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County Borough Council  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING

# SCRUTINY : SOCIAL SERVICES & SOCIAL REGENERATION MEETING

**TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor W R Smith (In the Chair)

Councillors T Lewis, J McCarthy and L Mytton

**Officers:**

Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Sue Hughes (Assistant Director of Social Regeneration) and Ewan McWilliams (Corporate Performance Manager)

Howard Jones (Scrutiny Manager) and Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

| ITEM NO. | AGENDA MATTER  | DECISION  |
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| 816      | Apologies for absence                                      | Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Brazier Co-opted Member.                                    |
| 817      | Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations) | No Declarations of Interest were made.  |
| 818      | Consideration of Agenda items                              | The Committee considered in detail the items on the agenda.   |
| 819      | Budget Monitoring 2014/15 - Mid Year Position              | The Chair welcomed Steve Jones to the Meeting.<br>Steve Jones referred to the Budget Monitoring 2014/15 – |

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|     |  | <p>Mid Year Position report and updated the Committee in relation to the position at month seven.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were answered in detail by Steve Jones and Sue Hughes.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Revenue and Capital budget outturn projections for 2014/15 be noted.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Steve Jones for attending and the update to Members.</p> <p>Councillor L Mytton entered the Meeting at 4.00 pm.</p>  |
| 820 | Feedback Letter - Estyn Monitoring Visit 6th to 8th October 2014 | <p>The Chair welcomed Sue Hughes to the Meeting.</p> <p>Sue Hughes referred the Committee to the Feedback Letter – Estyn Monitoring Visit 6 to 8 October 2014 report.</p> <p>Sue Hughes then referred to:</p> <p>R3 – Devise and apply better strategies to reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) and build upon existing strategies to reduce the number excluded from school and improve pupil attendance rates, especially in primary schools</p> <p>R7 – Evaluate the impact on Youth Support Services in order to adjust the provision and rebalance resource allocation where necessary</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were answered in detail by Sue Hughes.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Sue Hughes for the update to the Members.</p> |
| 821 | Progress update against Post Inspection Action Plan              | <p>Sue Hughes referred the Committee to the Progress update against Post Inspection Action Plan report and responded in detail to questions raised.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Local Authority continues to update Scrutiny on progress against the PIAP.</p> <p>Councillor J McCarthy left the Meeting at 4.15 pm and returned at 4.16 pm.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Sue Hughes for the update to the Members.</p>  |
| 822 | Corporate Plan Performance Report, Mid-year Update               | <p>The Chair welcomed Ewan McWilliams to the Meeting.</p> <p>Ewan McWilliams referred the Committee to the Corporate Plan Performance Report, Mid year update report and responded in detail to questions raised.</p>   |

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|     |   | The Chair then thanked Ewan McWilliams for attending and the update to the Members. |
| 823 | Forward Work Programme                        | The Chair and the Committee considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme.       |
| 824 | Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair | The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.                         |