

## Social Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2018/19

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Linked to MTCBC's Wellbeing Objectives (Corporate Objectives?)?	Officer & Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Annual Work Programme		Social Services Scrutiny Committee	To consider and approve the Work Programme for 2018 / 2019
	WCCIS end of year performance update		Anne Powell / Mark Anderton / Annabel Lloyd	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Summary report – providing a position statement on performance reporting developments, reporting timetable and share year end data for 2017 / 2018.
	Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Inspection – verbal update on feedback		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - CIW verbal update on findings from inspection of Children's Social Services in April / May 2018.  Once final report is available it will be made available to the scrutiny committee.
	Barod.Cymru (formerly Drugaid)		Sian prior / Rob Parker / Steve Peters ?/Lisa Curtis-Jones	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - To receive a presentation from Drugaid on the work that they are doing.
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Review of residential Services		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Mark Anderton / Lowri Morgan	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - A review of Residential Care Services is currently underway. Scrutiny to be provided with background information and findings to date.
	Update on Regional Strategies		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr Dave Hughes	Provision of an update on regional partnership business. Update will include the following topics: Carers Strategy; Learning Disability Strategy; Older Persons Strategy and Pooled Budgets.
	ACRF – Annual Report on Social Services 2017 / 2018		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr Dave Hughes	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Following a consultation workshop with Scrutiny Members; a report summarising key messages from the Annual Report on Social Services 2017 / 2018 will be presented for information.

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				The Annual Report on Social Services will undergo consultation between 4 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018. Following this period of consultation, feedback received will be used to help shape and finalise the final report; which will be submitted to Welsh Government by 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018.
	Adult Services Strategy Update (7)		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Mark Anderton	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - The Head of Adult Services will provide an update on the ongoing strategic work within adult social services and next steps.
	Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service (YOS) progress update (9)		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Lyndon Lewis (RCTCBC)	<p><b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - The committee requires a further update on progress made in implementation of the post inspection improvement action plan.</p> <p>Previous update received by Social Services Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</p> <p>The YOS is a multi-agency team which is made up of members of the Police, Probation, Health, Education, Substance Misuse and Social Services; as well as other specific to the team. The YOS deals with young people between the ages of 10 and 18 who are involved in the criminal justice system and those who are just on the periphery of becoming involved in the system.</p>
	Care leavers and number of Council tax exemptions  <b>This is an action request from the Chair of Social Services Scrutiny on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (SS Scrutiny).</b>		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - The Head of Children's Services will provide a brief report outlining number of care leavers and number of Council tax exemptions
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Looked After Children Strategy Update (1)		Annabel Lloyd / Cllr David Hughes	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - An update on progress implementing the LAC Strategy and the associated risks, issues and challenges. The Strategy is seeking a reduction in the number of LAC and CPR over the next few years.

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	Children's Services Strategy Update (8)		Annabel Lloyd	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - The Head of Children's Services will provide an update on strategies applicable to Children's Social Services
	Budget Update (10)		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Cllr David Hughes / Stacey Evans	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Report to be presented to Scrutiny providing an update on Social Services budget overall, areas of likely overspend and the measures that have been put in place to help reduce any overspend within the department.
	Community Zones (3)		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Chris Hole	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Community Zones is a place based approach focussing on support to improve outcomes for residents with the greatest challenges. The Committee requires an update i.e. how the zones are progressing; what challenges are being faced; and what performance indicators have been developed.
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2018	CTSCB / CTSAB Annual Reports (2)		Nicola Kingham and officers / Alex Beckham / Cllr David Hughes	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - These separate reports summarises the work undertaken by the CTSCB and the CTSAB to achieve its objectives during the year. They also summarise the areas of development identified.  Cwm Taf Safeguarding Children Board (CTSCB) Cwm Taf Safeguarding Adults Board (CTSAB)
	Early Years Learning		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Chris Hole / Cllr David Hughes	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Scrutiny to receive a report on progress.
	Corporate Parenting Update		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - To provide data and performance in relation to Corporate Parenting
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Regional Adoption Annual Report (4)		Annabel Lloyd / Angela Harris and Rachel Evans	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - To provide an update on performance in relation to our regional adoption collaborative.

