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**WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2023**

## **TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A **VIRTUAL MEETING** OF THE **HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** WHICH WILL BE AT **10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 2023** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

*Wendy Walters*

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# HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Cllr. Bryan Davies  
Cllr. Karen Davies  
Cllr. Alex Evans  
Cllr. Meinir James  
Cllr. Hefin Jones  
Cllr. Denise Owen

## **LABOUR GROUP - 4 Members**

Cllr. Rob Evans  
Cllr. Michelle Donoghue  
Cllr. Philip Warlow  
Cllr. Janet Williams

## **INDEPENDENT GROUP - 2 Members**

Cllr. Louvain Roberts (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr. Fiona Walters

## **UNAFFILIATED (1)**

Cllr. John Jenkins

# **A G E N D A**

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

**Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Annual Report 2022/23**

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

- That members consider and approve the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee’s annual report for the 2022/23 municipal year.

**Reasons:**

- The Council’s Constitution requires Scrutiny Committees to report annually on their work.

**To be referred to the Cabinet / Council for decision: NO**

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:**

**Cllr. J. Tremlett, Health & Social Services**

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

**Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Annual Report 2022/23**

The attached report has been prepared in order to comply with Article 6.2 of the County Council's Constitution which states that a scrutiny committee must:

*"Prepare an annual report giving an account of the Committee's activities over the previous year."*

The report provides an overview of the workings of the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee during the 2022/23 municipal year and includes information on the following topics:

- Overview of the forward work programme
- Key issues considered
- Issues referred to or from Executive Board / Other Scrutiny Committees
- Task & Finish Review
- Development Sessions
- Member attendance at meetings

**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: Linda Rees-Jones      Head of Administration & Law

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

**1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities** – In line with requirements of the County Council’s Constitution.

**2. Legal** - In line with requirements of the County Council’s Constitution.

## CONSULTATIONS

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

Linda Rees-Jones      Head of Administration & Law

**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

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)  
AWARE/CONSULTED**

NO

**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
Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee Reports and Minutes		<b>Meetings from September 2015 onwards:</b>  <a href="http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=169">http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=169</a>



# Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee

## Annual Report

2022 – 2023

### Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire

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## Chair's Foreword



Welcome to the Annual Report for the Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee for the Civic Year 2022/23. As Chairperson I am pleased to present this report to you detailing the work undertaken by the Committee during the year.

Following the local elections in May 2022, all apart from two Members were new to the Committee including myself. This in itself brought challenges and with this in mind it was agreed to arrange visits to different centres so that we as Members got a better understanding of what each department is responsible for. This is an ongoing programme until we have covered each section of Social Care & Children's Services.

We were again, during this year, subject to the Authorities (coronavirus) (meetings) Wales Amendment) Regulations 2020 which came into force on the 22nd April 2020. Whilst the re-elected Members were familiar with remote working this has been an additional learning for new Members. With all of this and the excellent training programme immediately after the May elections our first Scrutiny did not happen until October 2022. Remote working makes it a better option for some Councillors who are able to join remotely who might not otherwise be able to be a part of Scrutiny. All options are good but for getting to know each other and officers, I think it would be helpful to meet in person at least once during the year.

The Communities Department continue to work well on many aspects and also jointly on many services with the Hywel Dda Health Board which is hugely beneficial to service users. I believe that this is the way forward as there are so much integration of areas that will benefit from joint working. Carmarthenshire is leading the field in this and hopefully others will follow suit. There have been challenges since Covid with a shortage of Domiciliary Care workers, this is being address with a vigorous recruitment campaign which hopefully will assist in these vital services being fully staffed without having to rely on agency staff. Llesiant Delta Well-being is also working hard to support people with the Delta Connect programme and their response services. Children's Services are also continuing to respond to the current placement capacity crisis, coupled with the increase in the demand for mental health service provision needs for young people post-pandemic.

We as a Scrutiny Committee have committed to undertake a Task and Finish project to look at Active Start for 0 – 11 year olds which will be reported in the next Annual Report. I am looking forward to a full programme for the coming year and to gain a greater knowledge of the services and skills coming under this vital portfolio.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Members for their participation, to all the officers and staff for their care and ambition for a well looked after population in this County. I would also like to thank Emma our Democratic services support officer for her knowledge and guidance which has been invaluable in this our first year.

**Councillor Hazel Evans**

**Chair of Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee**

## 1. Introduction

The scrutiny function is a key element of the County Council's governance arrangements and decision-making process. Although not a decision-making body, Scrutiny is at its most effective when it grasps the potential to influence and inform decisions made by both the Council and partner bodies affecting the County.

Article 6.2 of the Council's Constitution requires all Scrutiny Committees to "*prepare an annual report giving an account of the Committees activities over the previous year.*"

The main aim of the report is to highlight the work that has been undertaken by the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee during 2022/23. It aims to provide Members with an opportunity to reflect on the achievements during the year and to identify what worked well and where improvements could be made. This analysis is instrumental in developing scrutiny. In addition, this report may aid to facilitate discussions on items which could be identified for inclusion within future work plans.

The Committee is chaired by Councillor Hazel Evans and is made up of 14 Elected Members. Support is provided by the Democratic Services Unit and other Council officers as and when required.

## 2. Overview of the work of the Committee in 2022/23

### 2.1 Number of Meetings

The Scrutiny Committee held 4 meetings plus a joint meeting regarding Substance Use with the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee during the 2022/23 municipal year. Two meetings were cancelled during the year.

### 2.2 The Forward Work Plans

Scrutiny plays a key role in promoting accountability in the decision-making process of the Local Authority. It is also useful in ensuring that Council policies reflect current priorities, as well as promoting efficiency and encouraging partnership working with external agencies.

In order for Scrutiny Committees to take on greater ownership of their own Forward Work Plans, a pre-decision method of scrutiny was introduced in September 2022 which allows Scrutiny Committees to decide which reports from the Cabinet Forward Work Plan they wish to come before them. As per normal process Committees are also able to identify their own topics and Cabinet are still able to invite a Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise a decision which was in the pipeline.

The concept and development of the Forward Work Plan and the process for its agreement has allowed each Scrutiny Committee to determine its own

agendas. The benefits of such an approach has led to an improved level of debate and input during Scrutiny Committee meetings.

The Committee also consulted with officers to identify items to be considered by the Committee for the forthcoming year. Additional reports were also requested by members at meetings throughout the year and the Forward Work Plan was amended accordingly. In the main, meeting agendas were consistent with those outlined in the Forward Work Plan.

Following the May 2023 elections, the Scrutiny Committee remits were updated by Council and each Scrutiny Committee became responsible for the overview and scrutiny of specific Cabinet Portfolios and their respective services.

The Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the scrutiny of Cabinet's Health and Social Services portfolio and the respective service areas as detailed below:

Adult Social Services	Ageing Well
Residential Care including in-house residential homes	Assessment and Care Management
Home Care including in-house home care and reablement services	Older People and frailty
Learning Disabilities	Integrated Services to include NHS liaison and collaboration between health and social care
Mental Health	Physical Disability and Sensory Impairments
Direct Payments	CYP Board Member
Carers	CAHMS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
Dementia Care	Corporate Parenting Lead
Children's Social Services	Community Support Services
Adult Safeguarding	Fostering Services
Adoption Services	Respite
Care Inspectorate Wales	Prevention Strategy
Older Peoples Commissioner	Supporting Families
Commissioned Services	Safeguarding Children
Early Years, Family Support and Prevention	Complex Needs Transition
Parenting and Child Welfare	Child Protection Coordinator
Safeguarding West and Adoption	Safeguarding East and Service Improvement
Age Friendly Champion	

To compliment the work undertaken during formal meetings, the Committee also undertakes other scrutiny functions such as Task and Finish, visits to establishments falling within its remit together with member development sessions.

