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County Borough Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# **SCRUTINY : GOVERNANCE, PERFORMANCE, BUSINESS CHANGE AND CORPORATE SERVICES MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 10TH JULY, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: T Skinner (Chair)

Councillors: H R Jones, D Sammon, W R Smith and D Roberts

**Cooptees:**

K Sutton (Youth Forum Representative)

**Officers:**

A Mogford (Business Change Manager), M Purnell (Performance and Scrutiny Officer), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), M Anderton (Head of Adult Services), C Hole (Head of Community Wellbeing), G Evans (Audit Manager) and H Harbord (Senior Auditor)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
145	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Amos, Councillor T Rogers and Mr J Beard Co-opted Member.

146	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
147	Draft Annual Governance Statement 2017-2018	<p>The Chair welcomed Gary Evans and Helen Harbord to the Meeting.</p> <p>Gary Evans referred the Committee in detail to the 'Draft Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee on the report and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (2)(b) – Complaints – Where do they go – If not being fed in they are not being dealt with – Complaints should be reported back – There should be some sort of mechanism in place to see any trends</li> <li>• The benefit of having a Mentor / Buddy system – Staggering of Training</li> <li>• (4) - WAO recommendation – Where would be the most appropriate place to evidence progress</li> </ul> <p>Gary Evans advised that if the Committee required more information then this could be provided.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The content and production of the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/2018 be noted.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for attending and for the detailed report.</p> <p>Kaitlin Sutton Youth Forum Representative entered the Meeting at 4.15 pm.</p>
148	Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Proposal and Draft terms of Reference	<p>The Chair welcomed Andrew Mogford to the Meeting.</p> <p>Andrew Mogford referred the Committee in detail to the 'Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Proposal and Draft Terms of Reference' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee on the report and were responded to in detail by the Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representation on the CCR City Deal JOSC - Criteria</li> <li>• Paragraph 3.5 – Breakdown requested on the financial contribution – What would happen with any over/under spend</li> <li>• Paragraph 5.4 – What are other Local Authorities doing – Initial thoughts for the Authority – When will</li> </ul>

		<p>a final answer be available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will young people be represented on the JOSC – Will young people be informed on what the City Deal is</li> <li>• Involvement of Social Media</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The Committee agrees to participation on the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee which will comprise of Elected Members of the ten Local Authorities involved in the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal</p> <p>(b) The Committee agrees the Draft Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 1 of the report and gives the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, delegated authority to amend and finalise the Terms of Reference until such time the Joint Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) is operational</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Andrew Mogford for attending.</p>
149	Living Well	<p>The Chair welcomed Lisa Curtis-Jones, Mark Anderton and Chris Hole to the Meeting.</p> <p>Lisa Curtis-Jones referred the Committee in detail to the 'Living Well – People are empowered to live independently within their Communities, where they are safe and enjoy good physical and mental health' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referral process – Clarification sought on referrals to individual Scrutiny Committees to avoid duplication</li> <li>• Paragraphs 8.3 to 8.6 – Are public services part of the Community Zone Project or are they separate</li> <li>• Outline requested on work to date with the public sector and the third sector</li> <li>• Who is employing the Manager</li> <li>• Registered Social Landlords</li> <li>• Sharing of Resources</li> <li>• What evaluation is being used in relation to the figures</li> <li>• Could there be a Best Practice Meeting with RCT</li> <li>• Figure 1 – Where does the Gurnos fit in</li> <li>• Similar projects / pilots in England – Are there any plans to visit another Authority to gain ideas and view Best Practice in these Councils to share knowledge and experience</li> <li>• Consideration of a Third Sector Champion</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p>

		<p>The content of the report be noted.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for attending.</p>
150	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	The Chair advised that there was no update on this item.
151	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected in detail on the items that had been discussed at the Meeting.
152	Scrutiny Committee Work Programme	<p>The Chair referred the Committee in detail to the 'Scrutiny Committee Work Programme' report.</p> <p>In relation to the Task and Finish Group Update scheduled for the 4 September 2018 Meeting the Chair advised that Councillor Chris Davies was no longer a Committee Member and questioned the need for a Task and Finish Group on this issue. The Chair further advised that she would be happy to action the work on the Cabinet Work Programme Forward Plan and to undertake an initial piece of work and to come back to the Committee with this.</p> <p>The Committee then agreed the proposal of the Chair.</p> <p>Further debate then ensued on the Work Programme and the Committee agreed the schedule.</p>
153	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.