

# EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

## Draft Annual Report (2015/16) and Improvement Plan (2016/17)

- The entire - 1<sup>st</sup> Year's progress report on the Corporate Strategy 2015-20 (including our Summary Annual Report (2015/16) and Improvement Plan (2016/17))
- Relevant extracts for this Scrutiny Committee of the: Full Annual Report (2015/16) and Improvement Plan (2016/17) – (ARIP)

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

- That the Committee considers and comments on the Council's draft Annual Report 2015/16 and Improvement Plan 2016/17.

### Reasons:

1. Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure we must:
  - *Publish an Improvement Plan as soon as it is reasonably practicable after the start of the financial year i.e. April 1<sup>st</sup> (The Auditor General interprets this as by the end of June) and*
  - *Publish an Annual Report on past performance by the end of October each year.*
2. We publish a combined Annual Report and Improvement Plan allowing us to evaluate previous year's results and agree future outcomes.
3. The document is still being finalised as End of Year data becomes available.

**To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: YES**

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

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**EDUCATION & CHILDREN  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

**Draft Annual Report (2015/16) and  
Improvement Plan (2016/17)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year's progress report on the Corporate Strategy 2015-20 (including our Summary Annual Report (2015/16) and Improvement Plan (2016/17)). **This Scrutiny Committee should focus on Pages 9, 10, 11 and 13 only.**
- Full Annual Report (2015/16) and Improvement Plan (2016/17) – (ARIP)

Extracts relevant to the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee:

- Introduction
- Ensuring each child has the best start in life
- People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential
- Safeguarding children from abuse, victimisation, neglect and exploitation
- Appendices

**1st Year's progress report on the Corporate Strategy 2015-20 (Including our Summary Annual Report (2015/16) and Improvement Plan (2016/17))**

- When we published the Corporate Strategy 2015-20 we promised to conduct an annual progress report and we set out a set 24 Outcome measures to judge our progress against
- By law we also have to publish a summary and full ARIP
- It makes sense to combine the Corporate Strategy progress and summary ARIP into one document to avoid duplication and align plans and reports
- In the recent WAO Annual Improvement Report they found the combination of a short summary and a full version – gave all the information needed.

**Full Annual Report (2015/16) and Improvement Plan (2016/17) – (ARIP)**

- By law we have to publish an Annual Report and an Improvement Plan – we combine the both in a single document in Carmarthenshire and this is seen as good practice by our regulators.

- On 20th April, we consulted with elected members on the Key Improvement Objective Priorities that are incorporated into this document
- WAO Corporate Assessment Proposals for Improvement are incorporated into the document.

**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: David Astins                      Strategic Development Manager**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities** – The Annual Report and Improvement Plan is aligned to our Integrated Community Strategy (ICS) Outcomes and Goals. The document will help inform our ICS Annual Report.

**2. Legal** – Our combination of Annual Reporting and Improvement Planning into a single document meets the Local Government Measure requirements and has satisfied our regulators. Other Councils in Wales have adopted this combined approach.

**3. Finance** – See the Making Better use of Resources theme

# CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: David Astins                      Strategic Development Manager

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
The Local Government Measure (Wales) 2009	<a href="#">Welsh Government\Final part 1 guidance</a>
Corporate Strategy 2015 -2020	<a href="#">Corporate Strategy 2015-2020</a>