

# EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017

## CSSIW Inspection of Children's Services in Carmarthenshire County Council

### To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Committee considers and comments on the outcomes of the inspection and recommendations therein.

### Reasons:

- In July 2016, Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) undertook a pilot inspection of children's services in Carmarthenshire County Council.
- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to monitoring performance.

**To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO**

**Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education & Children)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The attached report outlines Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales' findings and recommendations for Children's Services in Carmarthenshire County Council, following its inspection of the services in July 2016.

The inspection took place during a period of significant change for Carmarthenshire County Council while implementing the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.

The Local Authority was also bringing in revised social work operating models across Children's Services.

The inspection was a pilot to test and learn from a revised approach to local authority inspection, with greater emphasis on understanding how the delivery of social services improves outcomes for people in need of care and support.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed:           Stefan Smith           Head of Children's Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed:           Stefan Smith           Head of Children's Services

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:**

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
CSSIW Inspection of Children's Services: Carmarthenshire County Council (July 2016)	<p><b>Cymraeg:</b>  <a href="http://cssiw.org.uk/our-reports/local-authority-report/2016/160927-childrens-services-carmarthenshire/?skip=1&amp;lang=cy">http://cssiw.org.uk/our-reports/local-authority-report/2016/160927-childrens-services-carmarthenshire/?skip=1&amp;lang=cy</a></p> <p><b>English:</b>  <a href="http://cssiw.org.uk/our-reports/local-authority-report/2016/160927-childrens-services-carmarthenshire/?lang=en">http://cssiw.org.uk/our-reports/local-authority-report/2016/160927-childrens-services-carmarthenshire/?lang=en</a></p>