions required.

Implementation of Decision

21. No decisions required.

Appendices

- 22. Appendix 1: Progress Report 2017-18
- 23. Appendix 2: Service Delivery
- 24. Appendix 3: Marketing and Engagement
- 25. Appendix 4: Young Carer's Campaign Material

List of Background Papers

- 26. Background Paper 1: Neath Port Talbot Young Carers Strategy 2017-2020

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