

Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2015/16

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Rhagair y Cadeirydd

Mae'n bleser gennyf gyflwyno adroddiad blynyddol y Pwyllgor Craffu Gofal Cymdeithasol ac Iechyd ar gyfer y cyfnod mai 2015 i Ebrill 2016.

Unwaith eto, mae'r Pwyllgor wedi trafod nifer fawr o bynciau yn ystod y flwyddyn diwethaf; o'r adroddiadau monitro safonol a rheolaidd, i eitemau y gofynnwyd amdanynt gan y Pwyllgor yn ystod y flwyddyn. Yn ogystal, fe wnaeth y Pwyllgor gynnal tri cyfarfod ar y cyd yn ystod y flwyddyn diwethaf ac mae rhain wedi bod yn arbennig o fuddiol er mwyn ystyried y pynciau hynny sy'n torri ar draws cylchoedd gwaith adrannau a phwyllgorau.

Cawsom cyfraniadau gan nifer o asiantaethau allanol yn ystod y flwyddyn, gan gynnwys cynrychiolwyr o Fwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Hywel Dda ac Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru. Roedd hefyd yn dda derbyn cyflwyniad gan ddefnyddwyr gwasanaethau wrth i ni ystyried adolygiad y 'Cynllun Mawr' ar gyfer Anableddau Dysgu. Fe wnaethom ni werthfawrogi eu cyfraniad addysgiadol.

Fe wnaeth y Pwyllgor gynnal tri ymweliad safle yn ystod y flwyddyn diwethaf. Fe wnaethom deithio i Lanybydder yng Ngorffennaf 2015 er mwyn ymweld â Chynllun Gofal Ychwanegol Cwm Aur ynghyd â Chartref Gofal Anedd. Yn mis Mawrth 2016, fe wnaethom ymweld â Chynllun Gofal Ychwanegol newydd Cartref Cynnes yn Nhre-loan, Caerfyrddin. Credaf ei fod yn ddefnyddiol iawn i ni adael y siambr ac ymweld â'r cyfleusterau yma er mwyn siarad gyda'r unigolion hynny sy'n gweithio ar y rheng flaen.

Yn mis Mawrth 2016, yr oedd yn dda gweld y Cyngor Sir yn derbyn cyflwyniad ar Gymunedau Dementia Gyfeillgar gan Gymdeithas Alzheimer's. Fe gofiwch ein bod ni fel Pwyllgor wedi argymhell bod cyflwyniad o'r fath yn cael ei

rhannu gyda'r holl aelodau, felly, mae'n galonogol bod cynnig y Pwyllgor wedi cael ei weithredu.

I gloi, rwyf am fynegi fy niolch a'm gwerthfawrogiad i'r Cyngorydd Sue Allen am ei chefnogaeth fel is-gadeirydd ac i aelodau'r Pwyllgor am eu cyfraniad yn ystod ein cyfarfodydd a'r ymweliadau safle.

Yn olaf, hoffwn ddiolch i'r holl swyddogion am eu cyngor a'i cefnogaeth parhaol.

*Cyng. Gwyneth Thomas
Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu Gofal
Cymdeithasol ac Iechyd*

Chair's Foreword

I am pleased to present the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee annual report covering the period May 2015 to April 2016.

Once again, the Committee has discussed a wide variety of topics during the past year, from the standard and regular monitoring reports to specific items requested by the Committee during the course of the year. The Committee also held three joint meetings during the past year which have been particularly useful when considering topics that cut across departmental and committee remits.

We received contributions from a number of external organisations over the course of the year, including representatives from the Hywel Dda University Health Board and Public Health Wales. It was also pleasing to receive a presentation from service users when we considered the evaluation of the 'Big Plan' for Learning Disabilities. Their contribution was informative and greatly appreciated.

The Committee undertook three site visits during the past year. We visited Llanybydder in July 2015 to view the Cwm Aur Extra Care Scheme as well as the Annedd Care Home. In March 2016, we visited the newly opened Cartref Cynnes Extra Care Scheme in Johnstown, Carmarthen. It is always helpful to get out of the chamber and visit these facilities and speak with those individuals working on the front-line.

It was also pleasing to see that in March 2016, the County Council received a presentation on the work of the Alzheimer's Society in relation to Dementia Friendly Communities. You will recall that we as a Committee recommended that such an all-member presentation take place, so it is encouraging that the Committee's suggestion was taken further.

