



VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON COMMITTEE – 2ND DECEMBER 2015

SUBJECT: DIGEST OF CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report from Caerphilly CBC contains a digest of committee reports of items of interest for the voluntary sector. If there are reports of particular interest Members can request the committee report author to attend a future meeting of the Voluntary Sector Committee to prepare a further report/take questions.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A quarterly summary of Caerphilly CBC committee reports selected as they contain areas of interest for the voluntary sector.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 All Caerphilly CBC reports relate to aspects of the Caerphilly County Borough Community Strategy.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The following reports have been selected as having particular interest on voluntary sector issues (note Members can request a full hard copy of any of the reports included):-

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, 19TH MARCH 2015 DOMESTIC ABUSE PROCESSES FOR VICTIMS.

The Community Safety Manager and the Domestic Abuse Coordinator, in response to a members request at the meeting held on 20th March 2014, provided Members with an overview of the report, which highlighted the services available across the borough to victims of Domestic Abuse and in particular, what support is available to victims in crisis outside of normal working hours.

The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership (SCCSP) addresses domestic abuse and support to victims through direct intervention by Gwent Police, in supporting victims and investigating crimes, and through the support and refuge provision provided by third sector and funded agencies.

In addition, the Committee noted that various projects and preventative educational activities are conducted with young people, such as Safe Relationships Training within schools, to

educate young people on the signs of Domestic Abuse and the #caerphillystandingtogether campaign, which asks young people to 'tweet their feet' to raise awareness of domestic abuse and demonstrate their support to the campaign.

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015

The purpose of this report is to inform Elected Members of the new Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and in particular the duty placed on specified authorities for Prevent and Channel.

The Government's national counter-terrorism strategy CONTEST has four components: Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare. The Prevent component of the strategy is a partnership responsibility with 'specified authorities' including local government, police, health, criminal justice, education and child care sectors, playing a key role in identifying and supporting at risk individuals. Prevent primarily focuses on preventing vulnerable people from being drawn into extremism, and committing acts of terrorism, through the Channel multi agency process.

The Act places the 'Prevention of People Being Drawn into Terrorism' and 'The Support for People Vulnerable to Being Drawn into Terrorism' on a statutory footing. The Act is supported by two sets of statutory guidance relevant to the specified authority role. 'The Prevent Duty Guidance' and 'The Channel Duty Guidance.' The relevant Sections of the Act came into force on the 1st of July 2015.

EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2015 REDUCTION IN FUNDING FOR ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

To inform members of the outcome of the reduction of funding, for the academic year 2015/16.

Over the past 2 years there has been a significant reduction in funding for Adult Community Learning. This has resulted in the service having to make changes in the delivery model and reduce the amount of provision it can support.

The number of learners has decreased from 2664 in 13/14 to 2061 in 2014/15. This reflects the reduction in the number of courses the service was able to provide in 14/15. It is anticipated that this figure will continue to decrease due to the funding reductions for 15/16.

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20TH OCTOBER 2015 FIT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS – A CHILDHOOD OBESITY STRATEGY FOR GWENT TO 2025

This report seeks the Committee's views on a draft childhood obesity strategy for Gwent to 2025. The report also aims to assist in the development of an organisational understanding of the significant impact of obesity and childhood obesity on people and the public service sector.

The draft childhood obesity strategy and action list presents a vision of healthier, fitter future generations – where obesity will not be harming children and limiting the wellbeing of future generations in Gwent as it is today. It outlines the important and wide ranging benefits to people, communities and public services from effective and co-ordinated action on childhood obesity.

The Strategy makes the case that childhood obesity should be included as a priority wellbeing objective, for both Public Service Boards and organisations because of its relevance to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the significant harm childhood obesity causes right across the wellbeing goals.

Following analysis of local action from comprehensively collected sources and a thorough analysis of the evidence, including the views of people and practitioners, the strategy recommends areas for action for ABUHB, Local Authorities and Public Service Boards. This strategy is a "call to co-ordinate" and suggests shared governance for accountability and

scrutiny within both organisations and Local/Public Service Boards.

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 15TH SEPTEMBER 2015 CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTING 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH

The report considered the implications of implementing 20mph speed limits across the county borough within residential areas, and had been prepared following a request from a Member of the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Officers explained that the Council's adopted Speed Management Strategy (SMS) is an evidenced-based approach that seeks to implement 20mph speed limits and zones in accordance with national guidance and best practice. Through this SMS, 20mph speed limits or zones are only considered for implementation in a fairly localised area around a school or locations of main attractors of vulnerable road users.

The SMS requires the school to have a Travel Plan as this provides useful information and evidence about problems and also secures additional benefits such as a commitment to travel more sustainably and community support. The main benefit of a 20mph speed limit outside schools is that it encourages sustainable travel and also educates drivers (and future drivers) about the area in which they travel being in close proximity to a main attractor of vulnerable road users.

To date 20mph limits have been introduced around 38 school sites (over half of the schools within the county borough). Each year the schools continue to develop their Travel Plans and at present the Engineering Services Division is working with 16 schools to develop their Travel Plans and action plans, some of which will result in further 20mph limits.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Equalities implications have been taken into account for a number of reports submitted to Cabinet and other committees.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None, this is an information paper only on the contents of Caerphilly CBC reports which contains items of interest for the Voluntary Sector Committee.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None arising.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Members are invited (if they feel appropriate) to select any report for further consideration by the Committee by requesting the report author to attend a future meeting of the Voluntary Sector Committee to take questions/prepare another report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To ensure Members are fully briefed on items of interest for the Voluntary Sector.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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