The Committee held a total of 3 Forward Planning meetings.

## 2.3 Performance Monitoring / Strategic Issues

**Performance Monitoring Reports** - One of the principal roles of Scrutiny Committees is to monitor the performance of services and functions within its remit. They undertake this work mainly through the consideration of performance monitoring reports and various action plan monitoring reports. The performance monitoring reports provide a balanced picture of performance across the relevant service areas. The Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee received the Performance Monitoring Report for the Council's Wellbeing Objectives at the meeting in January and March 2023. The reports mainly focussed on underperforming indicators.

**Draft Divisional Delivery Plans 2023-24 for: Integrated Services, Commissioning and Business Support & Adult Social Care Services** - As part of its performance monitoring role the Committee received relevant information from the Council's key strategies and plans. In March 2023 the Committee considered the Draft Divisional Delivery Plans. These plans set the strategic actions and measures that the services within the Division would take forward in order for the Council to make progress against its Well-being Objectives, thematic priorities and service priorities.

It was noted that action and measures for the delivery of the Cabinet Vision Statement Commitments were also included.

### Outcomes

- A letter be sent to the Health Board expressing concerns regarding the current inequality of S.117 funding arrangements.

**Children's Services Draft Service Delivery Plan 2023-24** - As part of its performance monitoring role the Committee received relevant information from the Council's key strategies and plans. In March 2023 the Committee considered the Draft Service Delivery Plan which set out the strategic actions and measures that the services within the Division would take forward in order for the Council to make progress against its Well-being Objectives, thematic priorities and service priorities.

**Statutory Director of Social Care Services' Annual Report 2021/22** - 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 report was considered by the Committee in October.

#### Outcomes

- Recommended to Cabinet that the report be received.
- that a letter be sent to Welsh Government by the Committee Chair reiterating the importance of strengthening the structures in place with regard to Electively Home Educated children.

**Communities Departmental Draft Business Plan 2020 - 2023** – In March the Committee considered the Communities Departmental Draft Business Plan 2020 - 2023 which detailed the department's aims, objectives and priorities during 2020-23. This provided the Committee with an opportunity to consider and comment upon the priorities outlined for the department for the three-year period.

**Actions & Referrals** - During the course of the municipal year several requests for additional items are made by members of the Committee to assist them in discharging their scrutiny role. Actions & Referrals updates are presented to Committee which provide an update on progress in relation to these requests.

## 2.4 Revenue & Capital Budgets

**Budget Monitoring Reports** - The Committee received quarterly reports on the departmental and corporate revenue and capital budgets at the meetings held in October, January and April. These reports enabled members to monitor the level of spend in each area and the progress made in connection with any capital works.

**Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation 2023/24 to 2025/26** - As well as monitoring the current budget, the Committee was also consulted on the Revenue Budget Strategy 2023/24 to 2025/26. The report provided the Committee with the current proposals for the Revenue Budget Strategy for 2023/24 together with the indicative figures for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.

**Revenue Budget Outturn Report 2021/22** – At its meeting in October, the Committee considered the Revenue Budget Outturn Report for 2021/22 which provided an end of year financial position.

#### Outcomes

The Committee resolved that a position statement be provided regarding the vacant social work posts.

The position statement was circulated in October.

## 2.5 Regional Adult Advocacy Strategy

The Committee considered the above-mentioned report at the Committee meeting in March the purpose of which was to seek endorsement of a new regional adult advocacy strategy that has been developed with stakeholders through the Advocacy Working Group . The Strategy aimed to shape



commissioning arrangements to meet requirements to ensure good quality advocacy is readily and equitably available to those who want, or need it, in the West Wales region of Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.

## 2.6 Youth Justice Management Plan 2022/23

The Committee considered the above-mentioned report at the Committee meeting in January 2023 which outlined the provision of the Youth Support Service and the Youth Justice Team under a single management structure which provided a holistic approach to the delivery of youth support services across Carmarthenshire. Section 8 of the Youth Justice Plan detailed the performance of the partnership during 2021/22 and also set out the priorities and improvement planning objectives for the forthcoming year in accordance with the overarching 'child first' principles and an ethos of continuous improvement.

## 2.7 Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021/22

The Committee considered the above-mentioned report at the Committee meeting in October which in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Council's Constitution provided an overview of the Committee's activities over the previous year.

## 2.8 West Wales Care Partnership's Dementia Strategy

The Committee considered the report at the Committee meeting in October. This Strategy had been produced in partnership between officers of the 3 Local Authorities, the Health Board and third sector partners as well as people living with dementia, their carers, and family members. It supported several key objectives within the Corporate Plan, and wellbeing objective to 'support older people to age well and maintain dignity and independence in their later years'.

## 2.9 Domiciliary Care Strategy Update

At the request of the Committee, it considered the above update at its meeting in January 2023. The update included information surrounding the current pressure on domiciliary care and the impact that this was having on hospital discharges. The report was to provide assurance that patients were being safely supported to leave hospital and outlined the pressures and how Carmarthenshire County Council was responding to those pressures. A further update was provided at the meeting held in April 2023.

### Outcomes

The Committee requested regular updates regarding domiciliary care and progress with the Health Board. It was agreed that updates would be included systematically within the performance and data monitoring reports.

An additional performance update was provided in the meeting in April.

## 2.10 Loneliness in Carmarthenshire Task & Finish Review Update

The Committee received for consideration at its April meeting an update report in respect of the progress made with the four recommendations emanating from the Task and Finish Review on Loneliness in Carmarthenshire undertaken during the 2018/19 municipal year.

### Outcomes

The Committee requested an update report on the wider prevention work, including the progress made on the mapping exercise of all preventative services in Carmarthenshire for early 2024.

## 2.11 Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

The Committee received a report in April which detailed the role, functions and activities undertaken by the Authority in relation to Adult Safeguarding and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards during the 2021/22 financial year.

## 2.12 Additional Reports & Information Requested

During the course of the year, the Committee requested reports on the following topics to be included in the Forward Work Plan:-

- Domiciliary Care Update
- Loneliness in Carmarthenshire Task & Finish Review Update
- External Review Update on the TB outbreak in Llwynhendy (pending the outcome of enquiries, consideration to be given to the submission of a letter to Welsh Government seeking financial support for the ongoing TB issue).

## 3. Other Scrutiny Activity

### 3.1 Task and Finish

#### **“An Active & Healthy Start”**

At the Committee’s Forward Planning Meeting the Committee considered a number of potential suggestion and agreed to undertake a Task & Finish review into childhood obesity in Carmarthenshire. The membership of the Task & Finish Group are as follows:

- Cllr. Hazel Evans (Chair)
- Cllr. Hefin Jones
- Cllr. Meinir James
- Cllr. John Jenkins
- Cllr. Louvain Roberts
- Cllr. Rob Evans
- Cllr. Michelle Donoghue

The Task & Finish Group will aim to finalise the scope of the Group for approval by the Committee in July 2024.