In closing I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Cllr. Sue Allen for her support as vice-chair and to the Committee members' for their contribution at our meetings and site visits.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officers for their continued advice and support.

*Cllr. Gwyneth Thomas
Chair of Social Care & Health Scrutiny
Committee*

Committee Membership 2015/16



Cllr. Gwyneth Thomas
Chair
Llangennech
(Plaid Cymru)



Cllr. Sue Allen
Vice-Chair
Whitland
(Independent)



Cllr. Siân Caiach
Hengoed
(People First -
Carmarthenshire)



Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies
Llanybydder
(Independent)



Cllr. Tom Defis
Carmarthen West
(Plaid Cymru)



Cllr. Tyssul Evans
Llangydeyrn
(Plaid Cymru)



Cllr. Irfon Jones
Cynwyl Elfed
(Independent)



Cllr. Roy Llewellyn
Llanboidy
(Plaid Cymru)



Cllr. Kevin Madge
Garnant
(Labour)



Cllr. Eryl Morgan
Bigyn
(Labour)



Cllr. Louvain Roberts
Glan-y-Môr
(Labour)



Cllr. Edward Thomas
Llandeilo
(Independent)



Cllr. Jan Williams
Lliedi
(Labour)



Cllr. Joy Williams
Pontyberem
(Plaid Cymru)

Introduction

Purpose of Annual Report

The following 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 work of the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee during the 2015/16 municipal year.
- Identifies key areas to be included in the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee's 'Forward Work Programme' for 2016/17.

Number of Meetings

In all, the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee met on 11 occasions between June 2015 and March 2016, three of which were joint meetings, one with the Community Scrutiny Committee in July 2015 and the others with the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee in May and November 2015 respectively.

The Work Programme for 2015/16

In the main, meeting agendas were consistent with those outlined by the Forward Work Programme for 2015/16, which was confirmed by the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 22nd May 2015.

The Forward Work Programme (FWP) was mainly based on key areas identified as

objectives within the Integrated Community Strategy and Improvement Plan together with standard items such as performance and budget monitoring reports, action plan monitoring reports, and specific requests from the scrutiny committee itself. Additional reports were also requested by the scrutiny committee during the year and the Forward Work Programme was amended accordingly.

The development of the concept of the Forward Work Programme and the process for its agreement, has allowed each scrutiny committee to determine their own work agendas. The benefits of such an approach has led to an improved level of debate and input during scrutiny committee meetings.

The Committee's Remit

The Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee's key responsibilities are for:

- Social services for older people including nutritional standards
- Adults with learning disabilities
- Support for Carers
- Mental health services
- Safeguarding of Adults
- Integration of Health and Social Care Services
- Dementia Services
- Physical Disabilities

Key issues considered during 2015/16

Standard Scrutiny Monitoring Reports / Items

Half-Yearly Performance Management 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 half-yearly performance monitoring reports and various action plan monitoring reports. The performance monitoring report provides a balanced picture of performance across the relevant service areas. The Committee considered the half-yearly performance reports for its remit at its meetings in June 2015 and December 2015.

In September 2015, the Committee also received an overview of a new Performance Framework developed by the Communities Department to focus on the most important areas within the department as a way of monitoring the success or otherwise in meeting objectives. A live presentation of the new system was given which enabled the Committee to view the live data now been captured and the type of information that could be presented in future performance monitoring reports.

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Reports

- The Committee received quarterly reports on the departmental and corporate revenue and capital budgets. These reports enabled members to monitor the level of spend in each area and the progress made in any capital works.

Actions & Referrals Updates - In total, 32 recommendations / requests from the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee were formally recorded during the year. Detailed update reports were produced every quarter for the Committee to monitor progress and information was also circulated to members

outside the formal committee meetings. The Committee will continue to receive regular updates on any outstanding issues as part of its 2016/17 Forward Work Programme.

Performance / Progress Monitoring

Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services on the effectiveness of Social Care Services in Carmarthenshire 2014/15

- In May 2015, the Committee received the Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services on the Effectiveness of Social Care Services in Carmarthenshire for 2014/15. Members noted that there was a statutory requirement for the Director of Social Services to report annually to their Council on the delivery, performance and risks as well as plans for the improvement of the whole range of Social Services. This was the sixth such annual report and was considered jointly with the Education & Children Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committees unanimously resolved to recommend the report to the Executive Board for its consideration.

