



HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1ST DECEMBER 2015

SUBJECT: CSSIW ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR 2014-15

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise elected Members of the Annual Performance Evaluation Report for 2014/15, which has been completed by the Care and Social Services Inspectorate (CSSIW) as part of the Inspectorate's response to the Annual Council Reporting Framework.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 As Members will be aware from previous reports, in June 2009 the then Welsh Assembly Government issued Statutory Guidance on the Role and Accountabilities of the Director of Social Services. The Guidance sets out a requirement for the Director of Social Services to report annually to the Council on the performance of Social Services functions and plans for further improvement.
- 2.2 The Annual Council Reporting Framework, which governs the production of the Annual Director's Report, requires CSSIW to review each local authority and provide an analysis of the Annual Director's Report and its supporting evidence.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Statutory Guidance on the Role and Accountabilities of the Director of Social Services (Welsh Assembly Government, June 2009).
- 3.2 Annual Council Reporting Framework (Social Services Improvement Agency 2009).
- 3.3 Local Authority Social Services Inspection, Evaluation and Review Framework (Care and Social Services Inspectorate, April 2009).

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The introduction of the Annual Council Reporting Framework placed a responsibility on local authorities to analyse the effectiveness of the Social Services that they provide. In order to do so, it is an expectation of the Framework that CSSIW will review and analyse each local authority's Annual Report and its supporting evidence.
- 4.2 CSSIW have produced the appended Annual Performance Evaluation Report to summarise the conclusions that the Inspectorate has reached following analysis of the Annual Director's Report produced by Caerphilly County Borough Council for 2014/15. Within the report, CSSIW has identified what it believes are the key areas for improvement and areas for improvement for the local authority.

4.3 The areas for improvement in the report will be included in the respective Service Delivery Plans for 2014/15 and progress will be reported to Scrutiny committee as part of our performance management updates.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Annual Performance Evaluation Report 2014/15 does not have any specific financial implications for the local authority.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising from the Annual Performance Evaluation Report 2013/14.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 All consultation feedback was incorporated into our response to the Draft Performance Annual Evaluation Report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Elected Members are requested to note the contents of the Annual Performance Evaluation Report 2014/15.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Statutory guidance requires the Director to present the Annual Performance Assessment Report to Elected Members.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Statutory Guidance on the Role and Accountabilities of the Director of Social Services (WAG June 2009).

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Annual Performance Evaluation Report 2014/15