



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14TH MAY 2013

SUBJECT: INSPECTION – ROLE OF THE STATUTORY DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

REPORT BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the content of an inspection by the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) on the role of the Statutory Director Of Social Services within the County Borough.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report summarises the findings of CSSIW during the inspection that was undertaken on the 4th, 5th and 6th December 2013.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Health Social Care & Well-being Strategy
Divisional Service improvement Plans

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 During early December 2013 Caerphilly County Borough Council was one of seven Local Authorities in Wales selected for an inspection as to the role of the Statutory Director Of Social Services within the local authority.
- 4.2 The inspection took form of interviews with a number of senior staff both within the Social Services Directorate and within the corporate centre. In addition, presentations were made by officers in relation to safeguarding, managing performance and workforce development.
- 4.3 The attached report was received at the end of March 2013 and summarises CSSIW's findings. Generally the report is very positive and demonstrates that the Directorate is well positioned within the corporate body. It further demonstrates that the Statutory Director has the support necessary to perform his duties.
- 4.4 The only area requiring further action related to "Reference to the role of the Director Of Social services as laid out in the guidance is not specifically outlined in the council's constitution or the Directors job description. When the guidance was published a report went to Cabinet which outlined the accountabilities". This matter has been brought to the attention of legal services.

4.5 No action is required from the authority on any other matter and the overall findings from the seven authorities will be published in an overview report due to be published in spring 2013.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report is for information purposes, so the Council's Equality Impact assessment process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 All feedback from consultations is contained in the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Members are asked to note the content of this report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 This provides positive feedback of the role of the Statutory Director Of Social Services. Further consideration of the overview report will be given when it is received.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 2000
National Assistance Act 1948
National Health Service And Community Care Act 1990

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 CSSIW Report – Role Of The Statutory Director Of Social Services