OUTCOME - At its meeting on the 8th July 2015, County Council resolved to endorse the Executive Board's recommendation that the Annual Report be approved.

Mid & West Wales Health and Social Care Collaborative Updates - During 2015/16, the Committee received two updates in relation to the Mid & West Wales Health and Social Care Collaborative. In May 2015, the Committee considered the Mid & West Wales Regional Implementation Plan, which provided an overview of the work-streams, key decisions and milestones agreed to achieve the requirements of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. Also included in the report was the “Statement of Intent for Learning Disabilities Services”, which had been developed to build on the work already underway to improve services regionally for people with a learning disability.

As a result of this update, the Committee unanimously resolved that a further update be provided at a later meeting. In April 2016, this update was provided and the Committee was advised on the new regional partnership arrangements now in place to meet the requirements of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. Members were also informed that under Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act, which came into force on the 6th April 2016, the creation of Regional Partnership Boards (RPBs) was required in order to drive forward partnership working and integration. Separate arrangements would be required for each health board area, which meant that a West Wales RPB would be established on the Hywel Dda Health Board footprint.

Hywel Dda Information & Consultation Strategy for Carers: Annual Report 2014/15 - In July 2015, the Committee received the Hywel Dda University Health Board’s Information & Consultation Strategy for Carers Annual Report for 2014/15. The Assistant Director of Strategic Partnerships also gave a brief presentation, outlining the work

undertaken during 2014/15 and the key challenges and priorities for 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee unanimously resolved to request that the Executive Board lobby the Welsh Government to stress the importance of the Carers Measure funding and to request that it not be cut from April 2016 onwards.

OUTCOMES - The Committee's request was considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on the 28th September 2015. The Executive Board Member for Social Care & Health informed the Board that she had met with the Minister for Social Care & Health earlier in the month (September) and raised the concerns expressed by the Scrutiny Committee and Carers Forum. The Carers Measure will be repealed when the next Act comes in on 6th April, 2016 and for the first time, carers will have the same rights as the cared for. The Board then unanimously resolved that the referral be noted and the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee be advised that appropriate representations had been made.



Coleshill Centre for Economic Inclusion Progress Report - At its meeting in September 2015, the Committee received for its consideration a progress report on the Coleshill Centre for Economic Inclusion. The comprehensive report was presented following the Committee's request at its meeting in March 2015 and included a series of recommendations in relation to future models of service delivery at the Centre.

Carmarthenshire Foundations 4 Change - In November 2015, the Committee received a presentation on Carmarthenshire Foundations 4 Change, an English performance assurance model being piloted in Wales by the Hywel Dda Health Board. The presentation was given by Mrs. Linda Williams, the County Director & Commissioner of Hywel Dda University Health Board and Dr. Michael Thomas, Consultant in Public Health at Public Health Wales.

REQUEST

The Committee resolved that a presentation on the work of Public Health Wales be included in its Forward Work Programme.

OUTCOME - This request has been included in the Committee's work programme for 2016/17.

Care & Social Services Wales' (CSSIW) Inspection, Evaluation and Review of Local Authority Social Services 2014/15 - In November 2015, the Committee considered the Annual Inspection and Evaluation Review 2014/15 of the Local Authority's Social Services undertaken by Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales.

Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding 2014/15

- In November 2015, the Committee considered the Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding for the 2014/15 financial year. The Committee also received a short presentation which gave an overview of the purpose and context of the annual report. The report outlined the national policy context of adult safeguarding including the likely implications of the Social Services & Well-Being Act 2014.

REQUEST

The Committee requested that an all-member development session on Adult Safeguarding & Commissioning be arranged in 2016, once new regional arrangements have been established and implemented.

OUTCOME - At the time of writing, the Committee's request has been included in the Learning & Development Unit's Member Development Programme but a specific date has yet to be arranged.

Welsh Language in Social Care Services for Older People

- At its meeting in January 2016, the Committee considered an update report detailing progress being made by the Community Services Department in implementing the Welsh Government's Strategic Document "More Than Just Words" which sets out the importance of the Welsh language when caring for older people.



Improving Support for people who have Dementia and their families - In January 2016, the Committee considered a progress report providing an update on the implementation of the recommendations relating to services for people who have dementia which were made by the Joint Scrutiny Forum following its review of dementia services in Carmarthenshire in 2011/12.

