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Date: 4th September 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Social Services Scrutiny Committee** will be held in the **Sirhowy Room, Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach** on **Tuesday, 10th September, 2019** at **5.30 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. Councillors and the public wishing to speak on any item can do so by making a request to the Chair. You are also welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, both these requests require a minimum notice period of 3 working days, and a simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

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Yours faithfully,

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Christina Harrhy
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

	Pages	
1	To receive apologies for absence.	
2	Declarations of Interest.	

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest (s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

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To approve and sign the following minutes: -

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| 3 | Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on the 18th June 2019. | 1 - 6 |
| 4 | Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure. | |
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Councillors: A. Angel, J. Bevan (Vice Chair), C. Bezzina, L.J. Binding (Chair), D. Cushing, M. Evans, Miss E. Forehead, A. Gair, Ms J. Gale, D.C. Harse, V. James, L. Jeremiah, Mrs A. Leonard, B. Owen, S. Skivens and C. Thomas

Users and Carers: Michelle Jones, Jill Lawton and Mr C. Luke

Aneurin Bevan Health Board: A. Gough (ABUHB)

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SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN,
YSTRAD MYNACH ON TUESDAY, 18TH JUNE 2018 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. Binding - Chair
Councillor J. Bevan - Vice Chair

Councillors:

A. Angel, C. Bezzina, Miss E. Forehead, A. Gair, D.C. Harse, V. James, L. Jeremiah, B. Owen, S. Skivens and C. Thomas.

Cabinet Member: C. Cuss (Social Care and Wellbeing).

Together with:

D. Street (Corporate Director - Social Services and Housing), J. Williams (Assistant Director - Adult Services), G. Jenkins (Assistant Director - Children's Services), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer) and A. Dredge (Committee Services Officer).

Co-opted Member: Mrs M. Jones.

Also Present - Representatives from Caerphilly People First: F. Poole (Chair), S. Cochrane (Vice-Chair), C. Taylor (Support Worker) and J. Wright (Supporting Role – Torfaen CBC).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors D. Cushing, M. Evans, J. Gale and Mrs A. Leonard and Mr C. Luke (Co-opted Member).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 30TH APRIL 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 30th April 2019 (minute nos. 1 - 7) be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE

There had been no matters referred to the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.

5. SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Officer introduced the report that informed the Committee of its Forward Work Programme planned for the period June 2019 to April 2020. Members were asked to consider the work programme and to make any amendments or request additional agenda items to be included for future meetings.

Members were advised that Mr J. Green (Dementia Friends Trainer) was not available to deliver the training at this meeting due to a family bereavement. It was agreed that the training be rescheduled for the next meeting on the 10th September 2019. Members requested additional reports regarding the Adoption Process in respect of Special Educational Needs (SEN) and a breakdown in Mental Health in Caerphilly. The Director proposed a further item regarding a follow-up review of Corporate Arrangements for the Safeguarding of Children which will set out appropriate recommendations and actions in moving forward. The Chair proposed this report to be scheduled for the meeting on the 22nd October 2019 and the Regional Partnerships Boards report currently scheduled for that meeting be moved to a future meeting date.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that subject to the aforementioned, the work programme appended to the report be approved and published to the Council's website.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Consideration was given to the following reports.

6. DEMENTIA FRIENDS TRAINING

Mr J. Green (Dementia Friends Trainer) was not available to deliver the training at this meeting due to a family bereavement. The training was rescheduled for the next meeting on the 10th September 2019. The Scrutiny Officer advised that he'd sent condolences to Mr Green on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee.

7. CITIZENS CHARTER "GWENT CHARTER FOR WORKING TOGETHER" PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed F. Poole (Chair), S. Cochrane (Vice-Chair) and C. Taylor (Support Worker) from Caerphilly People First and J. Wright (Supporting Role – Torfaen CBC) to the meeting. They delivered a presentation that explained the purpose of the Charter and what it aims to achieve.

The Charter was written by people with learning disabilities from all across Gwent. It is based on what people with learning disabilities said they want to happen in Gwent and it was explained that it is not about asking for more services or money. It's about asking for people to be treated equally and be afforded the same opportunities as everyone else. The Committee were asked to read and sign the Charter and to consider if as individuals or the organisation complies with the Charter and how/if this can affect how contracts are made, people are employed and staff are trained to provide services. Unfortunately, the Charter had not been made available at this meeting and the Assistant Director for Adult Services presented a poster that set out the themes of the Charter that included 'Listen to me and Work with me'.

Members were advised that many organisations have signed the Charter and in moving forward the learning disability and mental health partnership are considering using the Charter rather than the Learning Disability Strategy in terms of illustrating progress made .

Members discussed the importance of the Charter and questioned if the Council itself has signed the document. It was explained that individual Officers have signed and would like the Scrutiny Committee to endorse the Charter prior to its presentation to Cabinet. Members were pleased to note that Ms Poole during her role within Caerphilly First has been successful in obtaining paid work, with Growing Space. In response to a Member's query, it was confirmed that other Local Authorities have signed the Charter and the team will write to organisations ensuring compliance. The Chair would like to invite the representatives back to a future Scrutiny Committee meeting as he would like to expand upon the work of the Charter by working with the Cabinet Member and Directors for this work to be considered 'business as usual' in moving forward.

The Committee were advised that the Team have recently rolled out a training session which includes a quiz and have delivered this in several schools raising awareness of people with learning disabilities and mental health issues being able to be active participants of their communities. They recently attended Pontnewydd and Malpas Schools Special Educational Needs (SEN) Departments. It was explained that children in years 5 and 6 showed more maturity in terms of their reaction to the subject matter by enquiring, listening and understanding as to what learning disabilities are.

The Team have secured funding previously from Caerphilly People First, the Lottery, Lloyds Bank and Local Authorities and are now looking to obtain further funding to develop the business and training opportunities.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Caerphilly People First for attending the Scrutiny Committee meeting and delivering their detailed presentation and Members noted the contents therein.

8. CAERPHILLY FOSTERING SERVICE UPDATE

The report provided Members with an update on the Fostering Service a year on from the implementation of the revised Fee and Payments structure, as requested by the Committee on 1st May 2018.

The Scrutiny Committee were reminded of the pressures facing Children's Services and in particular the pressure of increasing numbers of children Looked After, increasing complexity and challenging behaviours and the relentless demands made by the Courts. These pressures are compounded by the availability of suitable placements for children.

A report had been presented to the Scrutiny Committee in May 2018 which identified that Caerphilly had been experiencing a year on year net loss in the number of foster placements being provided. That report identified that, despite a positive radio advertising campaign and an increased number of enquiries to Caerphilly, prospective carers were choosing to apply to other Local Authorities or Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA's) because of the remuneration packages being offered. It was noted that Caerphilly's foster carer fee levels were one of the lowest in Wales and this was impacting on the ability to recruit sufficient carers. As a result, new enhanced fees and other allowances were proposed with significant investment being required to support this. These proposals were considered and supported by the Scrutiny Committee in May 2018 and were ratified by Cabinet in June 2018.

The Committee noted that the new remuneration package has had a direct impact on recruitment of new foster carers. Equally, it has had a direct impact on existing foster carers who report feeling valued and feeling part of the Caerphilly Team. Combined with the ongoing training and support provided by the Fostering Service, Caerphilly has strengthened its position in the region.

Members discussed the amount of carers currently employed by Caerphilly and although the figures have increased the Department are not looking to achieve a specific target in recruitment. This is the first year the department has reported a net increase in foster carers

and placements offered. The overall increase to date has been 15 foster care households offering 20 placements. Members were pleased to note that enquiry rates continue to remain high and there are currently 10 prospective carers at various stages of the assessment process. It was explained that much effort has been made over the last 18 months in terms of recruitment and this process takes time to progress.

In responding to Members questions, Officers advised that there are no children currently waiting for placements. If there is no in-house availability other options would be considered depending on the circumstances for example Independent Foster Carers within a 5 to 10 mile radius. There may also be a need to consider out of County placements where protective measures are required.

Members discussed the fee structure and the position of other Local Authorities within the region and Officers explained that it is difficult to compare remuneration packages of care to the independent sector due to the level of support provided by the Department. A Member referenced that 8 Foster Carers had left in the last year and it was explained that the majority of people leave due to retirement and health reasons. Overall, people are proud to work for Caerphilly and many applications have been received as a result of 'word of mouth'.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that contents of the report and the positive improvements achieved across the service area, be noted.

9. PREVENTING UNNECESSARY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Members were advised that the Department are currently in the middle of a Wales Audit Office examination in relation to the Council's Well-Being Objective 5 - Creating a County Borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The emphasis is working in partnership with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABuHB) to prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital and facilitate timely discharges.

The report updated Members of the initiatives in practice to prevent unnecessary admissions to and facilitate timely discharges from hospital. 'Home First' is one of a suite of initiatives sponsored by the Gwent Regional Partnership Board. It aims to support the continued development of a 'seamless system' of care, support and wellbeing in Gwent in response to the Welsh Government's new long term plan for health and social care 'A Healthier Wales'. The report explains what Home First is, why it was created, what it aims to deliver and how its effectiveness will be measured and monitored.