### 3.2 Development, Training & Briefing Sessions

The following member development sessions / member seminars were held during 2022/23:-

- Introduction and overview of how to use Zoom
- Introduction and overview of mod.gov
- Code of Conduct, Ethics, Standards, Legal Duties & Responsibilities
- Introduction to Carmarthenshire County Council & Launch of Induction Programme
- Constitutional Matters & Meeting Preparation
- Local Government Finance
- External Regulators
- Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire
- Climate Change, Mitigation and De Carbonisation
- Planning
- Equalities & Diversity
- Carbon Literacy
- Personal Safety and Self Care, Stress Management, Personal Resilience, Work-life balance
- Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence
- Cyber Security
- Introduction to Marketing and Media
- Armed Forces
- Complaints Policy
- Transform, Innovate and Change
- Emergency Planning
- Speed Reduction Legislation
- Council Owned Companies
- Section 106 Legal Agreements
- Council Performance Management Framework
- Modernising Education Programme Review
- Future Waste Changes
- Dyfed Pension Fund Training
- Sustainable Communities for Learning
- Member Enquiries
- Corporate Strategy Workshop
- Housing Repairs Briefing
- Conservation Areas Briefing

In addition to the above, several departmental budget seminars were held.

The Committee also received the following updates / presentations at meetings during the course of the year:-

- Forward Plan Session (January, February and April)
- Substance Use - jointly with Place, Sustainability & Climate Change Scrutiny (March)

### 3.2 Site Visits

The Committee undertook a site visit in November as an introduction to Adult Social Care and Integrated Services.

## 4. Challenges

The past year has been a challenging period for the Committee following changes to the reporting process. The Constitutional Review Working Group agreed the move from the systematic referral of reports and replaced it with a pre-decision process. This enabled Scrutiny to request reports from the Cabinet Forward Work Plan at any time. Unfortunately, there were a limited number of reports on the Cabinet Forward Work Plan that were fell under the remit of the Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee resulting in some meetings being cancelled.

Additionally, the Committee received several non-submissions:-

- Q1 Performance Management Report (October)
- Annual Report on the Wellbeing objectives (October)
- Business Plan (January)
- Annual Report on the Wellbeing objectives (January)
- Annual Safeguarding Report (March)
- Corporate Strategy (March)

## 5. Future Work

The Committee has made progress and will continue to concentrate on topics where Members' input will result in positive outcomes to drive forward service improvement.

The future work of the Committee will be considered as part of the Forward Work planning session. The FWP will continue to be monitored during the course of the year, together with the Cabinet Forward Work Plan.

## 6. Support for the Scrutiny Function

Support for Carmarthenshire County Council's Scrutiny function is provided by the Democratic Services Unit, based in the Administration & Law Division of the Chief Executive's Department.

Support for the Scrutiny function includes:

- Formulating, in according with the FWP, and despatching agendas for Scrutiny Committee meetings a minimum of 4 working days prior to the meeting;

- Providing support and constitutional advice to the Scrutiny Committees and to members of those Committees as well as producing minutes of their meetings and ensuring items arising from those meetings are actioned;
- Giving support and advice in relation to the functions of the Council's Scrutiny Committees to executive and non-executive members of the Council and its officers;
- Managing the strategic development of Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire through engaging in national and regional Scrutiny networks and initiatives, supporting the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Forum and meetings of the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs with the Executive Board;
- Advising and supporting the implementation of the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 as and when guidance is published;
- Managing the co-ordination and development of the Scrutiny Committees' forward work plans in conjunction with Scrutiny Committee members;
- Managing and co-ordinating Scrutiny review work, including the administration of scrutiny task and finish groups, assisting in writing reports in conjunction with the groups and assisting in the implementation and monitoring of completed reviews;
- Assisting with the Scrutiny member development programme.

For more information on Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire including forward work plans, task and finish reports and annual reports, visit the County Council's website at: [www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/scrutiny](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/scrutiny)

To contact the Democratic Services Unit, please call 01267 224028 or e-mail [scrutiny@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)

## 7. Attendance

Attendance by members of the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee during the 2022/23 year is shown in the table below. A total of 4 meetings were held between 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

<b>Scrutiny Committee Member</b>	<b>No. of meetings attended</b>	<b>%</b>
Cllr. Bryan Davies	4	100
Cllr. Karen Davies	2	50
Cllr. Michelle Donoghue	4	100
Cllr. Alex Evans	4	100
Cllr. Hazel Evans	4	100
Cllr. Meinir James	3	75
Cllr. John Jenkins	1	25
Cllr. Hefin Jones	4	100
Cllr. Denise Owen	2	50
Cllr. Louvain Roberts	3	75
Cllr. Jacqueline Seward	0	0
Cllr. Fiona Walters	3	75
Cllr. Phil Warlow	4	100
Cllr. Janet Williams	4	100
<b>Substitutes</b>	<b>No. of meetings attended</b>	
Cllr. Dai Thomas	1	
Cllr. Jean Lewis	1	
<b>Executive Board Member</b>	<b>No. of meetings attended</b>	
Cllr. Jane Tremlett	4	
Cllr. Alun Lenny	2	

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**5<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee**

**Task & Finish Group 2022/23**

**Planning and Scoping Document**

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

- To consider and endorse the aims and scope of the work of the Task & Finish Group.
- To agree on the Membership of the Task and Finish Group.

**Reasons:**

- The Task & Finish Group is required to report the progress of its work to the main Scrutiny Committee.

**To be referred to the Cabinet / Council for decision: NO**

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:**

**Cllr. J. Tremlett, Health & Social Services**

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
5<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Heath & Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Task & Finish Group 2023/24  
Planning and Scoping Document\_**

The Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee has agreed to establish a task and finish group to develop an action plan to help reduce the incidence of childhood obesity in Carmarthenshire – ‘An Active & Healthy Start’.

The Committee’s discussions on the key aims and objectives for this task and finish review have been captured and developed into the appended Draft Planning and Scoping document which members of the Committee are asked to consider and agree.

The Committee is required to agree on which members will form the Task and Finish Group, which will consist of up to 7 Members and be politically balanced.

The Task and Finish Group have met twice to review the scope and to undertake research work. Officers from within the Communities Department and Democratic Services Unit will support the work of the Task & Finish Group.

**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: Linda Rees-Jones                      Head of Administration & Law

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

**1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities** – In line with requirements of the County Council’s Constitution.

**2. Legal** - In line with requirements of the County Council’s Constitution.

## CONSULTATIONS

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

Linda Rees-Jones                      Head of Administration & Law

- 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

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)  
AWARE/CONSULTED**

NO

**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
Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee Reports and Minutes		<b>Meetings from September 2015 onwards:</b>  <a href="http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=169">http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=169</a>

# Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group 2023/24

## *An Active & Healthy Start (0 – 11 year old age group)* Planning & Scoping Document

<b>Task &amp; Finish Objective(s)</b>	To develop an action plan to help reduce the incidence of childhood obesity in Carmarthenshire.
<b>Context</b>	<p>The Health &amp; Social Services Scrutiny Committee has a key role to play in monitoring services, development of key policies and strategies, as well as identifying areas for improvement or development within their remit.</p> <p>At its Forward Planning Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April, the Health &amp; Social Services Scrutiny Committee agreed in principle to undertake a review into childhood obesity in Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>Childhood obesity is a significant public health issue in the UK, and Carmarthenshire is no exception. According to recent data, the prevalence of overweight and obesity in children aged 4-5 years and 10-11 years in Carmarthenshire is higher than the Welsh average.</p> <p>The latest figures for Carmarthenshire are a cause for significant concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmarthenshire has the 5<sup>th</sup> worst rate of childhood obesity across Wales<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Around 12% of Children in the reception year of school (aged 4 to 5 years old) are living with obesity. <sup>2</sup></li> </ul> <p>Factors contributing to childhood obesity are complex and multifactorial and could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unhealthy diets (children are consuming too many foods high in fat, sugar, and salt, and not enough fruits, vegetables, and whole grains).</li> <li>• Physical activity levels / time spent being inactive (Children are spending too much time watching television, playing video games, and using electronic devices, and not enough time being physically active).</li> <li>• Socioeconomic factors (children from lower-income families are more likely to be overweight or obese due to factors such</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The Office of National Statistics