REQUEST

The Committee requested that arrangements be made for it to visit the Cartref Cynnes Extra Care Scheme in Johnstown, Carmarthen.

OUTCOME - The Committee visited Cartref Cynnes in March 2016 (see page 14).

Health & Social Care Support Worker Project - In February 2016, the Committee received an update on this project. The project had been established following the Carmarthenshire Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Board's approval of a proposal to utilise Intermediate Care Funding to seek to transfer healthcare related tasks to social care workers in care homes for older people. The project focused on the delivery of non-complex wound care at Llys y Bryn Residential Care Home.

Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) Project - The Committee considered a report that provided an overview, evaluation and update regarding ICF funded services, specifically in relation to the Transfer of Care Advice and Liaison Service (TOCALs) and Rapid Response Domiciliary Care service.

Nutritional Standards for Older People - In April 2016, the Committee received a report on nutritional standards for older people, focussing

principally on Local Authority care homes and day centres. The report included an overview of the work undertaken by the Catering Service (Department for Education & Children) in support of the Communities Department as well as answers to the four specific questions, previously raised by Committee members. Concern was expressed regarding the role of the National Procurement Service (NPS) in the Catering Service's procurement of food supplies. Reference was made to the Audit Committee and the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee's reservations about the purpose of the NPS and its success in securing savings for the Local Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

Unanimously resolved that the Committee's concerns regarding the National Procurement Service be relayed to the Executive Board Member for Resources.

OUTCOME - The Executive Board considered the draft strategy at its meeting on the 28th September 2015 and unanimously resolved to recommend to Council that (i) the decline in the uptake of meals on wheels by 33% since 2012 be noted; (ii) it agree and implement a Community Nutritional Strategy for Older People in Carmarthenshire to replace the limited impact of the meals on wheels service; (iii) that the current meals on wheels service continue as long as it is practicable to do so and people wish to receive the service; (iv) the Integrated Services develop an action plan and operationally roll out recommendations based on the 5 priority areas identified.

Pre-Decision Scrutiny

Introduction of a new charge for a placement into a Flexi-Bed in a Care Home - In September 2015, the Committee received for its consideration, the proposal to introduce a new charge for a placement into a flexi-bed in a care home. Members noted that the matter had been referred to the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee by County Council, following its meeting on the 8th July 2015. The Chair and members of the Committee expressed disappointment that this matter had not been presented to the Scrutiny Committee, prior to its submission to the Executive Board in June 2015. The Director of Community Services acknowledged the Committee's comments but reminded members that the proposal had been endorsed by County Council at its meeting on the 24th February 2015 as part of the Revenue Budget Strategy 2015/16 to 2017/18. As the decision had been taken by County Council, officers had progressed with the proposal.

Annual Revenue Budget Consultation - At its meeting in December 2015, the Committee received the annual consultation report for the Revenue Budget for 2016/17 to 2018/19.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee unanimously resolved that:

- The Executive Board be requested to reverse the decision of County Council and recommend that the shortfall in this year's budget be met by utilising the Council's financial reserves.
- The Committee supports the undertaking of a review of the Flexi-Care Scheme to ascertain its suitability for the future.
- As part of a review of the Scheme, officers consider different charging rates depending on the length of time spent in a flexi-bed.
- The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee attend the relevant meeting of the Executive Board to express the strength of the Committee's feelings in relation to this matter.

OUTCOMES - Following this, the matter was re-considered as part of the 'Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014: Policy and procedure revisions for charging adults for services' item, presented to the Committee at its meeting in February 2016 (see page 13)

KEY RECOMMENDATION

The Committee resolved to receive the budget report and endorse the Charging Digest for the Social Care & Health Services. It also suggested that the option for spreading the proposed increases in Meals and Wheels and Community Meals across three years, be explored further.

OUTCOME - At its meeting on the 1st February 2016, the Executive Board proposed that the increase in the Meals on Wheels cost be phased over 3 years as opposed to be implemented in one, reducing the saving in year 1 by £38,000.

Policy Development and Review

Our Commitment to Affordable Homes - In July 2015, the Committee held a joint meeting with the Community Scrutiny Committee in order to consider a report outlining an extensive consultation exercise with the public and partner organisations in relation to affordable homes. The Committee noted that the Council wished to set a clear policy direction and set of principles before developing a delivery plan in the autumn of 2015.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committees unanimously resolved to endorse the report for the Executive Board's consideration and to request that it:

- Investigate new models and develop a business case for creating a wholly owned arms-length trading company for the expansion of affordable housing.
- Contact Cardiff University regarding its recent research into and building of zero carbon affordable homes.