The Scrutiny Committee were advised that Discharge to Assess (D2A) is an initiative the Community Resource Team (CRT) have introduced in Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr (YYF). This was initially piloted and is now an established discharge pathway. D2A aims to reduce the amount of time individuals stay in hospital unnecessarily, who can be safely discharged back to the community with minimum or no formal support in place and an assessment carried out post discharge at home. Evidence suggests assessing an individual in their own home reduces their level of dependency, which in turn often reduces the level of support required long term. Focus also shifted to helping individuals achieve what matters to them by providing creative individual solutions that includes using their own strengths as well as family and community links rather than commissioning standard care provision.

Members discussed the figures provided by the Transformation Team in relation to the ageing population in Wales in that over a quarter are aged 50 plus. Those aged over 65 are expected to increase from around 600,000 in 2013 to 900,000 in 2037 and the number of over 85's is growing at an even faster rate (Age Cymru, 2015). Wales also has a higher proportion of people aged 85 plus compared to the rest of the UK (Stats Wales, 2012). It was explained

that the demand for social care services are growing in the context of significant demographic changes and the growing incidence and large prevalence of complex, long term conditions.

The Committee discussed the responses to winter pressures (set out in paragraph 5.9) expressed by ABUHB and the wish to secure support services for Emergency Departments. A Member sought clarification for the process of accelerated discharge times and how this is managed. Officers advised that the Key Performance Indicators provided is a direct replication of the service that was previously commissioned by the Health Board and Local Authority's had to provide direct comparisons. The emphasis is on the person being assessed within 4 hours but not necessarily being discharged within 24 hours. In terms of the Home First progress, Officers advised that one challenge has been the reporting mechanism. The Committee noted that as a result of this a Performance Officer has been appointed by the Authorities. They have commenced in post and are developing a standard reporting tool to address anomalies which will be populated monthly.

Members then discussed a further challenge in respect of the Regional Partnership Board (RPB), in that they are charged with working up bids, money is then paid to the Health Board (the treasurer). In terms of timescales, this does not allow capacity to present to Scrutiny and Cabinet. It has been assumed that the transformation grant process will include quarterly monitoring and evaluation, to inform an exit strategy should the transformation grant funding cease in March 2021. Councillor Cuss advised that he sits on the RPB (with voting rights) and suggested that a joint Scrutiny Committee could be formed across Gwent in moving forward with this process. He expressed his concerns with the governance process and this was echoed by the Committee. The Director added that this frustration is acknowledged across the region. However, Welsh Government has decided on this route for grant funding and governance to assist with RPB's. The Chair requested it noted that he has concerns regarding the governance arrangements for this process.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the progress that has been made in Home First across the region using transformation grant funding, be noted;
- (ii) the Adult Services Department is in the middle of a Wales Audit Office – Well-Being of Future Generations examination of the authorities Well-Being Objective 5 “work in partnership with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) to prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital and facilitate timely discharges, be noted;
- (iii) a report on the outcome of the examination be presented to the Social Services Scrutiny Committee in due course.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Approved as a correct record, subject to any amendments agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019.

CHAIR

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SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK
PROGRAMME**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES & HOUSING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Social Services Committee Forward Work Programme.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Forward Work Programmes are essential to ensure that Scrutiny Committee agendas reflect the strategic issues facing the Council and other priorities raised by Members, the public or stakeholders.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That Members consider any changes and agree the final forward work programme prior to publication.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To improve the operation of scrutiny.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 The Social Services Scrutiny Committee forward work programme includes all reports that were identified and discussed at the scrutiny committee meeting on 18th June, 2019. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period September 2019 to April 2020.

5.2 The forward work programme is made up of reports identified by officers and members. Members are asked to consider the work programme alongside the cabinet work programme and suggest any changes before it is published on the council website. Scrutiny committee will review this work programme at every meeting going forward alongside any changes to the cabinet work programme or report requests.

5.3 The Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1. The Cabinet Work Programme is attached at Appendix 2. A copy of the prioritisation flowchart is attached at appendix 3 to assist the scrutiny committee to determine what items should be added to the forward work programme.

5.4 **Conclusion**

The work programme is for consideration and amendment by the scrutiny committee prior to publication on the council website.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 No assumptions are necessary.

7. **LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

7.1 The operation of scrutiny is required by the Local Government Act 2000. The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and subsequent Statutory Guidance include requirements to publicise the work of scrutiny committees. The operation of scrutiny committee forward work programmes was agreed following decisions by Council in October 2013 and October 2015.

7.2 **Corporate Plan 2018-2023.**

Scrutiny Committee forward work programmes contributes towards and impacts upon the Corporate Well-being Objectives by ensuring that the Executive is held to account for its Corporate Objectives, which are:

Objective 1 - Improve education opportunities for all

Objective 2 - Enabling employment

Objective 3 - Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support to help improve people's well-being

Objective 4 - Promote a modern, integrated and sustainable transport system that increases opportunity, promotes prosperity and minimises the adverse impacts on the environment

Objective 5 - Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Objective 6 - Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being

8. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

8.1 The Forward Work Programmes contribute to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2016 by ensuring there is an effective scrutiny function and that council policies are scrutinised against the following goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising as a result of this report.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no specific financial implications arising as a result of this report.

11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising as a result of this report.

12. CONSULTATIONS

12.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been included in this report.

13. STATUTORY POWER

13.1 The Local Government Act 2000, The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

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Consultees: Dave Street, Corporate Director Social Services
Robert Tranter, Head of Legal Services/ Monitoring Officer
Councillor Lyndon Binding, Chair of Social Services Scrutiny Committee
Councillor John Bevan, Vice Chair of Social Services Scrutiny Committee

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme

Appendix 2 Cabinet Forward Work Programme

Appendix 3 Forward Work Programme Prioritisation Flowchart

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Meeting Date: 10th September 2019			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Junior & Youth Forum Priorities Report	To inform members of the priorities identified by the Junior & Youth Forum	Both the Junior & Youth Forum priorities for 2019 fall under the health theme. Junior Forum priority – More awareness of support for drugs and alcohol. Youth Forum priority - Mental Health – Services should be improved with young peoples' help. Young people should have mental health first aid education.	Paul O'Neill, Senior Youth Service Manager / Clare Jones, Youth Forum Co-ordinator
Wellbeing Objectives	To inform Members of the progress made against Wellbeing Objective WB6	To inform Members of the progress made against Wellbeing Objective WB6 - Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.	Dave Street, Corporate Director – Social Services
Month 3 Budget Monitoring	To inform Members of projected revenue expenditure for the Social Services Directorate and to update Members on the progress made against the savings targets built in to the revenue budget for the Directorate	Identification of significant variances between budgeted expenditure and forecasted expenditure for the financial year based on information available at the end of June, along with causes and any mitigating action taken.	Mike Jones, Interim Financial Services Manager, Social Services

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Meeting Date: 22nd October 2019			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Follow-up Review of Corporate Arrangements for the Safeguarding of Children	To inform Members of the conclusions & recommendations of a Wales Audit follow up review of Corporate Arrangements for the Safeguarding of Children	The review contains recommendations for future working. Members will be made aware of these recommendations and how progress will be reviewed / scrutinised.	Dave Street, Corporate Director – Social Services Non Jenkins – Wales Audit Office
Month 5 Budget Monitoring	To inform Members of projected revenue expenditure for the Social Services Directorate and to update Members on the progress made against the savings targets built in to the revenue budget for the Directorate	Identification of significant variances between budgeted expenditure and forecasted expenditure for the financial year based on information available at the end of August, along with causes and any mitigating action taken.	Mike Jones, Interim Financial Services Manager, Social Services
The safe reduction in the numbers of looked after children	To make members aware of the emerging WG policy re the safe reduction in the numbers of looked after children	The report will explain the trends in Looked After Children numbers in Caerphilly CBC and how WG expectations in this area will impact on practice and how progress will be monitored.	Gareth Jenkins, Assistant Director - Children's Services
Directors Annual Report	To inform scrutiny committee of the key messages that have been identified in the preparation of the Annual Directors Report on the effectiveness of social care services in Caerphilly CBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary outlining the effectiveness of Social Services. • The progress achieved in relation to set priorities for the previous year. Priority areas for development in the year ahead. 	Dave Street, Corporate Director – Social Services

Meeting Date: 3rd December 2019			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)	To discuss proposals for delivering a balanced budget for 2020/21.	To discuss savings / efficiency proposals.	Dave Street, Corporate Director – Social Services Mike Jones, Interim Financial Services Manager, Social Services

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Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Month 9 Budget Monitoring Report	To inform Members of projected revenue expenditure for the Social Services Directorate and to update Members on the progress made against the savings targets built in to the revenue budget for the Directorate	Identification of significant variances between budgeted expenditure and forecasted expenditure for the financial year based on information available at the end of December, along with causes and any mitigating action taken.	Mike Jones, Interim Financial Services Manager, Social Services
Regional Partnerships Boards (include pooled budgets & Long terms plans).	To inform Members of the role and work of the Regional Partnership Board (RPB) in Gwent.	RPB's are becoming increasingly influential in terms of policy development and recipient of resources from WG. The report will outline the role and function of the RPB's, the current priorities in Gwent and discuss the role of scrutiny committee's in relation to the RPB.	Dave Street, Corporate Director – Social Services

