Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
Social Services, Housing and Community Safety Cabinet Board Committee

9th March 2023

Report of the Director of Social Services, Health & Housing - Andrew Jarrett

Matter for Information Only

Wards Affected: All

West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board – Annual Report 2020 – 2021 & Annual Plan 2022 – 25 (Year 1)

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present Members with the West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board annual plan and annual report.

2. Executive Summary

Annual Plan – The Annual Plan is written pursuant to section 134-141 (Part 7) of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014. The purpose of the plan is to set out the priorities the Safeguarding Board proposes to work on throughout the financial year.

Annual Report – The Annual plan is written to present an overview of the work the Safeguarding Board has undertaken over the previous twelve months.

3. Background

The West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board was established in April 2013 following direction from Welsh Government to regionalise, initially, Safeguarding Children's Boards as recommended within sustainable social services white paper 2011/12.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is identified in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014 as being the lead partner responsible for establishing effective regional safeguarding boards for the West Glamorgan area.

4. Financial Impacts:

Within the Annual Report there is section which highlights the details of a multi-agency budget.

5. Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for monitoring / information purposes.

6. Valleys Communities Impacts:

No Implications.

7. Workforce Impacts:

The Safeguarding Board have a dedicated management unit which is funded via a multi-agency budget therefore, there are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

8. Legal Impacts:

No implications

9. Risk Management Impacts:

A risk register is maintained by the Boards' management unit.

10. Crime and Disorder Impacts:

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the Council in the exercise of its functions to have "due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

- ***a)*** **Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment);**
- ***b)*** **The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and**
- ***c)*** **Re-offending the area".**

There is no impact under the Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

11. Counter Terrorism Impacts:

The proposals are likely to have no impact on the duty to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

12. Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts:

Section 2(1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 introduced a general duty where a person exercising relevant functions must have regard (along with all

other relevant matters) to the need to remove or minimise any factors which:
(a) increase the risk of violence against women and girls, or
(b) exacerbate the impact of such violence on victims.

The proposals contained in this report are likely to compliment and work alongside the impact on the above duty. VAWDA SV is included in the priorities of the Board under exploitation.

13. Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

14. Recommendations:

Not applicable – for information only.

15. Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Not applicable – for information only.

16. Implementation of Decision:

Not applicable

Appendices:
Appendix A – West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board Annual Plan 2022 – 2025 (Year 1)
Appendix B – West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2021-2022

List of Background Papers:
None.

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