<sup>2</sup> NHS Wales

	<p>as limited access to healthy food options and safe places to play and exercise)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genetics and family history</li> <li>• Mental health</li> <li>• Trauma</li> <li>• Lack of sleep</li> </ul> <p>Childhood obesity can lead to various health complications including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type 2 diabetes</li> <li>• High blood pressure and elevated blood cholesterol</li> <li>• Liver disease</li> <li>• Bone and joint problems</li> <li>• Respiratory problems (e.g. asthma)</li> <li>• Sleep disorders such as difficulty breathing while asleep (e.g. sleep apnea)</li> <li>• Earlier than normal puberty</li> <li>• Mental health issues.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Membership</b></p>	<p><b><u>Elected Members</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 7 Elected Members appointed to reflect the political balance of the Council as whole. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cllr. Hazel Evans (Chair) – Plaid</li> <li>○ Cllr. Hefin Jones – Plaid</li> <li>○ Cllr. Meinir James - Plaid</li> <li>○ Cllr. Louvain Roberts (Vice Chair) – Independent</li> <li>○ Cllr. John Jenkins – Independent (Unaffiliated)</li> <li>○ Cllr. Rob Evans – Labour</li> <li>○ Cllr. Michelle Donoghue - Labour</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Advisors / Support Officers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Jones – Head of Leisure</li> <li>• Carl Daniels – Senior Sports &amp; Leisure Manager</li> <li>• Catrin Rees – Senior Healthy Schools Officer</li> <li>• Angharad Jones – Educational Support Advisor</li> <li>• Alex Cook – Food Development Officer</li> <li>• Chris Pugh – Senior Catering Manager</li> <li>• Noeline Thomas – Early Years Team (Flying Start)</li> <li>• Geinor Jones / S Rees – Hywel Dda Health Board (Healthy Weight-Healthy Wales)</li> <li>• Nerys Burton – Hywel Dda Health Board (Pre-school &amp; Healthy Sustainable Scheme)</li> <li>• Others as required</li> </ul>
<p><b>The main aims of the review</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To undertake a review of existing resources – avoid duplication of work.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To establish how effectively partners work together to achieve outcomes.</li> <li>• Understand the extent of the problem and identify the root cause of the issues in Carmarthenshire.</li> <li>• Develop a coordinated approach to tackling the issue of obesity to improve the health and well-being of children in Carmarthenshire.</li> <li>• To formulate recommendation for consideration by the Cabinet.</li> </ul>
<b>Scope of the review</b>	The review will concentrate on 0-11 years age group (pre-school and primary) and will focus on Carmarthenshire's strategy and plan to reduce the number of children impacted by obesity.
<b>How it will contribute to achieving corporate / community objectives and well-being objectives</b>	<p>Contributes to the following outcomes from the <b>County Council's Corporate Strategy 2018-2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People in Carmarthenshire are healthier</li> <li>• Providing services as efficiently as possible, ensuring value for money</li> <li>• Investigating and developing new ways of working and providing services</li> <li>• Increasing collaboration with our partners and communities in order to support the delivery of services.</li> </ul> <p>The project will link directly to the following <b>Carmarthenshire County Council Well-being</b> objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best start in life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ to help give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Help children live healthy lifestyles</li> <li>• Support and improve progress, achievement &amp; outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support and improve progress, achievement and outcomes for all learners.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>List of key stakeholders</b> [not exhaustive]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Services</li> <li>• Education &amp; Children's Services</li> <li>• Communities (Sport &amp; Leisure)</li> <li>• Public Health Wales</li> <li>• Hywel Dda University Health Board (H DUHB)</li> <li>• Schools</li> <li>• Parents &amp; Families</li> <li>• Third Sector</li> <li>• Other as identified</li> </ul>
<b>What information / documents are required to inform the work of the study?</b> [not exhaustive]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Strategies and Plans</li> <li>• Welsh Government – Healthy Weight Healthy Wales (Strategy) <a href="https://www.gov.wales/healthy-weight-strategy-healthy-weight-healthy-wales">https://www.gov.wales/healthy-weight-strategy-healthy-weight-healthy-wales</a></li> <li>• Healthy Food Environment – <a href="https://www.gov.wales/healthy-food-environment">https://www.gov.wales/healthy-food-environment</a></li> <li>• Nutrition Skills for Life</li> </ul>

	<p><a href="https://nutritionskillsforlife.com/">https://nutritionskillsforlife.com/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition for Your Little One <a href="https://nylo.co.uk/">https://nylo.co.uk/</a></li> <li>• Every Child <a href="https://everychildwales.co.uk/">https://everychildwales.co.uk/</a></li> <li>• Primary Care Obesity Prevention Action Plan <a href="https://phw.nhs.wales/news/primary-care-obesity-prevention-action-plan-to-support-implementation-of-the-all-wales-weight-management-pathway/">https://phw.nhs.wales/news/primary-care-obesity-prevention-action-plan-to-support-implementation-of-the-all-wales-weight-management-pathway/</a></li> </ul>														
<p><b>Timescale for completion of the review</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Planning &amp; Scoping Document to H&amp;SC Scrutiny Committee – For committee approval July 5th, 2023.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="504 663 1477 1151"> <tr> <td data-bbox="504 663 847 797">18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023</td> <td data-bbox="847 663 1477 797">T&amp;F Group Meeting 1 Agree overall approach &amp; plan for the review</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="504 797 847 853">19<sup>th</sup> June, 2023</td> <td data-bbox="847 797 1477 853">T&amp;F Group Meeting 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="504 853 847 909">10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023</td> <td data-bbox="847 853 1477 909">T&amp;F Group Meeting 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="504 909 847 965">19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023</td> <td data-bbox="847 909 1477 965">T&amp;F Group Meeting 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="504 965 847 1021">20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023</td> <td data-bbox="847 965 1477 1021">T&amp;F Group Meeting 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="504 1021 847 1077">14<sup>th</sup> November</td> <td data-bbox="847 1021 1477 1077">T&amp;F Group Meeting 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="504 1077 847 1151">18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (main scrutiny)</td> <td data-bbox="847 1077 1477 1151">Final Report to Committee</td> </tr> </table>	18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	T&F Group Meeting 1 Agree overall approach & plan for the review	19 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023	T&F Group Meeting 2	10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023	T&F Group Meeting 3	19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023	T&F Group Meeting 4	20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023	T&F Group Meeting 5	14 <sup>th</sup> November	T&F Group Meeting 6	18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (main scrutiny)	Final Report to Committee
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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

**NON-SUBMISSION OF SCRUTINY REPORT**

**To consider and comment on the following:**

Explanation provided for the non-submission of a scrutiny report.

**Reason:**

The Council's Constitution requires Scrutiny Committees to develop and publish and keep under review an annual Forward Work Plan which identifies the issues and reports to be considered at meetings during the course of the year. If a report is not presented as scheduled, officers are expected to prepare a non-submission report explaining the reason(s) why.

**To be referred to the Cabinet for decision: NO**

**Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Health & Social Services)

<p><b>Report Author:</b> Emma Bryer</p>	<p><b>Designation:</b> Democratic Services Officer</p>	<p><b>Tel No. / E-Mail Address:</b> 01267 224029 <a href="mailto:ebryer@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">ebryer@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a></p>
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

**NON-SUBMISSION OF SCRUTINY REPORT**

The Council's Constitution requires Scrutiny Committees to develop, keep under review and publish an annual Forward Work Plan which identifies the issues and reports to be considered at meetings during the course of the year.