OUTCOMES - The report was considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on the 1st September 2015. The Board unanimously resolved to recommend to County Council that the Strategic directions paper 'Our Commitment to Affordable Homes' be approved. At its meeting in October 2015, County Council duly resolved to adopt the Board's recommendation.

Community Nutritional Strategy for Carmarthenshire Integrated Services - In September 2015, the Committee received the draft Community Nutritional Strategy for

Carmarthenshire for consideration. Members noted that it had been developed in response to recommendations made by Welsh Government in its 'Health Promotion Action Plan for Older People'. The report outlined the main barriers to good nutrition for this group in the community and proposed that the Council implement a holistic community nutritional strategy with a focus on five priority areas and consider available options to support good nutrition for older people.

KEY RECOMMENDATION

Unanimously resolved to endorse the Community Nutritional Strategy for consideration by the Executive Board.

OUTCOME - The Executive Board considered the draft strategy at its meeting on the 28th September 2015 and unanimously resolved to recommend to Council that (i) the decline in the uptake of meals on wheels by 33% since 2012 be noted; (ii) it agree and implement a Community Nutritional Strategy for Older People in Carmarthenshire to replace the limited impact of the meals on wheels service; (iii) that the current meals on wheels service continue as long as it is practicable to do so and people wish to receive the service; (iv) the Integrated Services develop an action plan and operationally roll out recommendations based on the 5 priority areas identified.



Introduction of a Corporate Safeguarding Policy that covers all the Council's Service Areas - In September 2015, the Committee considered the draft Corporate Safeguarding Policy that had been developed to cover all the Council's service areas and ensure that there were robust arrangements and procedures in place to safeguard children and adults.

RECOMMENDATION

Unanimously resolved to endorse Corporate Safeguarding Policy for consideration by the Executive Board.

OUTCOME - The draft strategy was considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on the 28th September 2015 and unanimously resolved to recommend to Council that the Corporate Safeguarding Policy be endorsed.

Ageing Well in Wales: Local Ageing Well Plans

- In November 2015, the Committee considered the draft Local Ageing Well Plan for Carmarthenshire which had been developed to meet two key strategic drivers; the Ageing Well in Wales programme with five themes and the Strategy for Older People in Wales. The Plan linked with the 'Vision for Sustainable Services for Older People', under development within the Communities Department. It also supported the 2015 Well-Being of Future Generations Act, through contributing towards sustainable communities that enable people to age 'in-place'.

Implementation of charges for non-residential Social Services for Adults which were previously free: Post Implementation Evaluation

- At its meeting in June, 2014, the Committee endorsed the introduction of new charges for non-residential social services for

adults which were previously free. At that meeting, the Committee also requested that a review be undertaken to assess the impact of the introduction of the new charges, following a 12 month period. In January 2016, the Committee duly considered an evaluation report providing details of the impact of the new charges.

Evaluation of the 'Big Plan' (Learning Disabilities)

- At its meeting in February 2016, the Committee considered a report which provided a detailed evaluation of the effectiveness of The Big Plan. A representative from Carmarthenshire People First (an advocacy and training service which supports adults with learning difficulties) as well as two service users attended the meeting and shared their experiences of the services with the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

Resolved that the draft Plan be endorsed for consideration by the Executive Board.

OUTCOME - The draft plan was endorsed by the Executive Board on the 30th November 2015 and by County Council at its meeting on the 13th January 2016.



Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014: Policy and procedure revisions for charging adults for services - In February 2016, the Committee considered a report setting out the main areas, specifically relating to financial assessments and charging, which needed to be considered at the outset and it was proposed that during the next financial year a new revised policy, bringing together elements of the existing policies that were currently in place, together with any changes emanating from this report, would be brought back to members for approval. The Committee expressed concern that the different categories of care and the charging framework were difficult to comprehend and was advised that these would be clarified in the report before submission to the Executive Board for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee resolved to recommend to the Executive Board that the Policy and Procedure Revisions for Charging Adults for Services, as detailed in the report, be endorsed.

OUTCOME - At its meeting on the 21st March 2016, the Executive Board considered the report and unanimously resolved to endorse the recommendations as detailed in the report.

