

Health, Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Venue
**Council Chamber - County Hall,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys**

Meeting Date
Monday, 14 January 2019

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2.00 pm



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AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES
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To receive apologies for absence.

2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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To receive declarations of interest from Members.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIPS
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To receive disclosures of prohibited party whips which a Member has been given in relation to the meeting in accordance with Section 78(3) of the Local Government Measure 2011.

(NB: Members are reminded that under Section 78 Members having been given a prohibited party whip cannot vote on a matter before the Committee.)

4.	MINUTES
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 8 November, 22 November and 10 December 2018 as correct records.

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5.	CHILDREN'S PLEDGE
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To scrutinize the proposal to adopt the Children's Pledge.

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6.	PERFORMANCE MONITORING
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6.1. Children's Services

To consider the performance report for Children's Services as at 30 November 2018.

(To Follow)

6.2. Adult Services

To consider the performance report for Adult Social Care as at 30 November 2018.

(To Follow)

7.	WORK PROGRAMME
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To consider the scrutiny work programme.

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8.	CORRESPONDENCE
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To consider any items of correspondence which, in the opinion of the Chair, are of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HEALTH, CARE AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT: County Councillor G I S Williams
County Councillors J Charlton, S C Davies, D E Davies, J Gibson-Watt, H Hulme, A Jenner, E Jones, G Morgan, K M Roberts-Jones, D Rowlands, E Vaughan, R Williams and S L Williams

Cabinet Portfolio Holders In Attendance: County Councillor J Evans

Officers: P Dark (Service Manager - Asset Management), A Thompson (Service Manager – Tenancy Services) and W Richards (Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors C Mills, P C Pritchard, A Williams and J Williams

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors S Williams and H Hulme and from A Jenner (on other Council business) for the next meeting on 22nd November, 2018.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIPS

There were no declarations of protected party whips which a Member has been given in relation to the meeting in accordance with section 78(3) of the Local Government Measure 2011.

4. MINUTES

The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meetings held on 12th September, 26th September, 3rd October and 15th October, 2018 as correct records.

The Committee noted the thanks of the Portfolio Holder for Housing for the comments received at the last meeting relating to the Homelessness Strategy which had been approved by the Cabinet on 7th November.

5. WALES AUDIT OFFICE REPORT - WHQS

The representative of the Wales Audit Office (WAO) presented the report on the implementation of the Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS) in Powys. The report made 3 recommendations.

In relation to damp problems, it was noted that this would be a problem in Wales as Wales was subject to wet and windy weather conditions. In addition, damp problems arose due to the historic location of houses when they were built. The

implementation of WHQS has raised other challenges such as with the implementation of double glazing this has caused issues with condensation. Damp can be a complicated and sensitive problem for residents as it can either be a building related issue or a people issue. The Housing Service makes sure that buildings are the best that they can be and also provides advice to tenants on living styles.

Members suggested that whilst some of the figures reported in the report indicated that the service may be doing well e.g. 67% advised about leaseholder responsibilities, if you considered the opposite number 33% then this did not appear to be as positive. The WAO reported that it had undertaken 7 reports across Wales and the Powys survey results were good by comparison to other authorities. Members suggested that the thresholds set for WHQS were low, and whilst engagement had been good, it could have been better. It was also suggested that the WAO survey may be flawed, and that councillors could have been used to assist the engagement process as well.

The Housing Service advised the Committee that it was seeking to undertake fewer but more effective engagement sessions, more ad-hoc and subject specific. It was intended to undertake a sample survey of tenants in 2019 including what are their perceptions of the Council as a landlord. A group of 100 tenants is being used to consult about policies. A disused shop is being reopened in Machynlleth as a drop in centre for Housing and other officers.

Question:

Every Powys house has to achieve the WHQS by 2020 which means that 23% need to be improved in just over a year. Is £500k sufficient to achieve this?

Response:

Housing has been allocated funding for the various elements of WHQS going forward. The £500k funding is sufficient. Other provision is also available for other elements such as ventilation, heating etc.

Question:

Are some of these issues due to a bad design of the property?

Response:

Yes, this is the case. Also true where properties are built at the same time and have common issues. There may be some properties that are uneconomical to repair or update. Members suggested that the installation of fans in some bathrooms might alleviate some of the condensation issues.

Question:

Page 39 – point 13 – *“The Council recognises its system for recording which homes meet the WHQS standard for warmth is inaccurate and incomplete”* – why is this the case?

Response:

The 2012 and 2015 surveys were undertaken by consultants and an audit of the results highlighted that this did not reflect the true picture accurately. The inaccuracies were taken up with the consultants and they have corrected the data which gave an updated profile for the Council's properties of 1% in energy rating. The Housing Service was now content that the information is accurate. Where the information could not be updated these properties would be prioritised in the stock condition surveys

over the next 5 years. The Committee received assurance that the company undertook the updating of the information at no cost to the Council.

Page 42 – Paragraph 23 – the Housing website was to be changed imminently in line with changes to the corporate website. Housing was also reviewing the language used on the website to improve its clarity. Housing were reviewing whether additional resource could be made available to assist with amending the website, but at present children’s services were the priority for web development.

Question:

Does the Council look at other websites to learn from those examples.

Response:

Yes, the Council does look at other websites. However resources is the issue.

Question:

Defects in properties – if a tenant has bought their own property and defects come to light, where does this leave the Council as the former landlord?

Response:

If the Council sells a property, then any defects should be picked up in the buyers property surveys undertaken before purchase. The Council does also have support processes for owner occupied properties.

Question:

The report states that 73% of tenants are happy with the environment outside their properties. However, this is the most common issue raised with Councillors. Is this figure accurate?

Response:

People have great concerns about the state of estates. A forthcoming budget proposal is to establish dedicated estate teams north and south to undertake grass cutting etc in line with the Love Where You Live Strategy.

Question:

Does the Council give advice to tenants on how to manage damp and condensation?

Response:

Yes, by means of DVDs and leaflets. There is also a need to look at more innovative solutions where there is a medical need.

Question:

Renewable energy solutions – are these going to be targeted at people on low incomes?

Response:

Yes, this is part of the strategy. Criteria would need to be established so that there is clarity as to who qualifies for these additional facilities.

Question:

Many properties on estates are now private. How will this work for the estate teams? With regard to voids, some of these are long term because the Council cannot bring them up to WHQS standards. When will these be completed?

