

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**SUBJECT:**  
**STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES'**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

**Purpose:**

There is a statutory requirement for the Director of Social Services to report annually to their Council on the delivery and performance as well as plans for the improvement of the whole range of Social Services.

This is the annual report by the Director of Social Services on the performance of our Social Care Services in the county.

This report provides Members with the opportunity to question the content and gives an opportunity for the Statutory Director to consider any comments elected Members may have for the future.

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

That the Annual report of the Statutory Director of Social Services on the performance of Social Care Services in Carmarthenshire 2022/23 be approved.

**Reasons:**

Political scrutiny of this report is considered by the Director to be an important element in the development process and will be amended throughout the various stages to the final publication of this report in the summer of 2023.

Cabinet Decision Required:	YES – 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Council Decision Required	YES – 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-**

Cllr. J. Tremlett (Health & Social Services Portfolio Holder)

**Directorate:**

Communities

**Name of Head of Service:**

Jake Morgan

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES' ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

The Annual Report examines each Service area within Social Care and shows how service strategies, actions, targets and service risks will be addressed and delivered operationally by the service this year based on the approved budget.

The Annual Report (attached) comprises an overview provided by the Director of Social Services, which provides information on how we have performed in 2022/23 and an assessment on the future, together with our strategic priorities for 2023/24.

The Report links closely with the Directorate Business Plans for Community Services and Education & Children's Services departments.

Following publication of the report to the public (after it has been presented to full Council), Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) and Welsh Government will complete their analysis and review of the report. There will be a formal meeting with CIW in December to discuss their analysis and proposed plan. This will be followed by an Annual Letter to Council confirming their analysis and inspection plan.

**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: **Jake Morgan**

**Director of Social Services**

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>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Annual Report will be an important contribution to the Council's Improvement Plan.

## 2. Legal

The Annual Report forms an important part of the statutory duties of the Director of Social Services:

*"The Director will present to Council, publish and report on an annual statement of plans for performance and improvement"*

## 3. Finance

There are no financial implications in the report. However, the report highlights some budget pressures which will need to be considered in the budget setting process for 2024/2025.

## 4. ICT

The PIMS system will be used to provide updated commentary of the action plan for 2023/24.

## 5. Risk Management Issues

Key risks have been addressed in this report with a link to the departmental and corporate risk register.

## 6. Physical Assets

Physical assets are included in this report in relation to service delivery.

## 7. Staffing Implications

Staffing implications are included in this report.

# CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jake Morgan

Director of Social Services

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination		YES
Scrutiny Committee	Health & Social Services	
Date the report was considered:-	4 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023	
Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-		
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CABINET that the report be received.		

2. Local Member(s) - Not applicable.

3. Community / Town Council - Not applicable.

4. Relevant Partners - Not applicable.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - Not applicable.

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO  
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

YES

Include any observations here

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

THERE ARE NONE.

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
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