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Appendix 1

Meeting Date: 17th March 2020			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Multi-Disciplinary Intervention Support Team (MIST)	To provide an annual update on the Caerphilly Service as requested by Members	The update will provide activity information for the Caerphilly Service demonstrating improved outcomes for children looked after and will include case studies	Jennie Welham, Children's Services Manager
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	To receive the annual presentation from the executive team of the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.	The presentation will outline the current issues & priorities of the Board.	Primary Care and Community Division - ABUHB

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Meeting Date: 28th April 2020

Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: 10th September 2019 – Information Reports			
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Meeting Date: 22nd October 2019 - Information Reports			
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Meeting Date: 3rd December 2019 - Information Reports (MTFP Special)			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: 4th February 2020 - Information Reports			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

Meeting Date: 17th March 2020 - Information Reports			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: 28th April 2020 - Information Reports			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: 2020 - Information Reports			
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Forward Work Programme - Cabinet

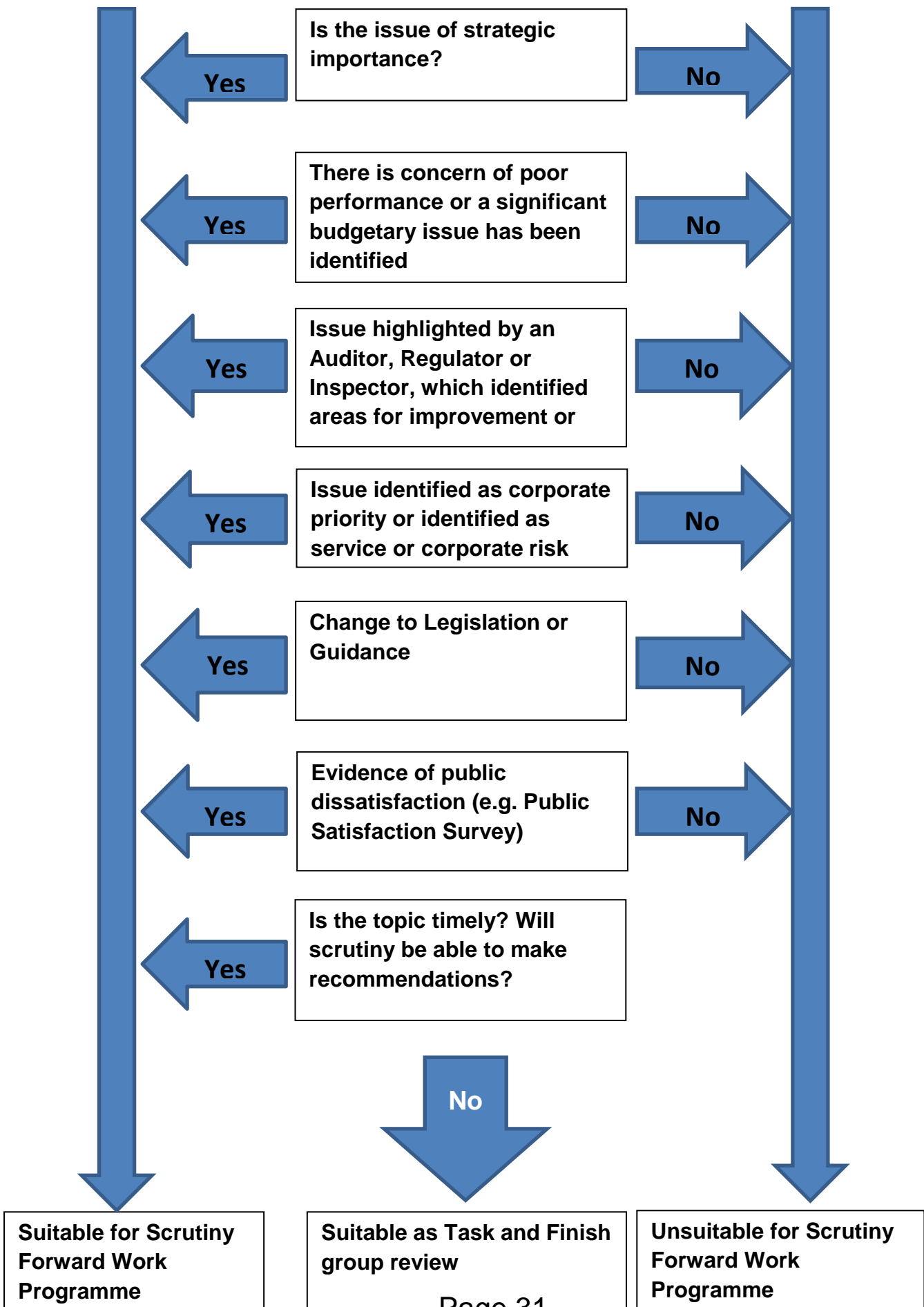
Appendix 2	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
18th September 2019				
	Looked After Children Targets	To appraise CMT of the authority's response to Welsh Government expectations around setting targets within Children's Services.	Street, Dave; Jenkins, Gareth	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J
	CCBC Corporate Safeguarding Report	To discuss the report	Jenkins, Gareth	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J.
	Social Services Reserves	To seek approval for use of Social Services Reserves	Jones, Mike J	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J.
	Cabinet Forward Work Programme	For discussion and update	Tranter, Robert J.	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
2nd October 2019				
	Updated Code of Corporate Governance and Terms of Reference	To approve the updated code	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	Hafodyrynys Air Quality Direction - Compulsory Purchase Order Process	To obtain Cabinet agreement on the Compulsory Purchase process on Hafodyrynys Road.	Godfrey, Maria	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
	Pentrebane Street, Caerphilly - Possible use of CPO Powers	This report seeks Cabinet approval to instigate CPO proceedings on three freeholders of properties at Pentrebane Street that are identified for demolition to facilitate a mixed use regeneration scheme in partnership with Linc Housing Association. A mixture of Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment funding, WG Social Housing Grant and Linc's own finances have been identified to fund the demolition and redevelopment.	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned

	National Development Framework Consultation Response	To seek Cabinet approval for a response to the consultation on the National Development Framework.	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
	ERDF 4.4 Funding opportunities - The Lawn Industrial Estate, Rhymney and Ty Du, Nelson	This report outlines the opportunities open to the Council to bid for additional ERDF monies for for each of these live European funded employment new build projects. The report requests the necessary match funding be made available to secure these additional funds.	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
16th October 2019				
	Annual Improvement Report 2018/19	To present the Annual Improvement Report for 2018/19	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	Annual Performance Report 2018	To discuss and present the draft Annual Performance Report	Roberts, Ros	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	Corporate Volunteering	To consider our options for the establishment of a Corporate Volunteering Scheme on a Directorate or Whole Organisation basis.	Street, Dave; Peters, Kath	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J.
	Land at Pontymister Industrial Estate	The matter has been consulted on with local Risca members and 2 of the 5 members have raised objections to the proposed sale principle. While any development would be subject to planning considerations, the scrutiny committee's views are being sought on the principle of the sale prior to consideration by cabinet.	Williams, Mark	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
30th October 2019				
	Respite Care Provision	Possible relocation of current respite facilities to a bespoke facility dependent on funding from WG	Williams, Jo	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J.

	Chartist Gardens - Development Options	To seek approval of the development proposal and associated financial model prior to submitting scheme for planning approval.	Couzens, Shaun; Williams, Mark;	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
13th November 2019				
	20/21 Draft Budget Proposals	To discuss the draft budget proposals	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	Proposed Use of Reserves	To consider proposals for the use of reserves.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	Integrated Wellbeing Hubs	To provide an update to Cabinet	Street, Dave	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J.
	(9) Structured programme of service reviews to be agreed	Strategic Action Plan - item to be agreed.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	(11) Commercial and Investment Strategy to be drafted and approved by Cabinet	Strategic Plan - item to be approved	Harrhy, Christina	Cllr. Poole, David
27th November 2019				
	Renewable Energy Generation - Tredomen Campus	To present a basket of options to Cabinet for achieving carbon neutrality at the Tredomen Campus	Williams, Mark	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
11th December 2019				
	Cabinet Forward Work Programme	For discussion and update	Tranter, Robert J.	Cllr. Jones, Barbara

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SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: JUNIOR & YOUTH FORUM PRIORITIES

REPORT BY: CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of issues raised by Children & Young People via the Youth Service's Junior and Youth Forums.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Following the Youth Forum Conference in January 2019 and the Junior Forum meeting in November 2018, Children & Young People have identified issues important to them and have voted on Priority Issues for 2019.

- 2.2 The previously agreed process that follows the identification of issues has been as follows:

- Presentation of issues to SMT for information.
- Young People present Junior Forum issues to Cabinet for information only and to request support in addressing the Youth Forum priority.
- Young People to present issues to relevant scrutiny groups for information.
- Young People to present issues to the Public Services Board (PSB) for information.
- Issues are presented directly by Young People.
- Young People form a Project Group that meets weekly to address the Youth Forum priority issue, working directly with Officers and Members as appropriate on a range of initiatives intended to have a positive impact on the issue. This work continues until December 2019, with the process re-starting in January.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Social Services Scrutiny Committee considers how to support the Youth Forum in addressing their Priority Issue of Mental Health.
- 3.2 That Social Services Scrutiny Committee considers how to support the Junior Forum in addressing their Priority Issue of raising awareness of drug & alcohol support.
- 3.3 Social Services Scrutiny Committee to have due regard to issues raised within this report by Children and Young People when making decisions which impact upon their lives.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure members are informed of priorities identified by children and young people.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 The Junior & Youth Fora are structured and organised around five themes: Prosperous Caerphilly; Safer Caerphilly; Learning Caerphilly; Healthier Caerphilly; Greener Caerphilly, enabling children and young people to have a voice on issues that affect them. Junior Forum Representatives are aged 7-11 years; Youth Forum Representatives are aged 11-25 years.