Response:

With the Right to Buy legislation there are now mixed estates. The Council

can only spend funding on houses or estates. Private gardens can only be looked at by the Council if there are Health and Safety issues usually by enforcement action or the Council can undertake the work and then charge the owners.

Long term voids are for a number of reasons e.g. damp, structural issues or design of the building which means that the WHQS standard cannot be achieved. If there are known issues, then the Council will deal with them when the property becomes void. There is also a balance with rent loss to be considered. WHQS is on target to be completed by the end of 2018. Some properties will however be classed as acceptable fails. However, WHQS does not go away and components of WHQS will continue to need to be in an acceptable condition.

Question:

Does Housing monitor the contract with Green Fingers.

Response:

The contract is with the Highways Service but Housing does feed into the monitoring process.

Question:

Rent Smart Wales – is the Council involved with this?

Response:

Yes – this was established for private landlords to join.

Councillor Elwyn Vaughan left the meeting at 12 p.m.

In the Chair's summary of the discussion, the Portfolio Holder for Housing indicated that he would be undertaking visits to the Council's estates.

Recommendation to the Cabinet:

- **That the installation of fans in bathrooms be considered where suitable to alleviate condensation issues.**

6. DAMP AND THERMAL COMFORT STRATEGIES

The Committee received and considered the report of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection. (Copy filed with signed minutes)

It was noted that Powys has the highest provision of "off gas" properties in Wales and the UK. In the various strategies the Council is seeking to do more than the WHQS standard. However, if a tenant does not work undertaken then they are not forced to have it undertaken, and the Council will then seek to undertake the required work when the property becomes a void. Alternatively, the Council will seek ways of being able to undertake the work but reduce the impact on the tenant whilst the work is being undertaken.

It is difficult to get an energy rating for some properties and there are issues with "off gas" properties. The Council is reviewing whether gas provision can be extended, but this is dependent on energy providers, or whether there are other means of achieving an energy rating. In relation to dampness a whole building approach is undertaken linked to heating.

With regard to Thermal comfort the aim is to have a SAP rating of 65 or more, but the Council is always seeking to improve on this. The Committee was advised that some heating such as LPG and air source heating could reduce energy ratings for properties and discussions were ongoing with the organisation controlling energy rating to try to remedy this situation. There was a need to establish criteria for dealing with requests for changes in heating systems especially where heating systems had been changed previously. There was also a need for a medical request policy so that decisions on medical grounds could be justified and met certain criteria.

Question:

Does the Council have properties with LPG tanks and does the Council assist tenants buy LPG in bulk.

Response:

This was raised by Councillor Huw Williams in Council and the Council is looking into this.

Question:

The Council has spent £47million on upgrading its properties and there are 5000 in the housing stock. The best way to deal with fuel poverty is to extend the mains network. As these are national infrastructure issues can they be taken up with Welsh Government?

Response:

At the Welsh Local Authority WHQS management meeting it was suggested that there was a need to undertake discussions with the utility companies in order to reduce the carbon footprint.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing was asked to take up this issue with the Minister at Welsh Government and to make representations to Welsh Government.

Question:

Local energy co-operatives and energy production in clubs – this is not included in the strategy. This is also about keeping energy production local. Different ways of reducing tenants' energy consumption should also be included in the strategy.

Response:

Local energy co-operatives and energy clubs would be included in the strategy. Councillor Jackie Charlton would provide information to officers on existing schemes.

Question:

Does the Council have access to current and previous complaints made so that patterns can be identified?

Response:

Yes, this information is available to Housing. Work is also being undertaken with HOWPS about the recording of complaint data to improve the data captured. Part of that project is also around the referral process of issues such as fuel poverty from HOWPS to the Council.

Question:

Did the Council record issues of dampness in properties in the past?

Response:

Yes.

Question:

With regard to flooding, there is no mention of some areas where flooding had occurred in the summary report.

Response:

This would be reviewed.

Question:

A Member suggested that tenants should contact the main service centre rather than contacting individual housing officers as there were instances where matters were not dealt with.

Response:

The strategy was about clarifying the approach moving forward. In addition there was need for a more robust reporting system.

Question:

Mains gas may not always be the best way forward. In rural areas other systems such as ground source heat pumps could be considered. There is a need to look at other options for heating.

Response:

Ground source and air source hybrid systems are being considered which can be added to the strategy.

Councillor Heulwen Hulme left the meeting 1.03 p.m.

Recommendations to the Cabinet:

- **The Council should investigate how it can assist tenants in the bulk buying of fuel such as oil and LPG.**
- **That the Portfolio Holder for Housing make representations to the Minister and Welsh Government to bring pressure on utility companies to extend energy networks to reduce fuel poverty in Wales.**
- **That local energy co-operatives and local energy production be included in the strategy.**
- **That other energy systems such as ground source heating and air source hybrid systems be included in the strategy.**

7.	WALES AUDIT OFFICE REPORT - SCRUTINY IN POWYS
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The representative of the Wales Audit Office (WAO) presented the report to the Committee and it was noted that there were 6 recommendations for the Council to address following the review.

The Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services advised the Committee about the work of the Scrutiny Development Board which had been established to review the scrutiny committee structure and make recommendations to the Council possibly in November.

Members suggested that any reports prepared for committees and Panels needed to be clear and robust. A Member also commented that committee meetings needed to be regularised on the same day every week as this assisted Members who were working in planning their attendance. Members also felt that a better use of technology in scrutiny such as Skype and email would be an advantage as well as involving other Members who were interested in particular matters, but who were not members of a scrutiny committee.

Members commented that the Council had taken part in a number of consultation exercises over recent months, but that most Members were unaware that the Council was being consulted. It was also stressed that however many scrutiny committees the Council had, Members needed to do the work for them to be successful.

The Committee noted that the Management Response to the WAO review would be presented to the Audit Committee for consideration and its implementation monitored by the WAO as well as the Audit Committee.

8.	WORK PROGRAMME
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The Committee received a copy of the Scrutiny Work Programme.

County Councillor G I S Williams
Chair

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HEALTH, CARE AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT

County Councillor

County Councillors G I S Williams, S C Davies, D E Davies, E Jones, G Morgan, P C Pritchard, K M Roberts-Jones, D Rowlands, E Vaughan, J Williams, J M Williams, R Williams and S L Williams

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors J Charlton, J Gibson-Watt, A Jenner, A Williams and S M Hayes

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors J Charlton, J Gibson-Watt and S Hayes (Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care).