Consultation

Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report 2014/15 and Improvement Plan 2015/16 - In June 2015, the Committee considered the Council's draft Annual Report for 2014/15 and Improvement Plan for 2015/16. The Local Authority must publish an Improvement Plan as soon as it is reasonably practicable after the start of the financial year

and publish an Annual Report on past performance by the end of October each year. Each scrutiny committee is afforded the opportunity to consider these items in relation to their specific work areas.

Promoting Independence for Older People in Carmarthenshire - At its joint meeting with the Community Scrutiny Committee in July 2015, members were consulted on the long-term strategy for services for Older People.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committees resolved to recommend to the Executive Board that:

- The Communities Department investigates developing a business case for using not for profit or social enterprise models for delivering aspects of services for older people.
- The Communities Department investigates which aspects of Primary, Community and Social Care provision would be able to and benefit from pooling the budgets of NHS and Social Care to deliver a more cohesive, cost effective and sustainable service.

OUTCOMES - The report was considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on the 28th September 2015. The Board unanimously resolved to recommend to County Council that the draft Vision and Strategy be approved.

Other activities during 2015/16

Site Visits

The Committee undertook three site visits during the past municipal year.

The Committee visited the Cwm Aur Extra Care Scheme and Annedd Care Home in Llanybydder (pictured below) in July 2015. In March 2016, the Committee visited the Cartref Cynnes Extra Care Scheme in Johnstown, Carmarthen (pictured opposite).



Development Sessions

Whilst no specific development sessions were held for this Committee, the County Council received a presentation on Dementia and the work being undertaken by the Alzheimer's Society, at its meeting in March 2016.

This followed a recommendation by the Committee during the 2014/15 municipal year that a development session be held for all elected members in relation to raising awareness about Dementia. The Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friendly Communities Co-ordinator gave a presentation which was followed by a question and answer session.

The following all-member development

sessions were also held during 2015/16, to which Committee members were invited:

- Social Media and Members (June 2015)
- Customer Services (October 2015)
- Responsibilities under Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and Equality Act 2010 in relation to Gypsies and Travellers (December 2015)
- Safeguarding Children (January 2016)
- Trading Standards (February 2016)

The Committee did not undertake a task and finish review during 2015/16.



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committee meetings held in 2015/16

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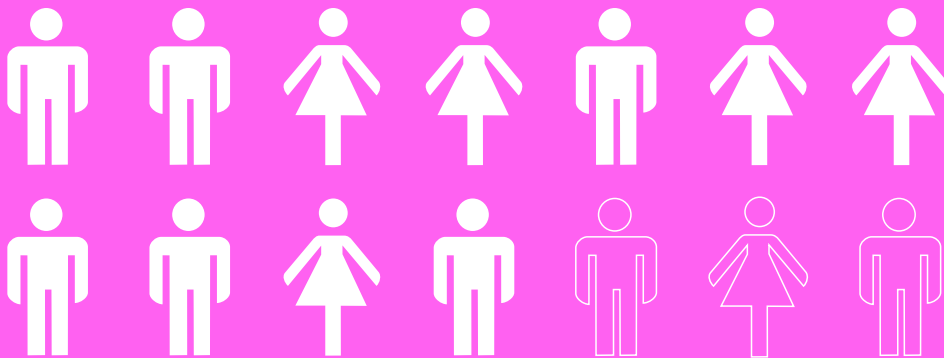
joint-meetings held in 2015/16

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formal recommendations / requests for information were recorded during 2015/16



3 site visits held during 2015/16



77% attendance in 2015/16

Support for the Scrutiny Function

In July 2015, support for Carmarthenshire County Council's scrutiny function was transferred from the former Scrutiny & Consultancy Team, based in the People Management & Performance Division, to the Democratic Services Unit, based in the Administration & Law Division of the Chief Executive's Department.

Support for the Scrutiny function includes:

- Providing constitutional advice to the Council's 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 the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Executive Board Forum
- Advising and supporting the implementation of the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 as guidance is published
- Managing the co-ordination and development of the Scrutiny forward work programmes in conjunction with Scrutiny members
- Managing and co-ordinating Scrutiny review work, including the operation of scrutiny task and finish groups, authoring reports in conjunction with the groups, and assisting in

the implementation and monitoring of completed reviews

- Managing the Scrutiny member development programme.
- Despatching agendas for Scrutiny Committee meetings a minimum of 4 working days prior to the meeting.