- 5.1.2 At the Annual Youth Forum Conference Young People are provided with the opportunity to explore issues previously raised via borough wide consultation. Young people attending the conference present their views on each of the themes and engage in a dialogue with relevant Officers and Cabinet members. From exploring all themes within the context of young people's lives, young people identify and agree on a priority issue for each theme.

Following the Conference, an overall priority is voted for by Young People representing the Youth Service, Schools and Youth Support Services. The issues, as voted for by 2656 young people in a post conference consultation for 2019 are:

- 5.2 39% Healthier Caerphilly – **Overall Priority Issue**
Mental Health – Services should be improved with young peoples help. Young people should have mental health first aid education.

27% Safer Caerphilly
Knife Crime – Stop the knife crime epidemic

21% Prosperous Caerphilly
Tackling Homelessness – Every person should have a place to live and the opportunity to live comfortably. There needs to be more affordable housing.

9% Learning Caerphilly
Put an end to Period Poverty – Sanitary Products are an essential item. CCBC should make them free and accessible for all young people who need them whilst accessing schools and youth services.

4% Greener Caerphilly
Adventurous Outdoor Play - Provide safe adventurous play areas suitable for young people to encourage them to use local outdoor spaces

- 5.3 The Junior Forum representatives identified a priority within each Forum theme, raised via consultation and then voted for as the overall priority. The issues voted for by 110 children are:

Junior Forum Issues:

41% Healthier Caerphilly – **Overall Priority Issue**
More awareness of support for drugs and alcohol

25% Learning Caerphilly

More support for children with Additional learning needs

19% Prosperous Caerphilly

More homeless shelters and opportunities for homeless people

11 % Safer Caerphilly

Speeding cars in communities are dangerous

4% Greener Caerphilly

Community litter picks

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 No related assumptions have been felt to be necessary in relation to this report

7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

- 7.1 Youth Service Plan 2018-2021

- 7.2 Education Service Improvement Plan 2019

- 7.3 Statutory duties for the participation of children and young people under the children and families measure, Wales 2010

- 7.4 Public Services Board Delivery Plan Enabler: E2 – Communications and Engagement

- 7.5 CCBC Corporate Plan priority - The Well-being Objective “Improve Education opportunities for all”

8. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 8.1 This report contributes to the Well-being Goals as set out in Links to Strategy above. It is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act by working with children and young people (and supporting other service providers to work with children and young people) to impact on decision making for short term and long term needs. By listening to the voices of children and young people, service providers are better able to respond to needs, better able to identify and understand problems as experienced by our citizens and thus better able to shape services in the future in a more effective responsive way.

- 8.2 Involving children and young people in decision making at all levels fosters a culture of expectation and responsibility, strengthened by increasing their knowledge and understanding in Children’s Rights.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the council’s full Equalities Impact Assessment process does not need to be applied.

- 9.2 The participative activity that has taken place has benefitted many different groups in the community with many children and young people having been recipients of engagement activity, rights-based education and informed service delivery.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no financial implications with respect to this report.

11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no personnel implications with respect to this report.

12. CONSULTATIONS

12.1 All responses from the consultations have been incorporated in the report.

13. STATUTORY POWER

13.1 'Shared Purpose: Shared Future, Statutory Guidance on the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015', and in particular SPSF 3 – Annex B, which is issued in accordance with Section 17(3) of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 and applies to local authorities in respect of local well-being plans and whenever they take decisions which might affect children and young people.

14. URGENCY (CABINET ITEMS ONLY)

14.1 Non urgent.

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SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: WELL BEING OBJECTIVE 6 – TO SUPPORT CITIZENS TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT AND IMPROVE THEIR WELL-BEING (2018-23)

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is for members to evaluate the first year of progress (2018/19) towards achieving Well-being Objective 6 - Support Citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This is the performance at the end of first year of the 5 year Plan (2018-2013).
- 2.2 Completion of the objectives is on track and several have already been completed. The full detail of the update is attached in Appendix A.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are requested to scrutinise the content of the report and to agree or challenge the judgement of progress made in the first year in respect of Wellbeing Objective 6.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members are requested to scrutinise the content of the report and to agree or challenge the judgement of progress made in the first year in respect of Wellbeing Objective 6-Support Citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 Wellbeing Objective 6 aims to *support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being* through achieving the following outcomes:

- Supporting people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
- Having 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters' to them to inform 'outcome focused' planning.
- Providing support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
- Identifying and supporting carers.
- Improving the recruitment of Foster carers and Shared Lives carers.
- Continuing to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.

5.2 What went well

One example of what went well is the regional working with other Local Authorities on the trusted assessor model for the Home First service which has proved very positive in terms of preventing unnecessary admissions to hospital and facilitating timely discharges. Full details of other successes are provided in appendix A.

5.3 What did not go well, what are we learning?

We need to continue to support the work of Families First and the Welsh Government Tackling Poverty programmes to provide support to families at a preventative and early intervention level.

We need to support individuals in hospital with housing related support (including those who may be homeless at point of discharge). We will do this via our Supporting People service, who continue to monitor and provide services to those individuals who require support whilst in hospital.

We have learnt that the Community Resource Team is having a positive impact on the community by providing services to prevent admission to hospital and successfully discharging people back into the community. For data on this, refer to the future focus section and the Discharge to Assess model.

5.4 What Impact are we making within this first year?

One example is Caerphilly has led the delivery of a regional advocacy service for children and young people across Gwent which is impacting on the number of people taking up the service.

5.5 What is our future focus?

Demand for Social Care services is increasing with the ageing demographics and more challenging pressures facing families so focus will be on preventing people needing to access statutory services.

5.6 Conclusion

The performance updates report that progress has been made across all outcomes with the vast majority having been completed.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 There are no assumptions made in relation to this report.

7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

7.1 Wellbeing Objective 6 aims to maximise our contribution towards the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2016:

A healthier Wales – Social Care services support the promotion of good physical and emotional health in order to support individuals to remain independent for as long as is possible.

A more equal Wales – Irrespective of background or circumstance, if an individual requires the Care and Support of Social Care Services, then the appropriate level of support is provided.

This also contributes to Welsh Governments 'Prosperity for All' National strategy particularly The Healthy and Active theme, which promotes the following:

- Deliver quality health and care service fit for the future
- Promote good health and well-being for everyone
- Build healthier communities and better environments

8.0 WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

8.1 This report contributes to the Well-being Goals as set out in Links to Strategy above.

- **Long Term:** Social Services is committed to providing the right support to the right people at the right time to ensure citizens are able to live independently for as long as possible therefore supporting sustainable lives in sustainable communities.
- **Prevention:** The objectives and outcomes highlighted in this report are all aimed at improving well-being and therefore contribute to preventing the need for higher tier interventions and dependence on statutory services.
- **Involvement:** Social Services Care & Support Plans are co-produced with citizens to ensure the issues that matter most to them are able to be addressed in the most appropriate way.
- **Collaboration:** The successful implementation of the outcomes to achieve the Well Being Objectives relies on collaboration both internally within the Council and externally with statutory partners, the Third Sector, families and individuals themselves.
- **Integration:** Any opportunities to work together and engage with stakeholder groups and partner agencies will continue to be explored in order to improve service design and service delivery.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Social Services actively promote anti-discriminatory and anti-oppressive practice and no one is treated differently in relation to the protected characteristics. As a result, there are no equalities implications arising from this report.

10.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no additional financial implications of this Well-being Objective although there may be better use of both core and grant funding through collaborative partnerships developed.

10.2 Many of the projects that contribute towards this Well-being Objective are funded by specific grant funding from Welsh Government and have been successful in reducing the financial impact of demographic changes. However, they are unlikely to deliver the level of cashable financial savings required to sustain these projects should the specific grant funding be withdrawn by Welsh Government.

11.0 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no personnel implications within this report.

12.0 CONSULTATIONS

12.1 All responses from consultations have been incorporated in the report

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Appendix A – Year End Update of Well-being Objective 6.

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6. Support citizens to remain independent and improve their Well-being

2018/19 progress update

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CREATING CARING COMMUNITIES



CCBC Well-being Objectives - 2018/19 Year End Update

1. Overall Summary Statement

Wellbeing Objective 6 aims to *support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being* through achieving the following outcomes:

- Supporting people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services.
- Having 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters' to them to inform 'outcome focused' planning.
- Providing support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.
- Identifying and supporting carers.

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Improving the recruitment of Foster carers and Shared Lives carers.

Continuing to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.

In many areas, the outcomes have already been completed and are now considered core business of the Directorate so technically will remain as ongoing. In the remaining areas performance against the outcomes is on track and most importantly, there are no emerging risks to report.