In attendance:

D Owen (Head of Transformation for Adult Services), H Jukes (Senior Manager – Social Care Delivery) and E Patterson (Scrutiny Officer).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D Rowlands declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in the review of Daytime Activities for Older People.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIPS

No declarations of party whips were received.

4. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 3 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

5. REVIEW OF DAYTIME ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The Head of Adult Services gave a short history to this item. Some years ago it had been decided to reduce the funding for daytime activities for older people from £1.6million/year to £300k/year. By 2016 little progress had been made in identifying how this would be saved and the service embarked on a consultation period where it was looking to close the day centres. The results of the consultation found that the service was thought to be good by those who

attended even if they had not enjoyed attending at first, and it was seen as a valuable opportunity for respite by carers. Cabinet decided to re-invest £1.1million in older people's daycentre provision albeit with a reduced budget. Cabinet asked for an update in two years and it is this paper that is being considered.

There has been a decrease in the number of people attending daycentres partly due to a change in expectations with older people choosing not to attend daycentres and partly due to social workers offering alternative options.

The savings required in the first two years have been achieved:

- 2017-2018: £150k target – achieved
- 2018-2019: £50k target – achieved

For 2019-20 the savings target is £150k of which £117k has been found and work is ongoing to identify the remaining £33k.

Tanant Valley

This is a once a week day/luncheon club originally arranged by contract with the Royal Voluntary Service. The contract was too restrictive as only people with assessed needs could access the service and therefore the funding model was changed to grant funding. There is a review of grant funding but the Head of Service had requested that funding for this project was not included as it provide a service. This service cost £12k a year and is excellent value for money.

A short film on this service can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfnsPfXyayc>

Ann Holloway Day Centre Welshpool

When the initial decision was taken to reduce funding of day centres the Council invited interested parties to express an interest in taking them over. Welshpool Town Council entered into a contract with the local authority to run the daycentre whereby the authority block purchase a certain number of places for people from Welshpool and the surrounding area with assessed needs. This costs £75k/year on top of which are transport costs in the region of £46k/year. The contract runs from 2015 to 2025 and whilst there is no review date it does contain an uplift for inflation.

Machynlleth Day Centre

This daycentre is run by Crossroads under a contract which has been extended to March 2020. Machynlleth also has a group (Dolen) which carers can attend. The funding for this contract has been confirmed until March 2020 at £75k/year which although less than a few years ago remains the same as the 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Park Centre Newtown

Consideration is being given to co-locating the daycentre in Newtown with the Library. Savings of £13,580 have been in 2018/19 now Meals on Wheels are no longer provided by the Park Centre.

Bethshan Dementia daycentre

This is specialist provision which is contracted to be provided by the third sector. The contract runs until 2020 and there are no plans to change this.

Maesywennol daycentre Llanidloes

This is a well-attended day centre with approximately 25 people attending each day. It is different to other daycentres as it is located within a care home. The Town Council support the funding of this by £12k/year to ensure its sustainability. This daycentre has been included as an option in the recommissioning of the Care Homes which is currently in progress.

Arlais day centre Llandrindod Wells

Changes here have seen the source of meals change which has saved £39k in 2018/19. Additionally savings of £17k are anticipated by a reduction of opening times from 5 to 3 days/week. The setting is also relocating to a smaller site in town which may produce further savings along with a capital receipt when the existing site is sold.

East Radnor daycentre

This centre is run by a charity that also provides home based support. Funding for the daycentre was cut in 2017 when the charity started to provide home based support. As a third sector provider this service can accept self funding older people from the local area including from England.

Crickhowell

There are very low attendance figures for the centre in Crickhowell and one of the options would be to provide transport to the daycentre in Brecon. This is already the choice of daycentre for older people in the surrounding area who may be closer to Crickhowell. There are other activities organised in Crickhowell and there may be the potential to provide support to a luncheon club in the town. Much work has taken place initially to see if there was local interest in taking over the daycentre but this did not materialise and stakeholder engagement continues.

Arosfa Brecon

The numbers attending this daycentre are decreasing and the service are looking to reduce opening days from 5 to 3 days/week although this is dependent on what is decided with the Crickhowell daycentre as if this is closed then a five day service would be needed in Brecon. It is 12 miles from Crickhowell to Brecon.

Canolfan Ystradgynlais

There has been a significant decline in attendance at Canolfan. In the New Year the number of days the centre is open will be reduced to 2 days/week. Work has been undertaken to identify if support can be given to a voluntary luncheon club in Coelbren but recently confirmation was received that this will not now take

place. Canolfan is large and therefore it will be necessary with the reduced numbers to look for an alternative location. A short term and longer term solution maybe necessary as there are early stage plans for an extracare housing facility in Ystradgynlais.

Question	Response
<p>There are other luncheon clubs in Powys. Why do they not receive grants like Tanant Valley?</p>	<p>Tanant Valley was originally a voluntary run day centre which we purchased places from. The low numbers of people with assessed need to refer to the centre made it at risk of unviability and therefore the funding model was changed. The question of why other luncheon clubs are not similarly funded is valid and will be considered by the service</p>
<p>This report needs to include the number of people accessing each day centre and for how many days together with transport costs for all daycentres to enable cost comparisons to be calculated.</p>	<p>Transport costs together with other costs such as utility costs and property costs are already included. Information will be provided regarding numbers and attendance and will be included in the update to Cabinet</p>
<p>What contributions do people make to access daytime activities?</p>	<p>In the case of Tanant Valley people only pay for their meals and refreshments. In the case of Council run daycentres people with assessed needs pay £80/week. This covers their transport and attendance at the daycentre. An additional charge of £7.50/day is made for meals and refreshments. In daycentres run by voluntary organisations people who do not have assessed needs can pay to attend the daycentre. For example, Presteigne and Machynlleth both welcome self funding people. The rates for people accessing the service privately may vary depending on the support the daycentre receives for example if it is supported by a Town Council residents of that Town may pay a different rate to residents who reside outside the town area</p>
<p>Access is limited by the size of the provision</p>	<p>In Welshpool it has been the case that the number of places purchased has exceeded assessed need and the authority has not had to turn people away. If there were no places then the potential to purchase additional space at a spot rate would be considered.</p>

