



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : SOCIAL SERVICES & SOCIAL REGENERATION MEETING

TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor W R Smith (In the Chair)

Councillors D Davies, T Lewis and B E Mansbridge

Officers:

Ian Benbow (Head of Adult Social Regeneration and Development), Ryan Stokes (Communities First Co-ordinator), Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement) and Joanne Howell (Accountant)

Outside Bodies:

Lesley Dobson (3 G's Development Trust)
Colette Watkins (Gellideg Foundation Group)
Ken Long (Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1010	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Braithwaite, Councillor L Mytton, Councillor J McCarthy and Mr C Brazier Co-opted Member. Councillor Braithwaite Declared her Interest in Item 4 – Communities First Update prior to the Meeting.

1011	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
1012	Consideration of Agenda items	The Committee considered in detail the items on the agenda.
1013	Communities First Update	<p>The Chair welcomed Ian Benbow, Ryan Stokes, Lesley Dobson, Colette Watkins, Ken Long and Joanne Howells to the Meeting.</p> <p>Ian Benbow advised that a Presentation would be made to the Committee in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Communities First delivery structure and co-ordinated links to other poverty programmes • Example of Communities First Borough wide outcomes / WIMD data • Finances • Issues and actions • North Cluster – Progress / Impact / Priority / Risks • Mid Cluster – Progress / Impact / Priority / Risks • South Cluster – Progress / Impact / Priority / Risks <p>Ian Benbow then outlined in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure Chart of Overview of Communities First delivery structure and co-ordinated links to other poverty programmes • Example of Communities First Borough wide outcomes – Prosperous, Learning and Health • WIMD Impacts • Communities First Finance • Merthyr Tydfil Communities First Programme Issues <p>Lesley Dobson North Cluster Manager then outlined in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Cluster Activities Summary • Health – North Cluster • Learning – North Cluster • Prosperous – North Cluster • Key Risks / Mitigating Actions • Areas of Good Practice • Key areas for Improvement • Priority Actions for 2015/16 <p>Questions were then raised by the Members and were answered in detail by Lesley Dobson and Ian Benbow.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Lesley Dobson for attending and the update to the Committee. He also advised that Learning could also be looked at with the Schools Scrutiny Committee.</p>

		<p>Colette Watkins Mid Cluster Manager then outlined in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Cluster Activities Summary • Health – Mid Cluster • Health Programmes (End of Quarter 3) • Learning – Mid Cluster • Learning Programmes (End of Quarter 3) • Prosperous – Mid Cluster • Prosperous Programmes (End of Quarter 3) • Community Involvement • Key Risks / Mitigating Actions • Areas of Good Practice • Key areas for Improvement • Priorities Actions for 2015/16 <p>Questions were then raised by the Members and were answered in detail by Colette Watkins and Ian Benbow.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Collette Watkins for attending and the update to the Committee.</p> <p>Councillor D Davies left the Meeting at 5.23 pm and returned at 5.25 pm.</p> <p>Ken Long South Cluster Manager then outlined in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Cluster Activities Summary • Health – South Cluster • Learning – South Cluster • Prosperous – South Cluster • Key Risks / Mitigating Actions • Areas of Good Practice • Key Areas for Improvement • Priorities Actions for 2015/16 <p>Questions were then raised by the Members and were answered in detail by Ken Long and Ian Benbow.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Ken Long for attending and the update to the Committee.</p> <p>The Chair then advised that a further update would be presented to the Committee from Communities First representatives in June/July 2015.</p>
1014	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	The Chair referred to Committee start times and the agenda item on Consideration of Agenda Items and advised that these matters would be further considered prior to the Annual Meeting.
1015	Forward Work Programme	The Committee considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme.
1016	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.