

Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee

9th March 2023

Subject:

Children's Services Draft Service Delivery Plan 2023-24

Purpose:

This Divisional Delivery Plan sets the strategic actions and measures that the services within this Division will take forward in order for the Council to make progress against its Well-being Objectives, thematic priorities and service priorities.

THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:-

Review and assess the information contained in the Report and provide any recommendations, comments, or advice to the Cabinet Member and / or Director prior to the report's consideration by Cabinet.

Reason(s)

To show how the division, for which this Scrutiny has a remit, supports the Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Children's Services Division **Service Delivery Plan 2023-24**

This Divisional Delivery Plan sets the strategic actions and measures that the services within this Division will take forward in order for the Council to make progress against its Well-being Objectives, thematic priorities and service priorities. Action and measures for the delivery of the Cabinet Vision Statement Commitments are also included.

The plan also notes the support required by the divisional services from the Core Business Enablers in order to make progress against their own actions or actions and measures to be delivered by those Business Enabler services in their own right.

The actions and measures will set the direction of travel and provide a framework for individual staff objectives. It provides an open and transparent way of showing staff, customers, elected members, and stakeholders what is to be achieved and how we plan to do this.

Corporate Strategy 2022-27

On the 27 January a member development session on the Corporate Strategy was held rather than taking the Strategy through the scrutiny process. Feedback from the session was considered and included in the strategy. The Corporate Strategy has subsequently been approved by full council on the 1 March.

The Corporate Strategy 2022-27, Well-being Objectives are:

1. Enabling our children and young people to have the best possible start in life (Start Well).
2. Enabling our residents to live and age well (Live and age well).
3. Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous (Prosperous Communities)
4. To further modernise and develop as a resilient and efficient Council (Our Council)

Note - The Service Delivery Plan template sets out these Well-being Objectives and the thematic priorities and service priorities within the objectives. There may be some blank spaces under some of the Corporate Strategy headings in the delivery plans as Services may not be contributing to some parts – this is OK as other Services will be better placed to contribute.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

Elements of the service delivery plan relevant to this Scrutiny's remit as identified below:

- Children's Social Services
- Adoption Services
- Early Years, Family Support and Prevention
- Parenting and Child Welfare
- Safeguarding West and Adoption

- Physical Disability and Sensory Impairments
- CAHMS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Corporate Parenting Lead
- Fostering Services
- Supporting Families
- Safeguarding Children
- Complex Needs Transition
- Child Protection Coordinator
- Safeguarding East and Service Improvement

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

3 Finance

The Well-being Future Generations Act (2015) requires that we ensure that resources are allocated adequately to achieve our Well-being Objectives.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 focuses on the extent to which we are using our resources economically, efficiently, and effectively.

4. ICT

The Digital Transformation Strategy sets out the Council's strategic digital priorities and aspirations, and outlines what we plan to do to achieve our vision for a Digital Carmarthenshire

5. Risk Management Issues

Key risks are identified in the plan.

6. Staffing Implications

- See staffing figures within the plan
- In Well-being Objective 4 (Our Council) – To further modernise and develop as a resilient and efficient Council the Cross-cutting theme of Organisational Transformation is outlined.
- A Commitment to Workforce Planning is outlined in the Enablers section of the plan.

7. Physical Assets

As identified within the plans Enablers section.

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

NO * Briefing date tbc

Include any observations here

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

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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| Cabinet Vision Statement | | Cabinet Vision Statement 2022 - 2027 (July 2022) (gov.wales) |
| Carmarthenshire Transformation Strategy | | Carmarthenshire Transformation Strategy (gov.wales) |
| Corporate Strategy 2022/27 | | https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s69968/Report.pdf |