Welshpool took over the daycentre when daycentres were under the threat of closure. All daycentres should be operated on the same basis on the grounds of equity.	The idea that all areas should have equity of access to daycentres is aspirational but not reality. There are areas of Powys which do not have any access to daycentres. The service are trying to provide equity of outcomes for older people and these aims are supported by Welsh Government. People should be supported to attend the pub, café, WI, chapel, a football match or whatever meets their needs rather than only having the option of attending a daycentre
Is there an aim to decrease attendance at daycentres?	The service is working under the Social Services and Well-Being act to try to find personalised solutions for each older person which may or may not include attendance at a daycentre. There is, and continues to be a decrease in the number of people accessing daycentres
What obligation does the authority have to provide daycentres?	There is no obligation for authorities to provide daycentres. The service assesses what matters to each older person and to best meet these needs through a strength based approach
Why can other Town Councils no longer get the same package that was offered to Welshpool?	This arrangement was put in place in 2015 and since then financial pressures have increased. Other Town Councils did approach the authority to investigate suitable local arrangements but no other Town Council felt able to proceed. Each Town will have differing needs
In 2016 306 people were accessing daycentres. How many people are accessing daycentres today?	Newtown 53 Llanidloes 41 Arlais 25 Arosfa 31 Crickhowell 17 Ystradgynlais 14
Newtown appears to be providing expensive provision. Has the potential to co-locate with the proposed developments being made by the Health Board been considered?	Newtown does appear expensive however, it is the largest town and has the highest attendance of daycentres in Powys. The potential to relocate is being considered in the short term and longer term opportunities are also being explored
Have the opportunities to work with the Health Board in Machynlleth been considered?	The authority are working with the Health Board to explore opportunities in relation to the daycentre, provision for learning disability support and social worker office accommodation in any plans that are put forward in Machynlleth

<p>Has consultation been undertaken to ascertain what provision older people want?</p>	<p>During 2016 considerable consultation was undertaken when it was proposed to drastically cut the budget for daycentres. This consultation won a national award for the way it was run. Consultation is not just about speaking to those who attend the daycentres (who largely enjoy their experience) but needs to also reflect the views of older people in the community who do not attend daycentres</p>
<p>Is the service looking to use taxi transport instead of minibuses?</p>	<p>No, the service are working with fleet to upgrade the vehicles</p>
<p>From the data provided it appears that third sector provision is more cost effective than Council provided services. Has the potential for more settings to be run by the third sector been considered?</p>	<p>Since the original reductions in the budget for this service were proposed the authority has been in conversation with various interested parties but there has been no recent proposals to take over a setting</p>
<p>The data appears to show that this is an expensive service provided to a limited number of people.</p>	<p>There has been a reduction in the number of people assessed to have needs that can be best met by attending a daycentre. As numbers fall fixed costs (buildings etc) remain and whilst it may be possible to reduce opening times by one or more days thereby saving on staff costs it may mean that by increasing attendance on those days the centre is open requires additional staff to be employed</p>
<p>If provision in an area is expensive would it be more cost effective to offer older people direct payments to make their own arrangements?</p>	<p>In 2016 the service looked at the alternative provision that would be needed for all the older people who were currently accessing the service. This showed that the alternative provision (domiciliary care) would cost £800k in 2016, if the care staff were available.</p>
<p>Is the service able to refer older people with assessed needs to Llys Glan-yr-Afon in Newtown?</p>	<p>Llys Glan yr Afon has some facilities but is not a daycentre. The service have been in discussion with Wales and West regarding the potential for referring older people to these facilities but there has been no conclusion to this discussion to date</p>
<p>Have other options been explored to co-locate services in Llanidloes</p>	<p>Some work was undertaken with the Powys Teaching Health Board to co-locate services but this did not progress</p>
<p>Those older people that do attend day centres are more frail now than used to be the case. Can it be</p>	<p>There has been a change of approach and it is correct that those people who attend daycentres are older because they have been supported at home for longer. It is not the case that the option is not given but is the</p>

confirmed that older people who may benefit from daycentre care are not slipping through the net because daycentres are no longer routinely offered as an option by social workers?	case that other options are offered which are proving more attractive initially
What is the average age of people attending daycentres?	In 2016 the average age of Powys residents assessed as needing daycentre care was 73. This average age has risen since then.
Will parking be a problem at the new site in Llandrindod?	Local consultation indicates that the new site is suitable
Are direct payments evaluated?	Direct payments are monitored and audited. Clawback of unused money does take place and in the previous year was in the region of £0.5mill. Further detail regarding Direct Payments could be provided to Members
As the population ages who will be able to care for elderly people?	The Health and Care Strategy and Vision 2025 outline the authorities longer term vision for supporting older people. A report on progress is with the Director for signoff. This shows that had demand for domiciliary care risen at the same rate as the Powys population then additional costs of £3million would have arisen but action taken to support people has diverted this need.
The cost of transport and meals can mean that people in deprived areas cannot afford to attend daycentres	The cost of transport and attending a daycentre is capped along with other social care charges at £80/week. Lunch and refreshment costs are additional. The Head of Adult Care had not received feedback that older people were unable to afford to attend a daycentre
Could the authority work with neighbouring councils to improve the sustainability of Canolfan?	Both Neath Port Talbot and Carmarthenshire have existing provision so it would be unlikely that they would need the additional capacity that could be provided by Canolfan.
The aspiration to move from an institutional model to an individual model is understood. The cost of daycentres appears high. How does this compare to the cost of individual care?	Supporting people to live independently in the community can be more expensive, but is the right thing to do in enabling people to not be dependent upon institutions where possible. Individual care may or may not cost more than daycentre care but at the Care and Wellbeing Act requires individual care to be prioritised
How can equity of access	Access is a real issue in a rural county. Not all residents

be improved?	will have easy access to a daycentre and the service, together with services across the council, are working towards ensuring there is equity of outcomes for people
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Findings

This is the first new style four page report that scrutiny have had sight of. The main content of the report covered no more than two pages and scrutiny found that they were hampered in their consideration of the paper by a lack of detailed information regarding attendance and cost per place information. This information was partly provided within the session and offered for circulation after the meeting. Whilst scrutiny welcome the new concise reporting instructions there will be occasions where appendices may be appropriate and the format of the report may need to be amended to ensure that the four pages are not disproportionately taken up with the corporate comments.

The opportunity for all Members to be briefed on Direct Payments in a Member Development Session be explored.

Detailed scrutiny observations will be provided to Cabinet.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

10th December 2018

Update on Bannau/Camlas
Social Care Performance Reports
Crime and Disorder Report

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

County Councillor

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

CABINET EXECUTIVE
15th January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rachel Powell
Portfolio Holder for Young People & Culture

SUBJECT: Adopting - A Children's Pledge for all Children & Young People in Powys – From Day One to when they're 25 years old.