If a report is not presented as scheduled in the Forward Work Plan, the responsible officer(s) are expected to prepare a non-submission report explaining the reason(s) why.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES





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## **EXPLANATION FOR NON-SUBMISSION OF SCRUTINY REPORTS**

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:** Health & Social Services

**DATE OF MEETING:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	<b>EXPLANATION</b>	<b>REVISED SUBMISSION DATE</b>
<b>10 Year Social Services Strategy</b>	Jake Morgan / Silvana Sauro	<p>The report is still being developed and due to staffing commitments won't be ready until the December meeting.</p> <p><b>Note</b> – non-submission form submitted in June moving report to October.</p>	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
5<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**FORTHCOMING ITEMS**

**To consider and comment on the following:**

- To note the forthcoming items to be considered at the next meeting of the Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

**Reason:**

- The Council's Constitution requires Scrutiny Committees, at the commencement of each municipal year, to develop and publish a Forward Work Plan which identifies the issues and reports which will be considered at meetings during the course of the year.

**To be referred to the Cabinet for decision: NO**

**Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Health & Social Services)

<p><b>Report Author:</b> Emma Bryer</p>	<p><b>Designation:</b> Democratic Services Officer</p>	<p><b>Tel No. / E-Mail Address:</b> 01267 224029 <a href="mailto:ebryer@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">ebryer@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a></p>
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### FORTHCOMING ITEMS

The Council's Constitution requires Scrutiny Committees, at the commencement of each municipal year, to develop and publish a Forward Work Plan which identifies the issues and reports to be considered at meetings during the course of the year. When formulating the Forward Work Plan the Scrutiny Committee will take into consideration those items included on the Cabinet's Forward Work Plan.

The list of forthcoming items attached includes those items which are scheduled in the Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee's Forward Work Plan to be considered at the next meeting, to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

Also attached for information are the 2022/23 Forward Work Plan in respect of the Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet.

DETAILED REPORT  
ATTACHED?

YES:

- (1) List of Forthcoming Items
- (2) Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan
- (3) Cabinet Forward Work Plan



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# HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## 5TH JULY 2023

### FORTHCOMING ITEMS TO BE HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 [10.00 A.M.]

In order to ensure effective Scrutiny, Members need to be clear as to the purpose of requesting specific information and the outcome they are hoping to achieve as a consequence of examining a report. Limiting the number of agenda items may help to keep meetings focused and easier to manage.

Discussion Topic	Background	Reason for report
Budget Monitoring	This item enables members to undertake their monitoring role of the Health & Social Care revenue and capital budgets.	The Committee is being requested to scrutinise the budget information as part of their scrutiny role.
Annual Report Of The Statutory Director Of Social Services On The Performance Of Social Care Services In Carmarthenshire 2022/23	The annual report by the Director of Social Services on the performance of our Social Care Services in the county and sets out the progress made on areas identified for improvement in last year's report and highlights those areas to be developed in the current year.	Provides the Committee 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.

### Items circulated to the Committee under separate cover since the last meeting

None

**The following document(s) attached for information**

1. The latest version of the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee's Forward Work Plan 2023/24
2. The latest version of the Cabinet Forward Work Plan 2023/24

# Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee – Forward Work Plan 2023/24

7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024
<del>10 Year Social Services Strategy (Post Consultation)</del> Moved to October	H&SS Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2022/23	Draft Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services 22/23	Budget Monitoring	10 Year Social Services Strategy (Post Consultation) Moved from June & October	Budget Monitoring	Budget Monitoring	Budget Monitoring
Domiciliary Care Update	Task & Finish Group Draft Planning & Scoping Document	Budget Monitoring	Capital Programme 2022/23 Update	Annual Safeguarding Report	Revenue Budget Consultation <b>(DATE TBC)</b>		
Health & Care System for West Wales: How Far, How Fast?		<del>10 Year Social Services Strategy (Post Consultation)</del> Moved from June / moved to November	Youth Justice Plan		Progress update against the Cabinet Visions and Actions <b>(TBC)</b>		
H&SS Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan 2023/24		Progress update against the Cabinet Visions and Actions <b>(TBC)</b>	Domiciliary Care Update		Update report on the wider prevention work		

**ITEMS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS WORK PLAN:**

- 10 Year Social Services Strategy – ~~7<sup>th</sup> June 2023~~ October 2023

**DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS:**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

- Autism Update – Amy Hughes / Corinne

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

- Children's Services Overview

28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

8th Feb 2024

21st March 2024

**Task and Finish Group – An Active & Healthy Start**

**FACE TO FACE MEETINGS ONLY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> May (10am) - scoping
- 18<sup>th</sup> May (2pm) - scoping
- 19<sup>th</sup> June (2pm) – scoping
- 10<sup>th</sup> July (10am)
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**ITEMS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2024-25**

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## **CABINET/COUNCIL – FORWARD PLAN**

FOR THE PERIOD 1 JUNE 2023 TO 31 MAY 2024

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Report Summary</b>	<b>Decision Making Body and Dates</b>	<b>Is Exempt?</b>	<b>Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)</b>	<b>Responsible Director</b> <b>Report Author</b>
STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING POLICY	The report seeks to update on the preparation of the Street Naming and Numbering Policy. It sets out the responses received as part of the formal consultation on the policy and officer recommendations ahead of its formal adoption.	Cabinet  County Council 22 May 2023  21 Jun 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs and Planning Policy	Director of Place & Infrastructure Ian R Llewelyn, Forward Planning Manager IRLlewelyn@carmarthenshire.gov.uk  Rhodri Griffiths, Head of Place and Sustainability RDGriffiths@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
BURRY PORT HARBOUR PETITION TO FULL COUNCIL – UPDATE POSITION	The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the position at Burry Port Harbour, following a petition presented to full Council on the 25th January 2023.	Cabinet 19 Jun 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Director of Communities Ian Jones, Head of Leisure IJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director / Report Author
CARMARTHEN WEST LINK ROAD	To approve the deed of variation	Cabinet 19 Jun 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Chief Executive Jason Jones (Head of Regeneration), Head of Regeneration JaJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
HEALTH AND CARE SYSTEM FOR WEST WALES: HOW FAR, HOW FAST?	The report outlines a response in West Wales to progressing integration. Specifically, the paper outlines an opportunity in Carmarthenshire to develop and implement a health and care system for older people based on 'what matters' to this population and will be fit for purpose now and into the future. It also considers alignment to the Ministerial Discussion Document known as 'Further, Faster' and its expectations.	Cabinet 19 Jun 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services	Director of Communities Rhian Matthews, Acting County Director, Hywel Dda University Health Board Rhian.Matthews@wales.nhs.uk
MODEL TEACHERS' PAY POLICY 2022/23	In order to comply with the requirements of the School Teachers Pay and Conditions (Wales) Document 2022, which requires every school to have a pay policy setting out how pay decisions are taken.	Cabinet 19 Jun 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Organisation & Workforce	Director of Education & Children, Chief Executive Julie Stuart, Senior Business Partner (HR) jstuart@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