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			(Vale of Glamorgan)	
	Cwm Taf Integrated Family Support Team (IFST) Annual Report (6)		Annabel Lloyd / Jay Goulding (RCT)	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Annual Report on progress within the Cwm Taf IFST and the wider implementation.
	Adult Services Strategy Update (7)		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Mark Anderton	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - The Head of Adult Services will provide an update on the ongoing strategic work within adult social services and next steps.
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019	Violence against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Updates		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Annabel Lloyd / Cllr David Hughes / Deborah Evans (SMT) / Steve Peters	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Meeting to receive an update on progress in relation to the strategy and action plan.  Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council is a member of the Cwm Taf Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Steering Group, which is the lead partnership taking forward the Cwm Taf regions implementation of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.
	Tackling Poverty		Chris Hole	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Looking at the funding flexibilities and the work being completed around tackling poverty.
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Annual Report - Social Services Complaints, Representations and Compliments		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Jonathan Strong / Cllr David Hughes	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Local Authorities are required to the Social Services Complaints Procedure (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Representations Procedure (Wales) Regulations 2014 to produce an Annual Report about the operation of their Social Services Complaints, Representations and Compliments Policy and Procedures.
	Children's Services Strategy Update (8)		Annabel Lloyd	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - The Head of Children's Services will provide an update on strategies applicable to Children's Social Services
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	ACRF – Draft Annual		Lisa Curtis-Jones / Mark	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - Scrutiny to provide comment and

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2019	Report on Social Services 2018 / 2019 Consultation		Anderton / Anne Powell	challenge in relation to the Draft Annual Report on Social Services 2018 / 2019.  <b>Note:</b> It is likely that consultation with Scrutiny will take place in the form of a workshop and the final report presented for information in July 2019.
	CTSCB / CTSAB Annual Reports (2)		Nicola Kingham and officers / Alex Beckham / Cllr David Hughes	<b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> - These separate reports summarises the work undertaken by the CTSCB and the CTSAB to achieve its objectives during the year. They also summarise the areas of development identified.  Cwm Taf Safeguarding Children Board (CTSCB) Cwm Taf Safeguarding Adults Board (CTSAB)
Additional items to consider for Work				
<b>Date to be confirmed</b>	Valleys Life	Update on plans and progress (Howard – this is the project Mark made reference to).		
<b>Date to be confirmed</b>	Adult Day Service Provision	Update on the review and re-design of Adult Day Service provision (again, referenced by Mark)		
<b>Date to be confirmed</b>	Social Services Budget Updates	Discussed at the 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 meeting to be added to the work programme.  Social Services Budget Updates and a report into the outsourcing (Group Home) Business case and whether it would be cheaper for the Authority to take back this service		
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Consultation Period) – date of workshop to be confirmed	ACRF – Annual Report on Social Services 2017 / 2018	A workshop will be held with Scrutiny during 4th and 15th June (consultation period). This will provide Scrutiny with an opportunity to review and challenge the Draft Annual Report. Feedback from the workshop will be used to help shape the final report.		
<b>Date to be</b>	<b>Presentation:</b>	Joint meeting with Learning & LAESCYP to discuss :-		

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<b>confirmed</b>	<p>Setting the Scene - Children Looked After &amp; Carer Leavers:</p> <p>Education/Social services Lisa Curtis-Jones Sue Walker Annabel Lloyd Sarah Bowen Sarah Skuse Jessica jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Story in Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Parenting responsibilities, SSWB / Children Act duties, Number of CLA, Placements etc .</li> <li>• Education overview re CLA – Education and LACES</li> </ul> <p><b>Agenda for Joint Scrutiny –Education and Social Services. June 2018</b></p> <p><b>1. Presentation:</b> Setting the Scene - Children Looked After &amp; Carer Leavers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Story in Merthyr Tydfil Corporate Parenting responsibilities, SSWB / Children Act duties, Number of CLA, Placements etc .</li> <li>• Education overview re CLA – Education and LACES</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Questions on presentation from Scrutiny members</b></p> <p><b>3. Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the data telling us? 2015/16 National and local dataset as per Stat Wales / PI's</li> <li>• Reminder of our current performance for CLA at all Key stages (where this is available)?</li> <li>• What is the range of support offered to our Children Looked After? (including What is the LEA doing to directly support schools and school staff (teaching / non teaching) and governing bodies to assist CLA learners?)</li> <li>• Provide an update on the Pupil Development Grant and how it is being used to benefit Merthyr Tydfil Children Looked After .</li> <li>• What are the challenges facing the Authority in supporting our Children Looked After?</li> <li>• The challenge to All .... What more can and should we be doing to improve wellbeing outcomes and raise educational standards for Merthyr Tydfil Children Looked After?!</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Questions on report from Scrutiny members</b></p>
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