2. What has gone well?

**Supporting people to 'help themselves' by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services; and
Having 'meaningful conversations' to help people identify 'what matters' to them to inform 'outcome focused' planning.**

- Citizens are supported to receive the most appropriate support at the most appropriate level and at the most appropriate time to best meet their identified needs
- Caerphilly have invested in the DEWIS web base that provides local, regional and national information aimed at supporting individuals to help themselves.

Providing support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions.

- In order to reduce unnecessary admissions to hospital, working across the Health Board region, a pan Gwent Home First Service has been developed in both the Royal Gwent and Nevill Hall Hospitals. The primary purpose is to provide timely IAA support at the front door to avoid admission to a Ward.
- In addition, Emergency Care at Home staff are being recruited to provide a bridging service to enable people to be discharged from hospital whilst they are awaiting a package of domiciliary care to be provided.
- The Discharge to Assess (D2A) scheme was piloted in YYF with a view to reducing the amount of time people spend in hospital unnecessarily who can be safely discharged back to the community with no or minimal formal support or with their existing care package and be followed up at home. The Scheme was positively evaluated recognised as national good practice by ABCi and is now an established pathway. This objective will always be ongoing
- Utilising additional Welsh Government funding, the Edge of Care service in Children's Services has been expanded to include additional support workers, a Child Psychologist and Education Workers. The service aims to prevent children and young people entering the Looked After system.

Identifying and supporting carers.

- Dedicated Carers Officers within Social Services have raised the profile of caring across the County making full use of social media to identify carers and to organise support events including pamper days and outings.
- Support for Young Carers continues to be delivered through a commissioned service provided by Barnardo's

Improving the recruitment of Foster carers and Shared Lives carers.

- Applications for both Fostering and Shared Lives schemes have continued to increase year on year.
- The Shared Lives Scheme has had a net increase of 19 carers since April 2018.
- The Fostering Service has had a net increase of 15 carers – the first net increase to be reported since 2013.

Continuing to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate.

- Bids for and the management of both the ICF funding and Transformation Grant funding schemes are really good examples of priorities being set and agreed regionally leading to new and innovative practice developments
- Caerphilly has led the delivery of a regional advocacy service of children and young people across Gwent.
- A Strategy for Learning Disability has been developed and approved by the Regional Partnership Board
- Gwent wide roll out of a therapeutic model of foster care and residential care based on the Torfaen and Caerphilly MIST service is being implemented
- Gwent wide ISCAN (Integrated Services for Children with Additional Needs) service model has been implemented

3. What has not gone well?

Nothing significant to note.

4. Reflection & Review

Tracking Progress through Measures and Actions (see section 5 for detail)

- The measures are appropriate based on the outcomes reported – please see detail in section 2 above and section 5 below

Reflection

- The performance updates report that progress has been made across all outcomes with the vast majority having been completed
- The outcomes identified mostly related to the implementation of the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act and Welsh Government ICF Grant funding initiatives, all of which required Social Services to do things differently to before.
- The Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act is our primary legislation in Social Services but is closely aligned to the Well Being of Future Generations and contribute to the following well-being goals:
 - A resilient Wales
 - A healthier Wales
 - A more equal Wales
- We are employing the five ways of working as follows:
 - **Long Term:** Social Services is committed to providing the right support to the right people at the right time to ensure citizens are able to live independently for as long as possible therefore supporting sustainable lives in sustainable communities.
 - **Prevention:** The objectives and outcomes highlighted in this report are all aimed at improving well being and therefore contribute to preventing the need for higher tier interventions and dependence on statutory services.
 - **Involvement:** Social Services Care & Support Plans are co-produced with citizens to ensure the issues that matter most to them are able to be addressed in the most appropriate way.
 - **Collaboration:** The successful implementation of the outcomes to achieve the Well Being Objectives relies on collaboration both internally within the Council and externally with statutory partners, the Third Sector, families and individuals themselves.
 - **Integration:** Any opportunities to work together and engage with stakeholder groups and partner agencies will continue to be explored in order to improve service design and service delivery.

Appendix A

- The right Care and Support provided to citizens in the right place at the right time undoubtedly improves the well being of those individuals, their families and carers.
- Demand for Social Care services is increasing with the ageing demographics and more challenging pressures facing families. As a result, it is difficult to know what the future will hold in terms of the way the Council will need to deliver its services in order to meet these increasing demands.

5. Tracking Progress – Our Steps to Deliver (2018-2023)

Outcome	Progress 2018/19 (Completed? Ongoing? Behind?)	Dates
1. Support people to ‘help themselves’ by providing comprehensive advice and information including signposting to other services. 2. Have ‘meaningful conversations’ to help people identify ‘what matters’ to them to inform ‘outcome focused’ planning.		
Provision of an effective Information, Advice and Assistance (IAA) Service to ensure compliance with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.	Completed Social Services have an effective Information, Advice and Assistance (IAA) Service in place that fully meets the requirements of the Social Services & Well Being (Wales) Act 2014.	April 2019
Support staff to undertake meaningful conversations with citizens to identify what matters to them and identify the outcomes that they want to achieve.	Completed All staff have received ‘what matters’ training in line with a national programme supported by Social Care Wales and Welsh Government.	April 2019
Implement and support further development of the ‘DEWIS’ web base to ensure it becomes the ‘go to’ site for people to access information in order to ‘help themselves’.	Completed A dedicated Officer has been appointed utilising ICF funding, to support the further development of DEWIS as the ‘go to’ site.	April 2018
3: Provide support to reduce the need for higher tier statutory interventions		
Work in partnership with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital and facilitate timely discharges.	Completed but will be ongoing Home First, Emergency Care at Home and Discharge to Assess Schemes all operational	2019-2023
Continue to support the work of Families First and the Welsh Government Tackling Poverty programmes to provide support to families at a	Ongoing WG have confirmed grant funding is in place for	2019-2021

Outcome	Progress 2018/19 (Completed? Ongoing? Behind?)	Dates
preventative and early intervention level.	2 years	
Support individuals in hospital with housing related support (including those who may be homeless at point of discharge).	Ongoing Supporting People continue to monitor and provide services to those individuals who require support whilst in hospital.	2019-2023
Maximise the use of Welsh Government Grant funding to enhance and expand the 'edge of care' service for children and young people.	Completed	April 2019
Expansion of the Supporting People programme, ensuring effective processes are in place to increasing referrals to the programme.	Completed Working with all stakeholders , referrals have increased by 21% in 2018-19	April 2019
4: Identify and support carers		
Improve the support provided to carers including young carers, through development of information, improved identification and enhanced services To improve the well-being of carers and enable them to continue to undertake their caring roles.	Completed but will be ongoing	2019-2023
5: Improve the recruitment of Foster Carers and Shared Lives carers.		
Increased recruitment activity and improved follow up rates to ensure additional paid carers i.e. Foster Carers and Shared Lives carers, are recruited with the overall aim of achieving a net increase in the number of carers.	Completed but will be ongoing Net increases of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Shared Lives Carers • 15 Foster Carers 	2019-2023
Gain political support for the continuation of a radio advertising campaign for foster carers.	Completed	2018
6: Continue to identify opportunities to work collaboratively wherever appropriate		
Continue to engage in regional partnerships and collaborations to ensure Caerphilly are represented and able to influence the direction of travel.	This is core business for the LA's across the region so will always be ongoing.	2019-2023
Caerphilly to lead on the delivery of a regional Children's Advocacy Service for Gwent Local Authorities and the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.	Completed Gwent has been the lead region in Wales	2018-2019
Development of a regional Learning Disabilities Strategy.	Completed Strategy approved by the RPB	2018-2019

Appendix A

Outcome	Progress 2018/19 (Completed? Ongoing? Behind?)	Dates
Work with the Gwent Children & Families Partnership Board to develop enhanced services for children with complex and challenging needs and for those young people leaving care.	Completed but will be ongoing Regional MIST service being rolled out CAMHS Transformation Programme being implemented	2019-2023

Appendix A

Performance Against Adopted Tracking Measures	Outcome	17/18 Actual	18/19 Target	18/19 Actual	Comment
Relevant staff will receive 'meaningful conversations' training by the end of 2018	1&2			100%	
The DEWIS website will be fully operational by April 2019	1&2			100%	
Undertake a review of all ICF investments to maximise the effectiveness of the grant funding by September 2018	3			100%	
Children's Services Intensive Support Team to be fully operational from April 2018	3			100%	
Numbers of carers (including young carers) supported	4			1130 58	Adult Carers Young Carers
Achieve an increase in the overall number of carers recruited – this will be monitored quarterly and annually	5			100%	Net increase of 10 Shared Lives Carers and 15 Foster Carers
The Families First programme has 14 outcome measures that are reported yearly to Welsh Government, we will use the relevant measures to support progress with this objective.	1-5			100%	Refer to Families First Programme Reports to Welsh Government



SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: BUDGET MONITORING REPORT (MONTH 3)

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of projected revenue expenditure for the Social Services Directorate for the 2019/20 financial year.
- 1.2 To update Members on the progress made against the savings targets built in to the 2019/20 revenue budget for the Directorate.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report will identify the reasons behind a projected underspend of £339k for Social Services in 2019/20, despite a significant increase in demand for residential care placements for children since the beginning of the financial year.
- 2.2 It will also identify the progress that has been made to date towards achieving the £2.261million savings target that was included in the Social Services budget for 2019/20.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the budget virement of £190k from the Social Services budget to the Education budget in respect of the Education Safeguarding Team.
- 3.2 Members are asked to note the projected underspend of £339k against the Social Services budget for 2019/20, inclusive of transport costs.
- 3.3 Members are asked to note the progress made to date towards delivering the £2.261million savings target that was included in the Social Services budget for 2019/20.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure Members are apprised of the latest financial position of the Directorate.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Directorate Overview

- 5.1.1 The 2019/20 original budget for social services of £90,333,115 included £190,867 in respect

of the team responsible for overseeing the safeguarding of children within educational settings. Line management for this team subsequently transferred from the Directorate of Social Services and Housing to the Directorate of Education and Corporate Services and the budget for the team has been vired accordingly. As a result the revised budget for Social Services currently stands at £90,142,248.

