



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : CHIEF EXECUTIVE (INC. CRIME AND DISORDER) MEETING

TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor T Lewis (In the Chair)

Councillors D Isaac, T Chaplin, A Jones and E Galsworthy

Officers:

Mark Thomas (Assistant Director - Chief Executive's), Suzanne Davies (Service Manager Planning & Commissioning), Angharad Hobson (Performance Support and Development Officer) and Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1223	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown, Councillor K Moran, Councillor P Williams Cabinet Member and Mrs A Harris and Mrs N Mahoney Co-opted Members.
1224	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
1225	Corporate Plan Performance Report, Quarter 3 update	The Chair welcomed Mark Thomas, Angharad Hobson and Suzanne Davies to the Meeting.

		<p>Angharad Hobson referred to the Corporate Plan Performance Report Quarter 3 Update report and referred the Committee in detail to:</p> <p>Priority Area 1 – Raising Standards of Attainment Priority Area 2 – Employability Priority Area 3 – Economic Development Priority Area 4 – Active Lifestyles Priority Area 5 – Promoting Independence Priority Area 6 – Meeting the Needs of Vulnerable Children Priority Area 7 – A Sustainable Environment</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee in relation to the Priority areas and were answered in detail by the Officers.</p> <p>Questions were also raised in relation to cross cutting services and the Chair advised that these would be taken forward.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The update on progress against delivery of the Corporate Plan and Outcome Agreement be noted.</p>
1226	Review of Merthyr Tydfil Local Service Board's Information Strategy 2014/15	<p>Suzanne Davies referred to the Review of Merthyr Tydfil Local Service Board's Information Strategy 2014/15 report and led the Committee in detail through the report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were answered in detail by Suzanne Davies and Mark Thomas.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The report be received and the contents noted. (b) To receive an update on further progress and finalisation of the Strategy during 2015/2016</p>
1227	Defining Success for 2017 - Performance	<p>The Chair welcomed Richard Parry to the Meeting.</p> <p>Richard Parry referred to the Defining Success for 2017 – Top Performing report and led the Committee in detail through the report.</p> <p>Richard Parry also referred to the progress made in relation to Service self evaluation and Corporate self evaluation.</p> <p>The Committee then agreed that the Chief Executive, the two Corporate Directors, the Leader, Deputy Leader and the Cabinet Member for Transformational Change be invited to attend a future Committee Meeting to identify where the Council is now and to analyse where the Council is at a global level and not just at service level.</p> <p>Further questions were then raised by the Committee and were answered in detail by Richard Parry.</p> <p>The Committee also referred to the delay in the WAO issuing their report and the Chair advised that he would</p>

		<p>take this forward.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The progress on developing and implementing an effective self evaluation process be noted (b) A further report on progress on Defining Success For 2017 be provided for Scrutiny Committees in November 2015
1228	A Review and Evaluation of Member Scrutiny 2014-15	<p>Richard Parry referred to the A Review and Evaluation of Member Scrutiny 2014-15 report and led the Committee in detail through the eight recommendations that had been agreed for the Work Programme Development and Scrutiny Processes for 2014/15.</p> <p>Richard Parry also suggested that Self evaluation update be a standing item on the Committee.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Progress during 2014/15 in terms of the quality and effectiveness of the Scrutiny and Audit processes be noted (b) The recommendations identified in Appendix 1 of the report be agreed and implemented (c) The key areas for improvement in Appendix 3 of the report be agreed and followed up
1229	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>The Committee were updated in relation to the Scrutiny and Audit Chair's Group Meeting and received details of cross cutting issues that had been raised.</p>
1230	Scrutiny Training & Development with the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the Scrutiny Training and Development with the Centre for Public Scrutiny report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be noted.</p>
1231	Preparation of Scrutiny Work Programme for 2015/16	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the Preparation of Scrutiny Work Programme – 2015/16 report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The contents of the report be noted (b) A Task and Finish Group be set up to progress a draft work programme for 2015/16 and that this Group reports back to this Committee by the end of May / early June (c) This Task and Finish Group comprise Councillor T C Lewis, Councillor D Isaac and Councillor A Jones
1232	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair and the Committee reflected on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting.</p>
1233	Forward Work Programme	<p>The Committee agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee meet to consider the items for the Work Programme.</p>

1234	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
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