

CYNGOR CAERDYDD

CARDIFF COUNCIL

COMMUNITY AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1 MAY 2019

COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT

Background

1. This report sets out a summary of the Committee's business since the last meeting. This includes:
 - A correspondence pack attached at **Appendices A-C**;
 - An updated Work Programme attached as **Appendix D** for information;
 - Inquiries/Task & Finish Groups
 - CASSC Performance Panel

Correspondence update

2. Attached as **Appendices A – C** are letters from the Committee to Cabinet Members following 3 April CASSC;
 - **Appendix A** – Quarter 3 Performance Report – Letter to Councillor Elsmore and Cllr Thorne – 11 April 2019
 - **Appendix B** – Adult Safeguarding Update - Letter to Councillor Elsmore – 11 April 2019
 - **Appendix C** – Council House Building Strategy –Letter to Councillor Thorne – 11 April 2019

Work Programme 2018/19

3. Attached as **Appendix D** is the latest version of the CASSC Work Programme for Members information. At this meeting of the Committee, Members will have the opportunity to review the agenda for June 2019 in line with the verbal updates they receive.
4. Members will also be asked to make note of the upcoming Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting with Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee to review the Local Authority's Social Services Annual Report currently scheduled for Cabinet in July 2019.

CASSC Inquiries/Task & Finish Activity

Closer to Home

5. Members will be asked to consider the possibility of a meeting with the interim PSO to confirm the scope for the inquiry and the agreed way forward, including witnesses, research methods and timescales.

CASSC Performance Panel

6. On the 8th April 2019, the Scrutiny Officer contacted CASSC Members requesting whether any Members would wish to join Councillors McGarry and Lent on the CASSC Performance Panel. If any other Members are interested in joining the Panel, please contact the Scrutiny Officer.

Way Forward

7. During the meeting, Members may wish to:
 - Reflect on the correspondence pack, attached at **Appendices A-C**;
 - Note the updated Work Programme attached at **Appendix D**;
 - Consider the request for a Task & Finish meeting with the interim PSO
 - Note the update on the Performance Panel (**paragraph 6**)

Legal Implications

11. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

12. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme.

However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Reflect on the correspondence pack, attached at **Appendices A-C**;
- ii. Note the updated Work Programme attached at **Appendix D**;
- iii. Consider the request for a Task & Finish meeting with the interim PSO
- iv. Note the update on the Performance Panel (**paragraph 6**)

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