For more information on scrutiny in Carmarthenshire including work programmes, task and finish reports and annual reports, visit the County Council's website at:

www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/scrutiny

To contact the Democratic Services Unit, please call 01267 224028 or email:

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Committee Member Attendance

Attendance by members of the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee during the 2015/16 year is shown in the table below. A total of 8 meetings were held between May 2015 and April 2016:

Scrutiny Committee Member	No. of meetings attended
Cllr. Sue Allen	8
Cllr. Siân Caiach	6
Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies	7
Cllr. Sharen Davies (<i>until 20th May 2015</i>)*	0
Cllr. Tom T. Defis	7
Cllr. Penny Edwards (<i>until 13th January 2016</i>)**	5
Cllr. Hazel Evans (<i>until 20th May 2015</i>)***	0
Cllr. Tyssul Evans (<i>as of 20th May 2015</i>)***	7
Cllr. Irfon Jones	6
Cllr. Roy Llewellyn	4
Cllr. Kevin Madge (<i>as of 20th May 2015</i>)*	5
Cllr. Eryl Morgan	6
Cllr. Louvain Roberts (<i>18th May and again as of 13th January 2016</i>)**	0
Cllr. Edward Thomas	6
Cllr. Gwyneth Thomas	8
Cllr. Jan Williams	5
Cllr. Joy S. Williams	6

Substitutes	No. of meetings attended
Cllr. Mansel Charles	1
Cllr. Deryk Cundy	1
Cllr. Wyn Evans	1
Cllr. Ken Howell	1
Cllr. Peter Hughes-Griffiths	1
Cllr. John James	3
Cllr. Jean Lewis	2
Cllr. Hugh Richards	1
Cllr. Louvain Roberts	2
Cllr. Siân Thomas	1

Executive Board Member	No. of meetings attended
Cllr. Linda Evans (Housing)	1
Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Social Care & Health)	7

Attendance by members of the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee at joint meetings during the 2015/16 year, is shown in the table below. The Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee held 3 joint meetings between May 2015 and April 2016.

Committee Member	Joint E&C (i)	Joint Community	Joint E&C (ii)
Cllr. Sue Allen	1	1	0
Cllr. Siân Caiach	1	1	0
Cllr. Ieuan Wyn Davies	0	1	0
Cllr. Sharen Davies	1	N/A	N/A
Cllr. Tom T. Defis	0	1	1
Cllr. Penny Edwards	0	1	1
Cllr. Hazel Evans	1	N/A	N/A
Cllr. Tyssul Evans	N/A	1	1
Cllr. Irfon Jones	1	0	0
Cllr. Roy Llewellyn	0	0	1
Cllr. Kevin Madge	N/A	1	1
Cllr. Eryl Morgan	1	0	1
Cllr. Louvain Roberts	1	N/A	N/A
Cllr. Edward Thomas	1	1	0
Cllr. Gwyneth Thomas	1	1	1
Cllr. Jan Williams	1	0	0
Cllr. Joy S. Williams	1	1	1

Substitutes	Joint E&C (i)	Joint Community	Joint E&C (ii)
Cllr. Peter Cooper		1	
Cllr. John James		1	

Executive Board Members	Joint E&C (i)	Joint Community	Joint E&C (ii)
Cllr. Linda Evans (Housing)		1	
Cllr. Gareth Jones (Education & Children)			1
Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Social Care & Health)	1	1	1

Glossary of Terms

CSSIW - Care & Social Services Wales'

FWP - Forward Work Programme

ICF - Intermediate Care Fund

MWWHSCC - Mid & West Wales Health and Social Care Collaborative

NPS - National Procurement Service

RPB - Regional Partnership Board

TOCALs - Transfer of Care Advice and Liaison Service

WG - Welsh Government

Changes to committee membership during 2015/16 (see page 20)

** Following Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual General Meeting on 20th May 2015, Councillor Kevin Madge replaced Councillor Sharen Davies as a member of the Committee.*

*** Following Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual General Meeting on 20th May 2015, Councillor Penny Edwards replaced Councillor Louvain Roberts as a member of the Committee. However, following the County Council meeting on the 13th January 2016, Councillor Roberts replaced Councillor Edwards as a member of the Committee.*

**** Following Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual General Meeting on 20th May 2015, Councillor Tyssul Evans replaced Councillor Hazel Evans as a member of the Committee.*