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Children's Services Improvement Plan, approved in February 2018 included key actions to support the development of a children's rights approach across the whole council and partner agencies. This report provides members with the additional detail to support the adoption of the pledge that has been developed to further the council's commitment to its youngest residents.
- 1.2 One action within the Improvement Plan is to work with our partners to agree and implement a Children's Charter for Powys. This action will be a key milestone for the council to work towards 'The Right Way' guidance laid out by the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the National Participation Standards endorsed by Welsh Government. The first step of signing up to the Participation Standards has been completed with the council signing the Participation Charter back in June.
- 1.3 It is important for members, staff and partners to be aware of the key pieces of policy and legislation which directly support and underpin the pledge. However, in addition to our statutory obligations which are outlined here, engaging with our service users and residents, in particular children and young people, will help us all create a better understanding of the needs of our local residents and communities. It will help us gain valuable insight into the design and delivery of our services and provide critical information to help us continually improve our service offer.
- 1.4 The **United National Convention on the rights of the Child (UNCRC)** is an international agreement that protects the human rights of the children under the age of 18. In 1991 the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland formally agreed to make sure that every child in the UK has all the rights listed in the convention, such as Article 3; *'In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.'* (OHCHR, n.d.) and Article 12, that we *'shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.'* (OHCHR, n.d.).
- 1.5 **Annexe B of the Wellbeing of future Generations Act 2015** sets out the duty on local authorities to *'promote and facilitate children and young people's participation within the broad context of the UNCRC as part of their policies, services and wider citizen engagements'* and to *'embed children and young people's participation into all aspects of planning, delivering and reviewing services'* (Welsh Government, 2016). The guidance

also sets out a clear expectation that we are encouraged to *'work closely with each of their relevant partners'*, (Welsh Government, 2016) including our national partners. Finally, we must *'support a County Youth Forum/Council as a representative body of young people to act as a channel for young people's views across their local authority and represent those views to local and national decision-making bodies'*; (Welsh Government, 2016)

1.6 The **National Rights Based Approach** - 'The Right Way' is a publication from the Children's Commissioner for Wales' Office. It provides a principled and practical framework for organisations to implement a children's rights approach which is grounded in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). This publication sets out key success criteria which include:

- Children's rights embedded in everyday work.
 - A county of equality and non-discrimination for all children and young people.
 - Children and young people are empowered to influence and hold accountable institutions that affect their life.
 - Children and young people are actively and meaningfully engaged.
 - Children and young people are able to question and challenge decision-makers.
- (Children's Commissioner For Wales, 2017)

1.7 The **National Participation Standards** were developed in 2009, endorsed by Welsh Government. In 2016 Children in Wales' project 'Young Wales' was tasked by Welsh Government to refresh the National Participation Standards. Following this refresh, anyone aiming to achieve the National Participation Standards will be required to evidence that:

- Children and young people will have information that is good quality, clear and accessible. (Standard 1 – Information)
- Children and young people will have enough time and support if they choice to be involved. (Standard 2 – It's Your Choice)
- Children and young people have equal access to opportunities and will not face discrimination from anyone, especially because of their age. (Standard 3 – No Discrimination)
- Young people will feel that their views, ideas and experience are treated seriously. (Standard 4 – Respect)
- Young people can take part in activities that are safe, fun and enjoyable, so that they can reap the full benefits of being involved. (Standard 5 – Get something out of it)
- Young people will know how their views have been used to influence change and what will happen next. (Standard 6 – Feedback)
- Services will improve on the feedback they receive from young people and ensure that consultations and engagement are meaningful and purposeful. (Standard 7 – Working Better for you) (Young Wales, 2016)

Work is on-going with Young Wales staff to support Powys in getting set-up and prepared for the first of the inspections, to ensure standardisation with the rest of Wales currently participating in the scheme.

1.8 The **Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010** introduced in 2010 states that *'A local authority must make such arrangements as it considers suitable to promote and facilitate participation by children in decisions of the local authority which might affect them.'* (Welsh Government, 2010) this enshrines Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Welsh Law.

1.9 It is important to note that costs relating to the proposals outlined within this report would be covered through existing resources and would not require additional funding at this stage.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 Powys County Council agree and implement the pledge for ‘All Children & Young People in Powys’, to meet the action A33 of the original Children’s Services Improvement Plan 2018-19.
- 2.2 Implementation will mean services will have clear parameters of their duties when they plan, review and deliver services, to develop a deeper understanding on how proposals can impact on children and young people. Children & Young People can also understand how they will be treated and manage their expectations when accessing a service as services for children and young people will all be working within the same parameters.
- 2.3 The guidance, which can be found in the appendices, specially gives more details around the parameters within the Children’s Pledge, that can be used to inform its implementation within services. Support will also be available from the Participation Team to support any service looking to engage with children and young people.
- 2.4 The Children’s Pledge was offered out to public consultation, and in the interest of gathering a number of views, 41 letters were sent out to various stakeholders and young people’s organisations asking for their help in gathering views on the pledge. In total there were over 140 responses from a wide number of young people and professionals from across the county. Overall the original colour scheme and design wasn’t liked, but everyone agreed with the pledges that were made, however there was some concern from professionals that the language was too complex. From this the design of the Pledge has been altered to ensure it is more inclusive and appealing to the audience.
- 2.5 The majority agreed there should be some kind of monitoring process taking place every year against organisations who sign up to the Pledge and that we should possibly re-evaluate the Pledge in three years. If adopted, the team will look to develop a simple self-assessment so that the council and adopting organisations can understand how well it is doing.
- 2.6 A number of comments provided via the survey indicated that whilst people believe the Pledge is a good idea, there is scepticism that this will ultimately change nothing. A couple of professionals noted these are legal obligations placed upon the council under the current legislation. However, this is about embedding an ideology to promote best practice and continue to ensure we meet our duties and continue to raise the profile of children and young people across the breadth of the services the council delivers.

3. Options Considered / Available

3.1

	Option	Advantages	Disadvantage
1	Do nothing – Pledge is acknowledged, without adoption with no further work undertaken by the council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Quo is maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services’ understanding of the legal duties on the council remains sporadic with regards to listening to children and young people. • The council becomes non-compliant with the action plan, unless action is agreed that it is no longer applicable.
2	Adopt the Pledge – Pledge is adopted as is, with work commencing immediately on communicating the message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & Young People have an expectation of the services they receive. • The Council makes a public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some service areas may need to work on listening to children and young people, in a meaningful way.

	and issuing the relevant guidance.	<p>commitment to ensuring the voice of children and young people is listened to and respected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have a simple understanding of our legal obligations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council may be challenged on future decisions based on this Pledge. • Children & Young People may feel more empowered to complain about the services they receive.
3	Refer for further refinement – the Pledge is referred back to officers for refinement, without adoption. Specific feedback on areas for development to then be addressed and brought back to Cabinet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pledge undertakes further consultation so it is in a position which the council feels is more acceptable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This may alienate residents, staff and partners who have taken part in the process to get it to what is felt to be an acceptable position.