5.1.2 Information available as at 30th June 2019 suggests a potential underspend of £389k against this revised budget. However, this does not include the costs of transport for Social Services service users which is funded through a budget held by the Integrated Transport Unit within the Directorate of Communities. This budget for transport costs amounts to £1,434,468 and is forecast to be overspent by around £50k. This is due to a Medium Term Financial Plan savings target included in the 2019/20 budget which is unlikely to be delivered in 2019/20.

5.1.3 This overspend against transport costs would partially offset the underspend forecast against the Social Services budget resulting in a net underspend of £339k as shown in the following table:-

Division	Revised Budget (£000's)	Projection/ Commitment (£000's)	Over/(Under) Spend (£000's)
Children's Services	23,502	24,335	833
Adult Services	64,531	63,329	(1,202)
Service Strategy & Business Support	2,109	2,089	(20)
Sub Total Directorate of Social Services	90,142	89,753	(389)
Transport Costs	1,434	1,484	50
Grand Total	91,576	91,237	(339)

5.2 Children's Services

5.2.1 The Children's Services Division is currently projected to overspend its budget by £833k as summarised in the following table: -

	Revised Budget (£000's)	Projection/ Commitment (£000's)	Over/(Under) Spend (£000's)
Management, Fieldwork & Administration	8,727	8,442	(285)
Residential Care Including Secure Accommodation	4,671	6,137	1,466
Fostering & Adoption	8,313	8,080	(233)
Youth Offending	395	395	0
Families First	47	4	(43)
After Care Support	658	590	(68)
Other Costs	691	687	(4)
Totals: -	23,502	24,335	833

Management, Fieldwork and Administration

5.2.2 Difficulties in recruiting social workers and delays in backfilling secondments to fixed term, grant aided posts has led to a potential underspend of £285k in respect of management, fieldwork and administrative posts within the Children's Services Division.

Residential Care Including Secure Accommodation

5.2.3 The Children's Services Division has seen a 29% increase in the number of children in residential placements since the 2019/20 budget was set. This amounts to 5 additional placements resulting in a potential overspend of £1,466k for 2019/20. The division continues to make every effort to identify more cost effective placements which could help to reduce this potential overspend but due to the unpredictable nature of demand for such placements it has been assumed that any savings that can be achieved will be counteracted by further increases in demand.

Fostering and Adoption

5.2.4 The division has also experienced an increase in demand for foster placements since the 2019/20 budgets was set. However, it has been possible to accommodate a greater proportion of these placements with Caerphilly's in-house foster carers which are less expensive than placements made through independent fostering agencies. As a result, an underspend of £233k is forecast despite the overall increase in services provided.

Families First

5.2.5 Following a cut in specific grant funding in 2018/19, the Children's Services budget has been used to underwrite a funding shortfall of £47k across the Families First Programme. However, a number of projects have reported potential underspends at the end of the first quarter of 2019/20 so it is expected that only £4k will need to be underwritten by Children's Services. The resultant underspend of £43k would not reduce the amount of Welsh Government grant funding claimable.

Aftercare

5.2.6 An underspend of £68k is projected in respect of Aftercare Services and reflects the numbers of young people aged 16 plus currently in receipt of leaving care services.

5.3 Adult Services

5.3.1 The Adult Services Division is currently projected to underspend its budget by £1,202k as summarised in the following table: -

	Revised Budget (£000's)	Projection/ Commitment (£000's)	Over/(Under) Spend (£000's)
Management, Fieldwork & Administration	8,036	8,126	90
Own Residential Care and Supported Living	6,594	6,062	(532)
Own Day Care	4,064	3,976	(88)
Supported Employment	69	69	0
Aid and Adaptations	772	774	2
Gwent Frailty Programme	2,367	2,295	(72)
Supporting People (net of grant funding)	0	96	96
External Residential Care	15,432	14,695	(737)
External Day Care	1,409	1,525	116
Home Care (In-House and Independent Sector)	11,439	11,444	5
Other Domiciliary Care	13,139	13,052	(87)
Resettlement	(1,020)	(1,020)	0
Services for Children with Disabilities	1,312	1,302	(10)
Other Costs	918	933	15
Totals: -	64,531	63,329	(1,202)

Management, Fieldwork and Administration

- 5.3.2 The Adult Services budget for 2019/20 included a savings target of £550k to be achieved through a review of staffing across the division. As of 30th June 2019, 7.69 full time equivalent posts have been removed from the division delivering savings of £349k. The shortfall of £201k has been partially offset by temporary vacancy savings resulting in a net overspend in 2019/20 of around £90k in respect of management, fieldwork and administrative posts.

Own Residential Care and Supported Living

- 5.3.3 If the level of vacancies and staff replacement costs that were experienced in the first 3 months of the financial year are maintained throughout the year then an underspend of £281k can be expected in respect of staff costs within this service area. However, at this early stage in the financial year it is difficult to predict the extent of staff cover that will be required during the summer holiday period. The remainder of the £532k underspend within this service area can be attributed to an increase in income received from service users. This income is dependent upon the relative wealth of the cohort of service users at any point in time and as such is subject to fluctuation throughout the year.

Own Day Care

- 5.3.4 The underspend of £88k forecast against our own day care services also assumes vacancy levels and replacement costs will be maintained at existing levels throughout the financial year

Gwent Frailty Programme

- 5.3.5 The underspend of £72k in respect of the Gwent Frailty Programme is attributable to a combination of Reablement Support Worker vacancies within Caerphilly and centrally held pooled budget underspends.

Supporting People

- 5.3.6 An overspend of £96k is forecast in respect of Supporting People Services which is largely attributable to increases in demand for support for people with mental health issues.

External Residential Care

- 5.3.7 The Adult Services Division has experienced a large drop-off in demand for residential care since the budget for 2019/20 was set. This has resulted in a potential underspend of £737k for all adult residential and nursing care provision. This is largely attributable to provision for older people (£508k).

External Day Care

- 5.3.8 The Adult Services budget for 2019/20 included a savings target of £205k to be achieved through a review of external day care provision. An overspend of £116k is currently forecast in this service area which would indicate that savings of £89k have been achieved to date. Work is ongoing to identify more cost effective services for a number of existing service users that could deliver the savings target in full by the end of the financial year.

Home Care (In-House and Independent Sector)

- 5.3.9 Actual costs incurred in the first 3 months of the financial year suggest a reduction of around 400 hours per week paid to in-house carers, contributing to a projected underspend of £311k in respect of the in-house service. This reduction of 400 paid hours per week equates to around 320 hours of contact with service users. However, this is more than offset by an over commitment of £315k in respect of domiciliary care commissioned through the independent

sector, resulting in a net overspend of £5k.

Other Domiciliary Care

5.3.10 The underspend of £87k projected in respect of other domiciliary care costs can largely be attributed to the termination of direct payments to a single individual.

Children with Disabilities

5.3.11 An overspend of £57k in respect of staff cover at Ty Hapus resource Centre has been more than offset by an underspend in respect of foster care provision for children with disabilities, resulting in a net underspend of £10k in this service area.

Other Costs

5.3.12 A net overspend of £15k has been forecast in respect of Other Costs for Adult Services but this includes an underspend of £36k in respect of staffing vacancies within the Telecare Service. This leaves an overspend of around £51k which is largely attributable to shared care respite services. The Social Services budget for 2019/20 included a £50k savings target to be achieved through a re-tendering of the contract for this respite service but this has not been possible to date. However, it is anticipated that this re-tendering will be completed by the end of the financial year in order to achieve the full year saving in 2020/21.

5.4 Service Strategy and Business Support

5.4.1 The service area is currently projected to underspend by £20k as summarised in the following table: -

	Revised Budget (£000's)	Projection/Commitment (£000's)	Over/(Under) Spend (£000's)
Management and Administration	888	891	3
Office Accommodation	218	217	(1)
Office Expenses	169	160	(9)
Other Costs	834	821	(13)
Totals: -	2,109	2,089	(20)

5.4.2 The underspend of £20k in respect of Business Support is attributable to a combination of reduced printing costs, insurance premiums frozen at 2018/19 prices and the end of the national "Making the Connections" project to which the Directorate has previously subscribed.

5.5 Progress Made Against the 2019/20 Revenue Budget Savings Targets

5.5.1 The 2019/20 budget for Social Services included a savings target of £2,261k. As of 30th June 2019, actions have been implemented which will deliver around 84% of this target, with work still ongoing to deliver the remaining 16% by the end of the current financial year. Therefore, it is anticipated that the £2,261k target will be achieved in full in time for the start of the 2020/21 financial year.

