

EXECUTIVE BOARD

20TH JUNE, 2016

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN CARMARTHENSHIRE 2015/16

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 a draft of the annual report by the Director of Social Services on the effectiveness 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. It relates to performance for the year 2015/16.

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. It should be noted the report will be further proof read and reformatted prior to completion.

RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:-

That the Annual report of the Statutory Director of Social Services on the effectiveness of Social Care Services in Carmarthenshire 2015/16 be approved.

REASONS:

Political scrutiny of this draft report is considered by the Director to be an important element in the development process, prior to final publication of the report in the summer of 2016.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee to be consulted: YES - Joint Education & Children's Services & Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee – 23rd May, 2016

Scrutiny Committee Recommendations/Comments:

- **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to endorse the report to the Executive Board.

Executive Board Decision Required: YES – 20th June, 2016

Council Decision Required YES - 13th July, 2016

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

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

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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 2015/16 and an assessment on the future, together with our strategic priorities for 2016/17.

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 on 13th July, 2016), CSSIW will complete their analysis and review of the report. There will be a formal meeting with CSSIW in October to discuss their analysis and proposed plan. This will be followed by an Annual Letter to Council in late November/early December, confirming their analysis and inspection plan. The process will link in closely with the Wales Programme for Improvement and the Annual Letter from the Wales Audit Office.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES – Annual Report 2015/16

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 YES	Legal YES	Finance YES	ICT YES	Risk Management Issues YES	Staffing Implications YES	Physical Assets YES
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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

The financial implications are included in the report. Budget pressures are identified clearly.

4. ICT

The PIMS system will be used to provide evidence of the Annual Report. Comment is made in the body of the report as to the need to better integrate Health & Social Care IT.

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

Workforce is a critical element included in the report. In particular, the development and retention of social workers to ensure that they continue their professional development and remain with Carmarthenshire.

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

The report was considered at a joint meeting of the Education & Children's Services and Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee on 23rd May, 2016.

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

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