3.2 There will be little impact on efficiencies (positive or negative), as the Pledge aims to instil an ideology stemming from the ratification of the UNCRC in 1991, further refined twice by the Welsh Government in the Children & Families Measure 2010 and the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2016.

4. Preferred Choice and Reasons

4.1 The preferred choice is Option 2, Adopt the Pledge.

4.2 In order to achieve the action laid out in the Children’s Service Improvement Plan, the Pledge needs to be ‘adopted and implemented’. As such, without such a pledge in place, the council risks not being compliant with the current Children’s Services’ Improvement Plan.

4.3 To reiterate the reasons already specified in Section 3, adoption of the pledge will see greater transparency from within the council to young people and expectation of the services that young people receive placed upon the council, and parameters for understanding how we work with children and young people in a meaningful way placed upon officers and members. This is in line with the council’s values to be open and progressive.

4.4 If adopted, the Pledge will form part of the Children’s Rights training package currently being re-developed to commence from late quarter 4. The guidance attached to this paper will also be circulated and presentation made at the relevant meetings to help ensure everyone understand their obligations.

4.5 A communication plan will then be finalised to ensure the message of the Pledge is well communicated across the Council and all young people.

5. Impact Assessment

(Impact assessments are required whenever there is a policy change, change of objective or a budget saving)

5.1 Is an impact assessment required? Yes/No

5.2 If yes is it attached? Yes/No

6. Corporate Improvement Plan

6.1 Economy – Children and Young People will understand the type of county Powys is striving to be, and encourage them to return should they leave to raise a family and create jobs with potential business.

6.2 Health & Care – This Pledge is being adopted by Powys Teaching Health Board as well will see Powys being a place, which understands the expectations from children and young people and work hard to provide joined up care services and innovative environments in which young people receive the best possible services.

6.3 Learning & Skills – By setting the standards by which children and young people expect to receive services, it is important to note that the Pledge’s guidance clearly states what good information looks like and places as much emphasis on informal and non-formal learning as it does on formal learning.

6.4 Resident & Communities – By listening to children and young people and providing the parameters for ‘meaningful’ we create an environment in which it is understood what can and cannot be done and promote everyone having their voice heard and taking part in the democratic process.

6.5 The biggest risk to the council will be the pledge used as a form of challenge when decisions are made. This may result in legal action if reasonable grounds are found that we have not done what we have pledged.

7. **Local Member(s)**

7.1 There will be no effects on members. However, the Pledge does outline an expectation of engagement and service delivery review.

8. **Other Front Line Services**

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? No – not directly, the Pledge is about creating a culture, rather than changing practices and services.

If so please provide their comments

Whilst the pledge won’t impact on services it will create a culture that means when services are being reviewed they need to ensure the meaningfully engage in any decisions which might affect the lives of children and young people.

9. **Communications**

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes/No

Have they made a comment? If Yes insert here.

10. **Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

(Comments from Legal and Finance officers must be set out here along with comments from Corporate Property, HR and ICT if applicable)

10.1 Legal

10.2 Finance

10.3 Corporate Property (if appropriate)

10.4 HR (if appropriate)

10.5 ICT (if appropriate)

11. Scrutiny

To be completed by the report author

Has this report been scrutinised? Yes / No?

If Yes what version or date of report has been scrutinised?

Please insert the comments.

What changes have been made since the date of Scrutiny and explain why Scrutiny recommendations have been accepted or rejected?

11.1

12. Statutory Officers

(The views of both the Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) and the Monitoring Officer **must** be set out below)

13. Members' Interests

(To be completed by the Monitoring Officer)

The Monitoring Officer advises that Members may have an interest in this item if
or

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

14. Future Status of the Report

(This section must be completed if the report is a confidential/exempt report)

Members are invited to consider the future status of this report and whether it can be made available to the press and public either immediately following the meeting or at some specified point in the future.

The view of the Monitoring Officer is that:

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Adopt the Children's Pledge	To instil an ideology and make a public whole council commitment to the Children & Young People of Powys and ensure continued compliance with the Children's & Family Measure 2010.

Relevant Policy (ies):	N/A		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	All
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	Immediately.

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Appendix 1 – Children & Young People's Pledge – English & Welsh

Appendix 2 – Proposed Guidance to supplement the pledge.

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A PLEDGE TO ALL CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN POWYS
From day 1 to when you're 25 years old.



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We pledge to think about, and wherever possible act on your unique views, and situation to ensure that you get the best possible services and help.

Articles: 3, 6, 12, 14, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 39.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO LEARN.

We pledge to provide the resources and support for you to do the best you can.

Articles: 28, 29, 30.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE INFORMED.

We pledge to provide access information that is easy to understand.

Articles: 4, 13, 17, 42.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO HAVE MY PRIVACY RESPECTED.

We pledge not to ask for information that isn't directly relevant. We will put policies in place to protect your information.

Articles 16.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE SAFE.

We pledge to do everything we can to make sure you feel safe and protected from harm.

Articles: 6, 19, 20, 22, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE HEARD.

We pledge to give you opportunities where your voice can be heard, and your views are taken seriously.

Article 12.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO LEISURE AND PLAY.

We pledge to provide safe and clean environments, so that children of all ages are healthy and able to play.

Articles: 15, 31

IT IS MY RIGHT TO EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY.

We pledge to treat you fairly, regardless of your situation.

Articles: 14, 25, 27.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE HAPPY AND HEALTHY.

We pledge to offer you the support for you to lead a physically and mentally healthy life.

Articles: 6, 19, 20, 23, 24, , 33, 34 , 39



Question or Concerns? Contact: youth.participation@powys.gov.uk

ADDEWID I HOLL BLANT A PHOBL IFANC POWYS

O'r Ddwrnod cyntaf hyd nes byddwch yn 25 oed.



MAE GEN I HAWL I GAEL YR HYN SYDD ORAU I MI

Rydym yn addo meddwl am, a lle bo'n bosibl, gweithredu ynghylch eich barn a'ch sefyllfaoedd unigryw mewn bywyd a sicrhau eich bod chi'n cael y cymorth a'r gwasanaethau gorau.