5.5.2 The 2019/20 budget for Social Services Transport which is managed by the Integrated Transport Unit within the Directorate of Communities included a further savings target of £50k. No savings have been identified to date and it is possible that any efficiency savings that can be achieved will be negated by increasing demand. Therefore, a comprehensive review of the situation has commenced to determine whether this saving is deliverable.

5.6 **Conclusion**

The Directorate is progressing well towards delivery its savings target for 2019/20. However, increasing demand for residential placements for children is a cause for concern along with transport costs. Underspends due to staffing vacancies and reduced demand for residential care for adults are mitigating these concerns in the current financial year but it is too early to predict whether the reduction in demand for adult care is indicative of a longer term trend or just a short term phenomenon. Therefore, efforts remain focused upon reducing the need for residential care for children and providing more cost effective placements where they are necessary.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 The projections contained in this report assume that demand for services will remain at existing levels for the remainder of the financial year unless there is strong evidence to suggest otherwise.

7. **LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

7.1 The provision of budget monitoring information is required as part of the budgetary control requirements contained within the Council's Financial Regulations.

7.2 **Corporate Plan 2018-2023**

The expenditure of the Directorate is linked directly to its ability to shape and deliver its strategic objectives, which in turn assists the achievement of the Authority's stated aims and well-being objectives.

8 **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

8.1 Effective financial management is a key element in ensuring that the Well-being Goals within the Well-Being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 are met.

9. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the issues covered are for information purposes only, therefore the Council's full EIA process does not need to be applied.

10. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 As detailed throughout the report.

11. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no direct personnel implications arising from this report.

12. **CONSULTATIONS**

12.1 All consultation responses have been incorporated into this report.

13. STATUTORY POWER

13.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2003 and the Council's Financial Regulations.

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APPENDIX 1 – Social Services 2019/20 Budget Monitoring Report (Month 3)

	Revised Budget 2018/19	Projection	Over/ (Under) Spend
	£	£	£
SUMMARY			
CHILDREN'S SERVICES	£23,501,959	£24,335,558	£833,599
ADULT SERVICES	£64,531,017	£63,329,113	(£1,201,904)
RESOURCING AND PERFORMANCE	£2,109,272	£2,088,756	(£20,516)
SOCIAL SERVICES TOTAL	£90,142,248	£89,753,427	(£388,821)
CHILDREN'S SERVICES			
Management, Fieldwork and Administration			
Children's Management, Fieldwork and Administration	£9,716,824	£9,431,656	(£285,168)
Social Services Grant	(£89,108)	(£89,108)	£0
Intermediate Care Fund Contribution	(£900,499)	(£900,499)	£0
Sub Total	£8,727,217	£8,442,049	(£285,168)
Residential Care Including Secure Accommodation			
Own Residential Homes	£1,590,291	£1,342,885	(£247,406)
Gross Cost of Placements	£3,153,188	£4,865,004	£1,711,816
Contributions from Education	(£72,682)	(£70,979)	£1,703
Contributions from Health	£0	£0	£0
Sub Total	£4,670,797	£6,136,911	£1,466,114
Fostering and Adoption			
Gross Cost of Placements	£7,867,624	£7,657,646	(£209,978)
Social Services Grant	(£613,933)	(£613,933)	£0
Other Fostering Costs	£158,872	£158,872	£0
Adoption Allowances	£97,978	£75,853	(£22,125)
Other Adoption Costs	£363,028	£363,028	£0
Professional Fees Inc. Legal Fees	£439,039	£439,039	£0
Sub Total	£8,312,608	£8,080,505	(£232,103)
Youth Offending			
Youth Offending Team	£395,152	£395,152	£0
Sub Total	£395,152	£395,152	£0
Families First			
Families First Team	£192,436	£195,931	£3,495
Other Families First Contracts	£2,552,696	£2,505,704	(£46,992)
Grant Income	(£2,697,747)	(£2,697,747)	£0
Sub Total	£47,385	£3,888	(£43,497)
Other Costs			
Preventative and Support - (Section 17 & Childminding)	£66,290	£66,290	£0
Aftercare	£657,882	£590,514	(£67,368)
Agreements with Voluntary Organisations	£602,029	£597,651	(£4,378)
Intermediate Care Fund Contribution	(£100,000)	(£100,000)	£0
Other	£244,599	£234,432	(£10,167)
Transformation Grant	(£122,000)	(£111,833)	£10,167
Sub Total	£1,348,800	£1,277,054	(£71,746)
TOTAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES	£23,501,959	£24,335,558	£833,599

	Revised Budget 2018/19	Projection	Over/ (Under) Spend
	£	£	£
ADULT SERVICES			
Management, Fieldwork and Administration			
Management	£128,350	£129,762	£1,412
Protection of Vulnerable Adults	£301,498	£304,961	£3,463
OLA and Client Income from Client Finances	(£293,267)	(£283,482)	£9,785
Commissioning	£707,804	£724,908	£17,104
Section 28a Income Joint Commissioning Post	(£17,175)	(£17,175)	£0
Older People	£2,324,167	£2,382,775	£58,608
Less Wanless Income	(£44,747)	(£44,747)	£0
Promoting Independence	£2,313,883	£2,484,744	£170,861
Social Services Grant	(£22,493)	(£22,493)	£0
Provider Services	£394,630	£415,382	£20,752
ICF Funding	(£134,857)	(£134,857)	£0
Learning Disabilities	£752,075	£742,586	(£9,489)
Contribution from Health and Other Partners	(£44,253)	(£44,253)	£0
Mental Health	£1,363,564	£1,340,005	(£23,559)
ICF Funding	£0	£0	£0
Section 28a Income Assertive Outreach	(£94,769)	(£94,769)	£0
Drug & Alcohol Services	£336,493	£329,457	(£7,036)
Emergency Duty Team	£266,610	£266,610	£0
Further Vacancy Savings	£0	(£353,095)	(£353,095)
Additional Savings Target	(£201,298)	£0	£201,298
Sub Total	£8,036,215	£8,126,320	£90,105
Own Residential Care			
Residential Homes for the Elderly	£6,644,814	£6,565,720	(£79,094)
Intermediate Care Fund Contribution	(£92,806)	(£92,806)	£0
-Less Client Contributions	(£1,986,840)	(£2,236,775)	(£249,935)
-Less Section 28a Income (Ty Iscoed)	(£115,350)	(£115,350)	£0
-Less Inter-Authority Income	(£38,297)	(£39,297)	(£1,000)
Net Cost	£4,411,521	£4,081,492	(£330,029)
Accommodation for People with Learning Disabilities	£2,615,587	£2,413,681	(£201,906)
-Less Client Contributions	(£63,437)	(£63,437)	£0
-Less Contribution from Supporting People	(£41,319)	(£41,206)	£113
-Less Inter-Authority Income	(£328,479)	(£328,479)	£0
Net Cost	£2,182,352	£1,980,559	(£201,793)
Sub Total	£6,593,873	£6,062,051	(£531,822)
External Residential Care			
Long Term Placements			
Older People	£10,925,100	£10,416,668	(£508,432)
Less Wanless Income	(£303,428)	(£303,428)	£0
Less Section 28a Income - Allt yr yn	(£151,063)	(£151,063)	£0
Physically Disabled	£530,706	£592,152	£61,446
Learning Disabilities	£3,637,585	£3,451,206	(£186,379)
Mental Health	£969,700	£865,618	(£104,082)
Substance Misuse Placements	£60,316	£60,316	£0
Social Services Grant	(£632,112)	(£632,112)	£0
Net Cost	£15,036,804	£14,299,356	(£737,448)

	Revised Budget 2018/19	Projection	Over/ (Under) Spend
	£	£	£
Short Term Placements			
Older People	£254,794	£254,794	£0
Carers Respite Arrangements	£40,274	£40,274	£0
Physical Disabilities	£42,137	£42,137	£0
Learning Disabilities	£16,654	£16,654	£0
Mental Health	£41,321	£41,321	£0
Net Cost	£395,180	£395,180	£0
Sub Total	£15,431,984	£14,694,536	(£737,448)
Own Day Care			
Older People	£724,832	£634,595	(£90,237)
-Less Attendance Contributions	(£16,869)	(£16,869)	£0
Learning Disabilities	£2,814,615	£2,862,052	£47,437
-Less Attendance Contributions	(£20,691)	(£20,691)	£0
-Less Inter-Authority Income	(£24,986)	(£28,729)	(£3,743)
Mental Health	£755,400	£713,929	(£41,471)
ICF Funding	(£87,100)	(£87,100)	£0
-Less Section 28a Income (Pentrebane Street)	(£81,366)	(£81,366)	£0
Sub Total	£4,063,835	£3,975,822	(£88,013)
External Day Care			
Elderly	£9,784	£13,705	£3,921
Physically Disabled	£126,121	£115,389	(£10,732)
Learning Disabilities	£1,262,957	£1,388,709	£125,752
Section 28a Income	(£72,659)	(£72,659)	£0
Mental Health	£82,932	£80,114	(£2,818)
Sub Total	£1,409,135	£1,525,258	£116,123
Supported Employment			
Mental Health	£69,233	£69,233	£0
Sub Total	£69,233	£69,233	£0
Aids and Adaptations			
Disability Living Equipment	£548,494	£552,646	£4,152
Adaptations	£216,681	£216,681	£0
Chronically Sick and Disabled Telephones	£7,168	£5,168	(£2,000)
Sub Total	£772,343	£774,495	£2,152
Home Assistance and Reablement			
Home Assistance and Reablement Team			
Home Assistance and Reablement Team (H.A.R.T.)	£4,220,333	£3,994,900	(£225,433)
Wanless Funding	(£67,959)	(£67,959)	£0
ICF Funding	(£32,063)	(£32,063)	£0
Transformation Grant	£0	(£85,192)	(£85,192)
Independent Sector Domiciliary Care			
Elderly	£6,029,806	£6,296,700	£266,894
Physical Disabilities	£769,499	£871,757	£102,258
Learning Disabilities (excluding Resettlement)	£363,241	£364,888	£1,647
Mental Health	£283,694	£228,066	(£55,628)
Social Services Grant	(£127,127)	(£127,127)	£0
Gwent Frailty Programme	£2,434,266	£2,361,933	(£72,333)
Appropriation from Specific Reserve	(£67,322)	(£67,322)	£0
Sub Total	£13,806,368	£13,738,579	(£67,789)