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TACKLING POVERTY ACTION PLAN	The Council has prepared a tackling poverty action plan which incorporates its response to the cost of living crisis. The plan outlines actions to be taken by a range of Council services and steps to further our involvement with a range of external stakeholders.	Cabinet 19 Jun 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Chief Executive Noelwyn Daniel, Head of ICT and Corporate Policy ndaniel@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
THE MID & WEST WALES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & ADULTS BOARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022	This Annual Report provides an overview of the objectives and achievements of the Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Children & Adults Boards. It outlines the progress made against the outcomes set by CYSUR and CWMPAS as part of the Joint Annual Strategic Plan for the year 2021-2022.	Cabinet 19 Jun 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services	Director of Communities Jake Morgan, Director of Community Services jakemorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
BURRY PORT PLACEMAKING PLAN	Work has been commissioned to undertake a Placemaking Plan for Burry Port in order to develop a plan which supports the growth and resilience of the town.	Cabinet 3 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Chief Executive Nicola Evans, Business Support Manager njevans@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION	To provide Cabinet with an update on the latest position of the Development Fund, and to seek Cabinet approval of a recent application to the Fund.	Cabinet 3 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial

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EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY TASK & FINISH GROUP (BLACK, ASIAN, AND MINORITY ETHNIC) REPORT	A report to cabinet on the findings and recommendations of the Equality and Diversity Task	Cabinet 3 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs and Planning Policy	Chief Executive Llinos Jenkins, Cabinet Support Officer LISJenkins@carma rthenshire.gov.uk
PLOT 3 TROSTRE RETAIL PARK	Report outlining a revised development proposal for plot 3 Trostre Retail Park and sale terms for consideration.	Cabinet 3 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Chief Executive Jason Jones (Head of Regeneration), Head of Regeneration JaJones@carmarth enshire.gov.uk
PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND HELD IN TRUST SITUATED NORTH OF AMMAN ROAD, LOWER BRYNAMMAN	To consider whether the disposal, by way of lease, of an area of land situated on the north side of Amman Road, Lower Brynamman, which the County Council holds upon trust for the purposes of a Charitable Scheme created on the 4th May, 1972 is in the best interest of the charity and, if so, to grant consent to the disposal.	Cabinet 3 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Director of Communities Ian Jones, Head of Leisure IJones@carmarth enshire.gov.uk



Subject	Report Summary	Decision Making Body and Dates	Is Exempt?	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder (if applicable)	Responsible Director / Report Author
SHARED PROSPERITY FUND: TACKLING TOWNS	To approve the projects earmarked for delivery through the Shared Prosperity Fund – Place Anchor - Tackling Towns project.	Cabinet 3 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Chief Executive Jason Jones (Head of Regeneration), Head of Regeneration JaJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
TENANT COMPENSATION POLICY	The report sets out our approach to when it may be appropriate to compensate a tenant who has suffered loss or inconvenience due to service failure. The policy will guide officers when dealing with council tenants ensuring a consistent approach.	Cabinet 3 Jul 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Jonathan Morgan, Head of Housing and Public Protection JMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
TENANT RECHARGE POLICY	Occasionally it may be necessary to recharge a tenant for work that we have carried out to the property which was the tenant responsibility under the tenancy agreement. The policy will guide officers when dealing with council tenant recharges, ensuring a consistent approach.	Cabinet 3 Jul 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Jonathan Morgan, Head of Housing and Public Protection JMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT	As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, a standards committee of a relevant authority must make an annual report to the authority in	County Council 12 Jul 2023	No		Chief Executive Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager

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	respect of that year.				RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
10-YEAR SOCIAL SERVICES STRATEGY (PRE-CONSULTATION)	To provide members with a vision on how we will provide the statutory social services functions over the next decade. The document will detail the following areas; Introduction, Vision Statement, The services people receive, Social Work Models of care, Safeguarding, Integration and Partnerships , Workforce and an Action Plan	Cabinet 17 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services	Director of Communities Silvana Sauro, Performance, Analysis & Systems Manager ssauro@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP)	The Carmarthenshire 2022-32 WESP became operative on 1.9.22. The Local Authority is required to submit an annual progress report to Welsh Government. It's deemed pertinent to present this report to the Scrutiny process prior to WG submission.	Cabinet 17 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Education and Welsh Language	Director of Education & Children Aeron Rees, Head of Strategy and Learner Support jarees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS	This report sets out the work being undertaken to review ten designated Conservation Areas across the County. It identifies the outcome of the review and the subsequent consultation exercise including on the: •A character appraisal;	Cabinet 17 Jul 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs and Planning Policy	Director of Place & Infrastructure Rhodri Griffiths, Head of Place and Sustainability RDGriffiths@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•A boundary review and</li> <li>•A management plan.</li> </ul> <p>The report in setting out the above identifies the outcome of the public consultation exercise and the next steps including the processes required to amend any of the Conservation Area designations.</p>				
<p>COVID 19 IMPACT ON CONTRACTORS - MAJOR WORKS</p>	<p>A report will be produced to explore the financial impact on Contractors as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. The report will establish the current contract provisions being enforced by the Authority compared against various government advice and relief procedures. To further inform stakeholders, the report will capture the potential implications for adopting and seek a decision on implementing contractor support mechanisms to mitigate the financial impact of Covid-19.</p>	<p>Cabinet 17 Jul 2023</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services</p>	<p>Director of Place &amp; Infrastructure Jason G. Jones, Property Maintenance Manager JGJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 2022-</p>	<p>To provide members with an update on the treasury management activities for 2022-2023</p>	<p>Cabinet 4 Sep 2023</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Services Anthony Parnell, Treasury &amp; Pension Investments Manager aparnell@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>

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2023					enshire.gov.uk
COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23	The Annual Report provides an overview of Council performance during 2022-23. Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 we are required to publish an Annual Report on our Well-being Objectives. In addition, under the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021 we have a duty to report on performance, based, on a self-assessment approach. This report aims to meet both these requirements in one document.	Cabinet 4 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Organisation & Workforce	Chief Executive Gwyneth Ayers, Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager GAyers@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
LOCAL TOILET STRATEGY	To consider the information contained within this report and to endorse Carmarthenshire County Council's draft Local Toilets Strategy. Approval is also sought to undertake a formal public consultation exercise with respect to the draft Local Toilets Strategy in line with statutory requirements.	Cabinet 4 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Daniel John, Interim Head of Waste DWJohn@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
MINOR WORKS SCHEDULE OF RATES INCREASES	The report considers the inflationary increases applied on the Minor Works Framework from commencement and the impact on budgets	Cabinet 4 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Jason G. Jones, Property Maintenance

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					Manager JGJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)	<p>The PSPO, which gives police powers to address alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime in Llanelli town centre, expires 30 September 2023.</p> <p>It is proposed to extend the Order. Its impact will be evaluated and consideration given to the current geographical boundary following consultation with key stakeholders between now and September 2023.</p>	Cabinet 4 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Organisation & Workforce	Chief Executive Gwyneth Ayers, Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager GAyers@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
ALTERNATIVE OUTDOOR EDUCATION OFFER	The purpose of this report is to review Carmarthenshire County Council's current Outdoor Education offer and to explore options for a re-modelled service within existing resources.	Cabinet 18 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Director of Communities Ian Jones, Head of Leisure IJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
SECOND HOMES AND HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION IN CARMARTHENSHIRE	To present a report highlighting the background and legislative and policy changes on the second homes and holiday accommodation and to highlight the consideration, evidence requirements and next steps in identifying and addressing the challenges for	Cabinet 18 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs and Planning Policy	Director of Place & Infrastructure Ian R Llewelyn, Forward Planning Manager IRLlewelyn@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