Articles: 3, 6, 12, 14, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 39.

MAE GEN I HAWL I DDYSGU

Rydym yn addo darparu'r adnoddau a'r gefnogaeth i chi wneud y gorau y gallwch chi.

Articles: 28, 29, 30.

MAE GEN I HAWL I GAEL GWYBOD AM BETHAU

Rydym yn addo darparu mynediad at wybodaeth sy'n hawdd ei deal.

Articles: 4, 13, 17, 42.

MAE GEN I HAWL I GAEL EIN PREIFATRWYDD WEDI'I BARCHU

Rydym yn addo peidio â gofyn am wybodaeth nad yw'n uniongyrchol berthnasol a byddwn yn rhoi polisiau ar waith i ddiogelu'ch gwybodaeth

Articles 16.

MAE GEN I HAWL I FOD YN DDIOGEL

Rydym yn addo gwneud popeth a allwn i wneud yn siŵr eich bod chi'n teimlo'n ddiogel ac yn cael eich diogelu rhag niwed.

Articles: 6, 19, 20, 22, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38.

MAE GEN I HAWL I GAEL FY NGHLYWED

Rydym yn addo rhoi cyfleoedd i chi lle y gellir clywed eich llais a lle bydd eich barn yn cael ei chymryd o ddifrif

Article 12.

MAE GEN I HAWL I HAMDDEN A CHWARAE

Rydym yn addo darparu amgylcheddau diogel, glân, fel bod plant o bob oed yn iach ac yn gallu chwarae.

Articles: 15, 31

MAE GEN I HAWL I GYFLEOEDD CYFARTAL

Rydym yn addo eich trin yn deg waeth beth fo'ch sefyllfa

Articles: 14, 25, 27.

MAE GEN I HAWL I FOD YN HAPUS AC YN IACH

Rydym yn addo cynnig y gefnogaeth a'r cymorth i chi fyw bywyd iach yn gorfforol a meddyliol.

Articles: 6, 19, 20, 23, 24, , 33, 34 , 39



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A Pledge for all Children & Young People in Powys

The Guidance

This guidance is intended to help staff think about the most important needs of children and young people when planning, reviewing and delivering services. These pledges are not new or obscure ideas, but an ideology to be ingrained in working practises.

In the development of Powys becoming a children’s rights respecting authority, it is important to understand the most important needs to the children and young people of the county. Through consultation with children and young people and staff from across Powys County Council, Powys Teaching Health Board and the third sector, and information gathered through events such as the primary and secondary ‘Have Your Say Days’. The pledge was developed, to help us understand what we must do to meet the most important needs for our youngest and some of the most vulnerable residents.

For Powys to retain its best children and young people and its brightest children and young people, it must first understand their most important needs.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO ACCESS WHAT’S BEST FOR ME

We pledge to think about, and wherever possible act on your unique views, and situation to ensure that you get the best possible services and help.

- This is the underpinning pledge, everything we do from planning, delivering and reviewing services which might affect children & Young People should involve their views, as laid down in the Children’ & Families Measure (Wales) 2010.
- “In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken in public, private social welfare institutions, course of laws, administrative authorities or legislative authorities the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration” (Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, n.d.)

IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE INFORMED

We pledge to provide access information that is easy to understand

- In the course of their transition to adulthood, young people have to make certain decisions that will have a significant impact on their lives. Therefore, having equal access to quality and free information is a prerequisite for them to make use of their rights, to make responsible decisions and to participate in society in its social, economic and political dimensions. (eryica, n.d.)
- When consulting children & Young People they should be given enough information to make an informed decision, the decision should be ‘based on an understanding of the facts of the situation’. (Oxford University Press, n.d.)
- Information must be up-to-date, accurate, relevant, free, non-judgemental, reliable, unbiased, free from commercial, religious and political influence, giving an overview of the options and possibilities.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO HAVE MY PRIVACY RESPECTED

We pledge not to ask for information that isn’t directly relevant. We will put policies in place to protect your information.

- Children & Young People have a right to privacy (article 16). They are protected from attacks against their way of life, their good name, their families and their homes.
- This means when children and young people provide sensitive information this should be kept protected and not shared with anyone, including family, unless the relevant and necessary information has to be for their protection or the protection of others.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE HEARD

We pledge to give you opportunities where your voice can be heard, and your views are taken seriously.

- Under the Children & Families Measure 2010, 'A Local Authority must make such arrangements as it considers suitable to promote and Facilitate Participation by Children in decisions of the authority which might affect them'.
- This means when we plan, delivery and reviews services we should take into account the views of Children and Young People and how it will impact on them.
- To be done seriously engagement must be meaningful with output 'given due weight in accordance with age and maturity of the child' (Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, n.d.)

IT IS MY RIGHT TO LEISURE AND PLAY

We pledge to provide safe and clean environments, so that children of all ages are healthy and able to play.

- All Children and Young People have the right 'to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child' (Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, n.d.)
- Children & Young People should be able to access free play wherever they are in Powys, we should ensure that these areas are appropriate and safe by reporting concerns and do our bit to protect our environment.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE HAPPY AND HEALTHY

We pledge to offer you the support for you to lead a physically and mentally healthy life.

- All Children & Young People should have the 'enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of Health and to facilities for the treatment of illness and rehabilitation of health' (Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, n.d.).
- We should all ensure that what we do will not impact on child health, now or in the future and that we should provide children and young people with the tools at every opportunity to develop resilience to physical and mental ill-health.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

We pledge to treat you fairly, regardless of your situation.

- Everyone has a responsibility to stamp out discrimination of all-kinds to allow all children and young people to have the same opportunities in life as everyone else – no-one should be disadvantaged because of poverty, religion, ethnicity, beliefs, etc.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO BE SAFE

We pledge to do everything we can to make sure you feel safe and protected from harm.

- When planning, reviewing and delivering services we should make sure that these do not adversely affect young people in the short and long-term to ensure they can live a safe life free from harm from themselves and others.
- Everyone has a duty to report their concerns, from dangerous occurrences such as unsafe paths, to reporting safeguarding concerns.

IT IS MY RIGHT TO LEARN

We pledge to provide the resources and support for you to do the best you can.

- All Children & Young People have the right to education, that meets the required standard, which is free from harm and bullying – we should all ensure that this can be achieved.
- Everyone also have a responsibility to teach children and young people the skills they need to thrive in life, whatever our encounter we should use it to impart relevant and useful knowledge to the next generation.