	Revised Budget 2018/19	Projection	Over/ (Under) Spend
	£	£	£
Other Domiciliary Care			
Shared Lives			
Shared Lives Scheme	£996,126	£1,070,777	£74,651
-Less Contribution from Supporting People	(£98,421)	(£125,520)	(£27,099)
Net Cost	£897,705	£945,257	£47,552
Supported Living			
Older People	£51,370	(£548)	(£51,918)
-Less Contribution from Supporting People	£0	£0	£0
Physical Disabilities	£1,539,334	£1,450,837	(£88,497)
-Less Contribution from Supporting People	(£22,177)	(£22,177)	£0
Learning Disabilities	£8,506,313	£8,890,920	£384,607
Less Section 28a Income Joint Tenancy	(£28,987)	(£28,987)	£0
-Less Contribution from Supporting People	(£259,857)	(£258,900)	£957
Mental Health	£2,072,720	£1,902,576	(£170,144)
-Less Contribution from Supporting People	(£10,046)	(£10,031)	£15
Net Cost	£11,848,670	£11,923,691	£75,021
Direct Payment			
Elderly People	£114,515	£125,307	£10,792
Physical Disabilities	£730,809	£683,589	(£47,221)
Learning Disabilities	£823,725	£660,885	(£162,840)
Section 28a Income Learning Disabilities	(£20,808)	(£20,808)	£0
Mental Health	£3,736	£3,593	(£143)
Social Services Grant	(£25,617)	(£25,617)	£0
Net Cost	£1,626,360	£1,426,948	(£199,412)
Other			
Sitting Service	£304,391	£321,603	£17,212
Extra Care Sheltered Housing	£512,624	£472,082	(£40,542)
-Less Contribution from Supporting People	(£13,454)	£0	£13,454
Net Cost	£803,561	£793,684	(£9,877)
Total Home Care Client Contributions	(£2,037,686)	(£2,037,686)	£0
Sub Total	£13,138,610	£13,051,894	(£86,716)
Resettlement			
External Funding			
Section 28a Income	(£1,020,410)	(£1,020,410)	£0
Sub Total	(£1,020,410)	(£1,020,410)	£0

	Revised Budget 2018/19	Projection	Over/ (Under) Spend
	£	£	£
Supporting People (including transfers to Housing)			
People Over 55 Years of Age	£430,255	£430,271	£16
People with Physical and/or Sensory Disabilities	£46,125	£46,102	(£23)
People with Learning Disabilities	£109,077	£109,054	(£23)
People with Mental Health issues	£1,050,693	£1,134,556	£83,863
Families Supported People	£518,774	£518,773	(£1)
Generic Floating support to prevent homelessness	£848,921	£848,958	£37
Young People with support needs (16-24)	£1,033,654	£1,033,684	£30
Single people with Support Needs (25-54)	£403,973	£403,965	(£8)
Women experiencing Domestic Abuse	£476,112	£476,139	£27
People with Substance Misuse Issues	£381,501	£381,528	£27
Alarm Services (including in sheltered/extra care)	£255,594	£255,574	(£20)
People with Criminal Offending History	£141,127	£141,133	£6
Contribution to Social Services Schemes	£606,984	£619,102	£12,118
Newport CC funding transfer	(£70,000)	(£70,000)	£0
Less supporting people grant	(£6,232,790)	(£6,232,790)	£0
Sub Total	£0	£96,048	£96,048
Services for Children with Disabilities			
Blackwood Resource Centre	£317,576	£374,559	£56,983
Residential Care	£357,593	£355,974	(£1,619)
Foster Care	£408,343	£345,722	(£62,621)
Preventative and Support - (Section 17 & Childminding)	£9,470	£9,470	£0
Respite Care	£56,258	£56,258	£0
Direct Payments	£164,911	£162,645	(£2,266)
Social Services Grant	(£2,537)	(£2,537)	£0
Sub Total	£1,311,614	£1,302,092	(£9,522)
Other Costs			
Telecare Gross Cost	£621,675	£585,373	(£36,302)
Less Client and Agency Income	(£353,985)	(£353,985)	£0
-Less Contribution from Supporting People	(£83,705)	(£83,476)	£229
Agreements with Voluntary Organisations			
Children with Disabilities	£350,837	£394,582	£43,745
Elderly	£150,907	£150,993	£86
Learning Difficulties	£61,928	£60,904	(£1,024)
Section 28a Income	(£52,020)	(£52,020)	£0
Mental Health & Substance Misuse	£69,895	£69,895	(£0)
MH Capacity Act / Deprivation of Libert Safeguards	£97,460	£105,704	£8,244
Other	£55,143	£55,143	£0
Provision for Fee Uplifts	£265,176	£265,176	£0
Social Services Grant	(£266,246)	(£266,246)	£0
Wales Independent Living Expenditure	£1,152	£1,152	£0
Gwent Enhanced Dementia Care Expenditure	£278,878	£278,878	£0
Gwent Enhanced Dementia Care Grant	(£209,692)	(£209,692)	£0
Intermediate Care Fund Contribution	(£69,186)	(£69,186)	£0
Sub Total	£918,217	£933,195	£14,978
TOTAL ADULT SERVICES	£64,531,017	£63,329,113	(£1,201,904)

	Revised Budget 2018/19	Projection	Over/ (Under) Spend
	£	£	£
<u>SERVICE STRATEGY AND BUSINESS SUPPORT</u>			
Management and Administration			
Policy Development and Strategy	£172,082	£175,283	£3,201
Business Support	£715,925	£715,878	(£47)
Sub Total	£888,007	£891,160	£3,153
Office Accommodation			
All Offices	£277,756	£276,750	(£1,006)
Less Office Accommodation Recharge to HRA	(£60,103)	(£60,103)	£0
Sub Total	£217,653	£216,647	(£1,006)
Office Expenses			
All Offices	£169,330	£159,625	(£9,705)
Sub Total	£169,330	£159,625	(£9,705)
Other Costs			
Training	£323,619	£323,619	£0
Staff Support/Protection	£9,401	£9,401	£0
Information Technology	£32,054	£32,054	£0
Management Fees for Consortia	(£51,002)	(£51,002)	£0
Insurances	£254,212	£248,254	(£5,958)
Other Costs	£265,998	£258,998	(£7,000)
Sub Total	£834,282	£821,324	(£12,958)
TOTAL RESOURCING AND PERFORMANCE	£2,109,272	£2,088,756	(£20,516)

APPENDIX 2 - SOCIAL SERVICES MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN SAVINGS IN 2019/20

Impact Upon Public	Saving Proposal	Total Value of Proposal £000s	Full Year Effect of Savings Achieved to Date £000s	Further Savings to be Achieved £000s	Comments
Nil	Budget realignment and deletion of vacant back office posts with no public impact	197	197	0	These proposals were reflective of the position in 2018/19 and as such had been delivered prior to 1st April 2019
Low	Review of administrative support in Children's Services	189	189	0	A restructuring of administrative support services has been implemented reducing the workforce by 6.73 full time equivalent posts.
Low	Review of staffing budgets in Adult Services	550	349	201	7.69 whole time equivalent vacant posts have been permanently removed from the adult services structure. Further posts will be considered for deletion as vacancies have arise.
Low	Review of non Residential Charging Policy	100	100	0	Cabinet approval received on 13th March 2019 to implement charges for community based services and independent sector day services.
Low	Retender of shared care respite contract	50	0	50	Re-tendering is unlikely to be completed in 2019/20 but savings could be delivered in 2020/21.
Low	Review of own day services for adults	300	300	0	Overall underspend forecast for own day services.
Low	Review of external day services for adults	205	89	116	Work ongoing to provide alternative arrangements for 3 service users which could deliver the remaining savings.
Low	Non-renewal of mental health carers support contract	34	34	0	Contract ended in 2018/19 and was not renewed.
Low	Implications of Social Services & Wellbeing Act 2014	150	150	0	Net underspend against adult services care packages indicates that this saving has been achieved.
Medium	Review of Barnardo's contract	186	186	0	Contract re-negotiated with effect from 1st April 2019.
High	Reduction in growth provision	300	300	0	Net underspend against social services indicates that this saving has been achieved.
		2,261	1,894	367	

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