

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17TH APRIL 2023

SUBJECT:

LONELINESS IN CARMARTHENSHIRE TASK AND FINISH REVIEW UPDATE REPORT

Purpose:

To update the Committee on progress with the recommendations emerging from the Task and Finish Review on Loneliness in Carmarthenshire during the 2018/19 municipal year.

THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:

Review and assess the progress made against the recommendations emerging from the task and finish review.

Reasons:

To formulate views on how well the Local Authority is meeting the needs of those that are isolated due to loneliness in the community.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LONELINESS IN CARMARTHENSHIRE TASK AND FINISH REVIEW UPDATE REPORT

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT:

In the 2018/19 municipal year, the Committee undertook a review into Loneliness in Carmarthenshire. The final report and recommendations were considered at the Committee's meeting of 3rd July 2019.

The Review put forward 4 recommendations as follows:

Recommendation One - Take a strategic approach to loneliness. Identify a senior officer at a Head of Service level, within the Authority to lead and drive an integrated approach to prevention where community connection and addressing loneliness is a priority. This role would work across all disability and age groups and be integrated in the communities' directorate and will also work closely with children and education.

Recommendation Two - Address loneliness as an important shared priority. When the leadership is in place to drive this agenda, an integrated work stream should be developed to implement a practical and joined up plan to improve community connection, thereby delivering the directive from Welsh government.

Recommendation Three - Focus on building and supporting community assets. Work with all stakeholders including PSBs to ensure that we maximise all resources. This will include further attention to the community asset transfer approach with the aim of encouraging community activity.

Recommendation Four - Directly address barriers to connection. A co-designed action plan should be developed to address barriers to connection.

The purpose of the report is to brief the Committee on progress made on the 4 recommendations emerging from the Review.

2. OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

Not applicable.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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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: Alex Williams

Head of Integrated Services

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Tackling loneliness, particularly for people who are isolated due to age and/or disability is a key priority for us. Going forward, we plan to develop a whole population approach to tackling loneliness as part of our overall Prevention Strategy for Carmarthenshire.

7. Staffing Implications

As part of the new management structure for Integrated Services, we have created a new post, the Senior Delivery Manager for Prevention. This post will be going out to advert shortly and will take a whole population approach to prevention. This post will take the strategic operational lead in this area, which will include tackling loneliness.

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

YES

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
Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee, Task and Finish Review Report, Loneliness in Carmarthenshire	Not applicable	Agenda for Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 3rd July, 2019, 10.00 am (gov.wales)