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	Carmarthenshire's communities.				
SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN-2; AN UPDATE ON ITS DELIVERY.	As a member of the Swansea and Carmarthen Bay Coastal Engineering Group and a coastal risk management authority, Carmarthenshire have a duty to deliver actions within the SMP2. This report highlights CCC actions, the action owners and our progress and approach being taken to manage our coastline.	Cabinet 18 Sep 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability	Director of Place & Infrastructure Ben Kathrens, Flood Defence and Coastal Protection Manager BKathrens@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 30TH JUNE 2023	To provide members with an update on the treasury management activities from 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2023	Cabinet 18 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Anthony Parnell, Treasury & Pension Investments Manager aparnell@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
WORKFORCE STRATEGY 2023-2026	Our Workforce Strategy describes how we plan to develop our current and future workforce to ensure they have the right skills, environment, and core values to deliver our Corporate Strategy.	Cabinet 18 Sep 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Organisation & Workforce	Chief Executive Paul R Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance) prthomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
CAPITAL	To provide an update of the latest	Cabinet	No	Cabinet Member for	Director of

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PROGRAMME 2023/24 UPDATE	budgetary position for the 2023/24 capital programme as at 30th June 2023	2 Oct 2023		Resources	Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car-marthenshire.gov.uk
COUNCIL'S REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT	To provide the Cabinet with an update on the latest budgetary position as at 30th June 2023, in respect of 2023/24	Cabinet 2 Oct 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car-marthenshire.gov.uk
10-YEAR SOCIAL SERVICES STRATEGY (POST-CONSULTATION)	To provide members with a vision on how we will provide the statutory social services functions over the next decade. The document will detail the following areas; Introduction, Vision Statement, The services people receive, Social Work Models of care, Safeguarding, Integration and Partnerships , Workforce and an Action Plan	Cabinet 16 Oct 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services	Director of Communities Silvana Sauro, Performance, Analysis & Systems Manager ssauro@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

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LEISURE, CULTURE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION STRATEGY – POST CONSULTATION	The document provides a framework for the service to work with key stakeholders to deliver a strategically aligned Leisure, Culture and Outdoor Recreation Strategy for the next 10 years.	Cabinet 16 Oct 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	Director of Communities Ian Jones, Head of Leisure IJones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
SERVICE CHARGE POLICY	The purpose of this report is to introduce a new Service Charge Policy. This Policy sets out our approach to setting and collecting service charges. The aim is to make sure that Service Charges are clear and shown to be reasonable, accountable and reflect actual costs.	Cabinet 16 Oct 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Jonathan Morgan, Head of Housing and Public Protection JMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES' ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23	The Report examines each Service area within Social Care and shows how service strategies, actions, targets and service risks will be addressed and delivered operationally. It comprises an overview on how we have performed in 2022/23 and an assessment on the future, together with our strategic priorities for 2023/24.	Cabinet 16 Oct 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services	Director of Communities Silvana Sauro, Performance, Analysis & Systems Manager ssauro@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MANAGING OUR	To adopt pollinator-friendly land management practices on Council-managed land where there is no conflict	Cabinet 30 Oct 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Rosie Carmichael,



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LAND FOR POLLINATORS IN CARMARTHENSHIRE	between these and the existing land use, and as agreed with clients (e.g. Housing) and the contractor (Grounds Maintenance). We will ensure the way we manage our grasslands is consistent with the climate and nature emergencies.				Rural Conservation Manager racarmichael@car marthenshire.gov.u k
INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR TENANTS	The use of incentive and reward schemes by social landlords underpins the wider approach to tenancy management. Incentives may be considered to encourage desired behaviour while rewards recognise such behaviour. The report sets out our approach to how we will reward tenants but also introduce an incentive scheme.	Cabinet 30 Oct 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Les James, Contracts and Service Development Manager LesJames@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - CARMARTHENSHIRE REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018 - 2033	To present a series of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) to elaborate on and support the content of the Revised LDP for formal public consultation. Draft SPG to potentially include (subject to timing), but not limited to: Welsh Language, Landscape Character Assessments, Sites of Importance for nature Conservation	Cabinet 30 Oct 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability	Director of Place & Infrastructure Ian R Llewelyn, Forward Planning Manager IRLlewelyn@carma rthenshire.gov.uk
WASTE	The report provides an overview of the	Cabinet	No	Cabinet Member for	Director of Place &

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STRATEGY UPDATE	first phase implementation of Carmarthenshire's Waste Strategy 2021-2025, providing detail on the changes that have been implemented, recycling performance and strategy progress to date.	30 Oct 2023		Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Infrastructure Daniel John, Interim Head of Waste DWJohn@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
BULKY WASTE REVIEW	This report will propose a cost effective, efficient bulky service for residents that will incorporate the waste hierarchy to ensure that more bulky waste can be reuse ahead of recycling and disposal. A review of the cost, number of bulks collected per item size, appointment management system and collection vehicle requirements for such a service.	Cabinet 13 Nov 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Director of Place & Infrastructure Daniel John, Interim Head of Waste DWJohn@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 UPDATE	To provide an update of the latest budgetary position for the 2023/24 capital programme, as at the 31st August 2023	Cabinet 13 Nov 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car-marthenshire.gov.uk
COUNCIL'S REVENUE BUDGET	To provide the Cabinet with an update on the latest budgetary position as at 31st August 2023, in respect of 2023/24	Cabinet 13 Nov 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal

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MONITORING REPORT					Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car-marthenshire.gov.uk
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 UPDATE	To provide an update of the latest budgetary position for the 2022/23 capital programme	Cabinet 27 Nov 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car-marthenshire.gov.uk
MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR REPORT 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023	To provide members with an update on the treasury management activities from 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023	Cabinet 27 Nov 2023	No	Cabinet Member for Resources	Director of Corporate Services Randal Hemingway, Head of Financial Services RHemingway@car-marthenshire.gov.uk
EQUESTRIAN	The Carmarthenshire Rights of Way	Cabinet	No	Cabinet Member for	Director of Place &

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STRATEGY	<p>Improvement Plan (ROWIP) 2019-2029 has been produced and published in accordance with section 60 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act (2000).  The ROWIP details Carmarthenshire’s plan for the strategic management, development, and improvement of the County’s Public Rights of Way network up until 2029.  During consultation with the Local Access Forum, The Forum identified a need for the local authority to commit to producing a Carmarthenshire Equestrian Strategy to recognise the access opportunities and challenges for horse riding and carriage driving across the County.  An Equestrian Strategy to ‘promote and develop an accessible network for equestrian use’ has therefore been published in the Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2019-2029.  The report sets out the proposal to adopt an Equestrian Strategy for Carmarthenshire.</p>	11 Dec 2023		Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services	Infrastructure Steve Pilliner, Head of Transportation & Highways SGPilliner@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2024-2027	THE HRA BUSINESS PLAN SETS OUT OUR PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR NEW AND EXISTING COUNCIL HOMES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. IT ALSO SETS OUR CAPITAL AND	Cabinet 11 Dec 2023	No	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes	Director of Communities Dawn Rees, Business Support Officer

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	REVENUE BUDGETS AND CONFIRMS RENTAL LEVELS FOR TENANTS.				(Communities) dkrees@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN-2	S10.7 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 requires all Local Authorities to publish their Local Flood risk management strategy and plan. The strategy and plan (referred to as the flood risk management plan, FRMP-2) will clarify where we are now in terms of flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM), where we want to be in 2030 and how we will get there.	Cabinet 19 Feb 2024	No	Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Decarbonisation and Sustainability	Director of Place & Infrastructure Ben Kathrens, Flood Defence and Coastal Protection Manager BKathrens@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

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## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor H.A.L. Evans (Chair)

