



## Scrutiny Committee A

15 June 2017

**Purpose of Report:** To brief Committee on the process that has led to the report for scrutiny consideration on the Director of Social Services Annual Report 2016-17

For a number of years the Director of Social Services has been required to report on their service following what is known as the Annual Council Reporting Framework (ACRF).

The report looks back over the previous year and is required to be published by the Director of Social Services by the end of July. To reach this position the following process is undertaken.

Evidence grids are completed by the service which have in the past been subject to challenge by colleagues both within Powys and from the Powys Teaching Health Board, user representatives and Members from the Children's Scrutiny Group, Adult Social Care Scrutiny Group and Audit Committee. From the evidence grids the Heads of Service complete Statements which are used by the Director to complete their report. This year the Challenge Event was not held and instead it was intended for the Heads of Service Statements to be scrutinised by the Children's and Adults Scrutiny Groups and representatives from the Audit Committee. Unfortunately it was not possible to arrange this meeting ahead of purdah and therefore the Head of Service Statements were circulated to Members for comment. This was just before local Council elections and it was not realistic to expect comments at this stage.

The report before Committee today has therefore not had an input from scrutiny.

From this point the Director's Report will be taken to Cabinet on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and County Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The role for scrutiny in respect of this report is to consider the section relating to Children's Services and challenge the report if there are statements which it is felt may not reflect the situation as is understood from a Member perspective. Any comments will be considered and taken into account by the Director prior to the reports further submission to Cabinet and Council.

Please note that the Children's Services element of the report will be considered by Scrutiny Committee B.

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**Sources/background papers:**

- Draft Directors Report