



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING

TUESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 2017

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

Councillors A Jones, T Lewis, B E Mansbridge and J McCarthy

Cooptees:

Brian Lewis

Officers:

Lisa Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), Annabel Lloyd (Head of Children's Services), Ewan McWilliams (Corporate Performance Manager) and John Sellwood (Leisure, Culture and Sports Development Manager)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
996	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Braithwaite and Councillor L Matthews Cabinet Member.
997	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
998	Cwm Taf Social Services and Wellbeing Partnership Board Annual Report 2016-17	The Chair welcomed Lisa Curtis Jones to the Meeting. Lisa Curtis Jones led the Committee through the 'Cwm Taf Social Services and Wellbeing Partnership Board Annual Report 2016-17' and responded in detail to the following questions raised by the Committee:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 3.5 – Pooled Funds – Explanation requested what this is and how this will work • Paragraph 3.2 – The Local Health Board as a Partner – Is there anything that could be done to assist • How do the public know what is being done – Do the public know what Social Services can provide • Paragraph 5.6 – Resources to support the work of the Board – How long are these funding streams guaranteed for <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be noted.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Lisa Curtis Jones for the update to the Committee.</p>
999	Performance Report - Corporate Plan - Priority Area 3 Meeting the needs of vulnerable children	<p>The Chair welcomed Annabel Lloyd and Ewan McWilliams to the Meeting.</p> <p>Annabel Lloyd led the Committee through the 'Performance Report – Corporate Plan, Priority Area 3 – Meeting the needs of vulnerable children' report and responded in detail to the following questions raised by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Department in budget • Syrian Family living in the County Borough • Paragraph 1.2/1.3 – Judgement of adequate – What does adequate mean and what does it mean for the Authority <p>Arising on the Syrian Family living in the County Borough a Committee Member requested an investigation into the accommodation that had been provided and recommended that a Task and Finish Group be convened for this purpose.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The judgements and evaluations be noted (b) That a Task and Finish Group be convened after the Election to make enquiries into the accommodation provided for the Syrian family and that the Committee be updated when information is available <p>The Chair then thanked Annabel Lloyd for the update to the Committee.</p>
1000	Performance Report - Corporate Plan - Priority Area 4 Active Lifestyles	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>The Chair Councillor W R Smith Declared his Interest in this item as he is the Council's Representative on the Board for the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust Limited.</p> <p>The Chair then welcomed John Sellwood to the Meeting.</p> <p>John Sellwood referred the Committee to the 'Performance</p>

		<p>report – Corporate Plan – Priority Area 4 – Active Lifestyles’ report and responded in detail to the following questions raised by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Ambassadors – Has this project been promoted to other schools – What are other head-teachers doing – Are there examples of best practice • Effect of the increase in fees • Achievement of Disability Sport Wales In-sport Silver Standard – Is the Gold Standard being pursued • Paragraph 7.5 – Active Merthyr Tydfil Team – Who are the Team <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The judgements and evaluations be noted.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked John Sellwood for the update to the Committee.</p>
1001	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	The Chair advised that there was no update on this item.
1002	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the issues that had been considered.
1003	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair advised that this was the last Committee Meeting before the Election and he thanked the Members and Officers for their support.</p> <p>The Chair also extended best wishes to Members who were not seeking re-election together with Members who were standing for re-election in May.</p>