**Councillors (In Person):**

B. Davies                      P. Hughes-Griffiths (in place of H. Jones)                      M. James

**Councillors (Virtually):**

B.A.L. Roberts              K.V. Broom (in place of K.Davies)              R.E. Evans              M. Donoghue  
A. Evans                      J.P. Jenkins                      D. Owen              F. Walters  
P.T. Warlow                      J. Williams

**Also present Councillors (In person):**

A. Lenny, Cabinet Member for Resources  
J. Tremlett, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services

**Also Present (In Person):**

R. Matthews, Hywel Dda UHB – Integrated System Director  
J. Morgan, Director of Community Services  
A. Williams, Head of Integrated Services  
J. Coles, Head of Children and Families  
J. Jones, Senior Delivery Manager  
A. Eynon, Principal Translator  
S. Hendy, Member Support Officer  
E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer

**Also Present (Virtually):**

R. Page, Senior Business Support Manager  
M. Runeckles, Members Support Officer

**Chamber - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP and remotely - 10.00 - 11.35 am**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. Davies and H. Jones.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS INCLUDING ANY PARTY WHIPS ISSUED IN RELATION TO ANY AGENDA ITEM.**

There were no declarations of personal interest or of any prohibited party whips.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED)**

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

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#### 4. HEALTH AND CARE SYSTEM FOR WEST WALES: HOW FAR, HOW FAST?

The Committee considered a report detailing the opportunities in Carmarthenshire to develop and implement a health and care system for older people based on 'what matters' to this population and would be fit for purpose both now and into the future.

The Committee welcomed Rhian Matthews (Hywel Dda UHB / Carmarthenshire County Council – Integrated System Director) to the meeting. The Integrated System Director provided the Committee with details of the current state of the health and social care system and the challenges. It was noted that there was an imbalance in terms of demand and capacity relating to managing the needs of the older people population. The frail and elderly population in West Wales was growing in the region of 3% a year and would continue to grow for at least 10 years. The current position would get substantially worse without change and transformation.

It was acknowledged that hospital stays for the severely frail predisposed them to harm and poor outcomes including infection, an increased risk of falls as well as muscle loss and deterioration in previous levels of independence. This in turn increased the need for care and support on discharge increasing the demand on the finite availability of social care. Additionally, poor discharge rates compromise the Emergency Departments' ability to receive patients arriving by ambulance resulting in ambulance handover delays.

The Committee noted that there was a Section 33 Agreement between Carmarthenshire County Council and Hywel Dda University Health Board which supported an integrated management structure across community health and social care for older adults and the development of integrated care pathways (Home First) which had demonstrated in the last twelve months to have reduced care and support requirement for a targeted element of frail and elderly population by up to 85%.

The Integrated System Director clarified that the 'Home First' was an approach (not a service) taken by multi-disciplinary teams of professionals which embedded best practice for managing the frail. It consisted of rapid access to care and treatment for acute health needs within a 1 – 2 hour period providing a safe alternative to hospital. It also provided urgent access to primary care and reablement provision within a 8 – 72 hour period to support people to receive treatment and to recover from injury or illness.

It was noted that Delta Wellbeing provided a digital infrastructure and monitoring of patients being managed at home through the Delta Connect pathway.

The Committee also noted the benefits and governance arrangements as detailed in the plan.

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A number of questions were raised, the main matters were as follows:

- In response to concerns expressed that some patients may request a level of support that may put them in danger, the Integrated Services Director stated that the assessment would always be based on what matters to the individual but that different treatments, the potential risks and alternative options were always considered.
- In response to a question regarding the Ty Pili Pala model, it was stated that the outcomes were better than those who stayed in community hospitals and that the Ty Pili Pala model should be rolled out to community hospitals.
- It was stated that one of the biggest challenges at the current time was changing the mindset and culture of staff from a reactive to preventative approach.
- It was acknowledged that additional work was required regarding the promotion of the Delta Connect service. It was stated that take up was better when referrals were made by health professionals.
- Concern was expressed regarding the loss of care packages when individuals were admitted to hospital for more than two weeks. The Integrated Services Director explained in some cases individuals were losing care packaged unnecessarily and that mitigations were being put in place including referrals to the Home Care First team within 36 hours. It was also noted that often when individuals were in hospital for a period of time packages of care may change due to issues such as muscle loss.
- Officers were asked if resources (staff) were available to implement the packages of care required. In response, the Integrated Services Director stated that workforce availability across the health and social care system was a problem for the whole of the UK but that this different approach would contribute to a more effective and efficient use of resources. Additionally, more attractive roles and reward packaged had been developed and several successful recruitment rounds had resulted in 20 additional staff being employed recently.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to recommend to Cabinet the approval of the proposal and high level plan.**

## **5. DOMICILIARY CARE PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report they had requested surrounding the current pressure on domiciliary care and the impact that this was having on hospital discharges. The report was to provide assurance that patients were being safely supported to leave hospital and outlined the pressures and how Carmarthenshire County Council was responding to those pressures. This report was the second update the Committee had received which included the latest available data captured on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

It was highlighted that trends were stabilising and that there was levelling off of the number of hours commissioned in relation to domiciliary care. Despite the

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improvements the Committee was advised that this would be treated with caution and performance monitored closely in the coming months.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received**

**6. REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23**

The Committee considered the Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report in relation to the Health and Social Services, which provided an update on the latest budgetary position as at 28th February, 2023 in respect of the 2022/23 financial year.

The Health and Social Services was projecting an overspend of £6,920K on the revenue budget and net variance of -£906K against the 2022/23 approved capital budget. The expectation was that at year end £1,338k of Managerial savings against a target of £1,603k were forecast to be delivered.

The main variances on capital schemes showed a forecasted variance of (£362k) against a net budget of £1,761k on social care projects, and a (£544k) variance against the Children Services projects net budget of £975k.

It was noted that the expectation was that at year end £1,338k of Managerial savings against a target of £1,603k were forecast to be delivered.

The following questions / observations were raised on the report:

- In response to a query regarding the additional costs in the Home Care Framework due to supporting rural provision, the Head of Integrated Services advised that this was due to increasing costs to incentivise domiciliary care service providers to work in more rural areas of the County.
- It was noted that the Health Board did not provide funding towards the cost of specialist support for complex needs (Looked After Services). The Head of Children and Families provided an overview of the national and local position in respect of the current placement capacity crisis, coupled with the change in the demand for mental health service provision needs for young people post-pandemic. It was highlighted that demand was continually changing and that it was a precarious position and that in previous years the provision of Welsh Government Covid grants had masked the financial position but now the Authority was having to meet the cost of demand itself.
- In response to a query regarding the provision of day services being reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels, officers advised day services was not always the best solution and that day opportunities were being offered. Day opportunities were considered to provide better outcomes for individuals and were often more cost effective. It was recognised that building based service offer was not always the better solution.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received**

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**7. EXPLANATION FOR NON SUBMISSION OF SCRUTINY REPORT.**

The Committee received an explanation for the non-submission of the following scrutiny report: unanimously.

- 10 Year Social Services Strategy

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the explanation for the non-submission be noted.**

**8. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN FOR 2023/24**

The Committee considered its Forward Work Plan for 2023/24, which had been prepared in accordance with the Council's Constitution which required Scrutiny Committees to develop and publish annual forward work programmes identifying issues and reports to be considered at meetings during the course of the municipal year.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Forward Work Plan for the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee for 2023/24 be confirmed.**

**9. FORTHCOMING ITEMS**

**RESOLVED that the list of forthcoming items to be considered at the next scheduled meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be noted.**

**10. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH APRIL, 2023**

**UNANAMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be signed as a correct record.**

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**

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