For Further help and guidance please refer to Powys County Council's Children's Rights & Participation Team:

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Youth.Participation@powys.gov.uk

The team are happy to organise any training on Children's Rights and Participation, from general awareness raising to specialist up-skilling sessions.

The team can also help organisations understand their obligation to children and young people and help organise appropriate consultation and engagement methodology.

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Scrutiny date	Scrutiny Committee	Item	New Cttee?	Cab/Mgmt Team Date	Cab Date
2019					
4th Jan am	LSE	Funding Formula Review			
Mon 14/01/19 pm	HCH	PPD - deferred tbc Social Care Performance Children's Pledge	HC		
16/01/2019 pm	FSP	Corporate Asset Policy Budget 2019/20 update			
23/01/19??		Changes to Housing Allocation Scheme Ecoflex	ERCC		
Fri 18/01/19	LSE	Categorisation of schools - Briefing move to 27.02.19 School Major Improvement Programme - move to 11 Feb Digraph	LSC LSC		
E-scrutiny	LSE	Welsh Public Library Standards performance			
Tues 22 /01/18	Joint Chairs	CANCELLED			
Thur 31/01/19	PSB	Update on integrated social and health care staffing increase Update on Integrated disability service	HC HC		
Mon 04/02/19	HCH	CIW update on Inspection - Children's Services TBC Leaving the Care Service TBC Review of progress on foster carers strategy TBC	HC HC		
TBC	FSP	Feasibility Study Burial Services			
Mon 11/02/19 am	LSE	ERW tbc Standards, attendance and exclusion verified move to 050419 School Budgets School Major Improvements from 180119 to include capacity verification	LSC LSC		
Mon 11/02/19 pm	LSE briefing	School Improvement Workshop briefing			
Thurs 14/02/19	Audit	Corporate Support Services remodel Workforce Strategy and Plan	ERCC ERCC		
pm	Audit	WAO Training Session			
Mon 18/02/19	Joint Chairs				
Mon 25/02/19	HCH	Early Help/Edge of Care Participation and Voice	HC HC		

Fri 01/03/19	LSE	Youth Structure Review Home to School Transport, post 16 and Welsh Medium Post 16 Review Categorisation of schools from 18.01.19	LSC LSC LSC		
TBC	FSP				
Tue 19/03/19	Joint Chairs	DRAFT of Vision 2025: Our CIP (UPDATE 2019/20 – Proposed changes to CIP for 2019/20)	ERCC		
Mon 25/03/19	Audit	Gender Pay Report	ERCC		
Wed 03/04/19	HCH	Housing Association Development Children Looked After Permanence Health & Care Strategy – Statements of Intent	ERCC HC HC		
Fri 05/04/19	LSE	Support for children and families - early years Public Toilets Strategy BESD and PRU provision Specialist centre provision Stds, attendance and exclusion verified moved from 080219	LSC ERCC LSC LSC		
TBC	FSP				
Fri 12/04/19	Audit	Engagement and Communications Strategy TM Q4	ERCC Audit		
Mon 15/04/19	Joint Chairs				
Thurs 25/04/19	HCH	Improve housing choice availability incl extra care Supported housing (email round update to Members) Impact of Roll Out of Universal Credit on HRA	ERCC ERCC ERCC		
Fri 26/04/19	LSE	Proportion of revenue spend increase 2% 18/19 Review marketing opportunities and programme Check progress against removing barriers to employment Schools causing concern	ERCC ERCC ERCC LSC		
Mon 29/04/19	PSB	Developing integrated commissioning with PTHB - care homes	HC		
9/05/19	Audit	Annual Employment Monitoring Report	ERCC		

TBC	FSP				
14/05/2019	Joint Chairs	Annual Governance Statement			
		Final Vision 2025: Our CIP 2019/20 Update and Annual Report 2018/19	ERCC		
22/05/19 pm	HCH	Community Hubs Local Housing Market Assessment	HC ERCC		
24/05/2019	LSE	School Balances	LSC		
10/06/19	Audit (seminar)	Draft Statement of Accounts Annual Governance Statement	Audit Audit		
TBC	FSP	MTFS	FSP		
12/06/2019 pm	HCH	HRA New Build Programme Closer to Home	ERCC HC		
14/06/2019	LSE				
17/06/2019	Joint Chairs	Strategic Equality Plan - End of Year	ERCC		
03/07/2019	HCH	Community Transport service - progress Placement Sufficiency	HC HC		
05/07/2019	LSE				
TBC	FSP				
08/07/2019	Joint Chairs	Vision 2025: Our CIP Quarter 4 2018-19 Performance Report	ERCC		18/06/2019
15/07/2019	Audit	TM Review and Q1	Audit		
18/07/2019	PSB	Annual Report Wellbeing Plan	PSB		
TBC	FSP				
19/08/2019	HCH	Tenants Satisfaction Survey	ERCC		
23/08/2019	LSE		LSC		

30/08/2018	Audit Seminar	SoA	Audit		
06/09/2019	Audit Committee	Final Statement of Accounts Annual Governance Statement	Audit Audit		
TBC	FSP				
09/09/2019	HCH				
10/09/2019	Joint Chairs				
11/09/2019 (pm)	LSE	Inspection outcomes			
13/09/2019	Audit	Final Statement of Accounts Annual Governance Statement	Audit Audit		
01/10/2019	PSB				
TBC	FSP				
09/10/2019 pm	HCH	HRA Asset Management Strategy	ERCC		
11/10/2019	LSE	School Balances Standards (provisional)	LSC		
14/10/2019	Joint chairs				
15/10/2019	Audit				
31/10/2019	HCH				
01/11/2019	LSE	Standards, attendance, exclusions provisional Early years standards and provision	LSC LSC		
TBC	FSP				
11/11/2019	Audit				
18/11/2019	Joint Chairs				
28/11/2019 pm	HCH				

22/11/2019	LSE			
TBC	FSP			
11/12/2019	HCH			
13/12/2019	LSE			
16/12/2019	Joint Chairs			
19/12/2019	Audit			
2020				
Q1 2020	LSE	Proportion of revenue spend increase 2% 19/20 Assess effectiveness of marketing programme Check inward investment strategy and action plan	ERCC ERCC ERCC	
	HCH			
	Audit			
	Joint Chairs			
Q2 2020	LSE	Increase % of pupils assessed in Welsh in Year 2	LSC	
	HCH			
	Audit			
	Joint Chairs			

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