

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

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**REPORT TITLE:** Market Stability Report Social Services 2022

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**REPORT FOR:** Information

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1. To introduce the Market Stability Report for Social Services to Council Members. The report informs on developments in Children's and Adults Social Services, commissioned provider services and community services since 2017, identifying challenges in the market and proposals for actions to be taken in future years via the Area Plan and Commissioning strategies going forward.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. Section 144B of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 ('the 2014 Act') requires local authorities to prepare and publish market stability reports.
- 2.2. The primary audience for this document includes local authorities and Local Health Boards, in their role as statutory partners of RPBs. The document will, however, also be of interest to other partner agencies and sectors represented on RPBs, including the third sector, care and support providers, housing representatives, people who need care and support, and their families and carers.
- 2.3. The report is being submitted to the Council, the Health Board, the Regional Partnership Board and Welsh Government during July 2022.

**3. Advice**

- 3.1. Councillors are requested to consider and note the draft report. The final report will be published in bilingual format.

**4. Resource Implications**

- 4.1. There are no resource implications for the Council at this stage.

- 4.2. The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the content of the Market Stability Report and recognises the challenges detailed within the report. This assessment and its findings will provide the basis upon which we can develop our plans over the coming years and will inform the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

## **5. Legal implications**

- 4.3. The report is a requirement under the Code of Practice and Guidance under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 Code of Practice and guidance on the exercise of social services functions and partnership arrangements in relation to market stability reports. By producing and publishing this report Powys County Council discharges its duty under the regulations.
- 4.4. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

## **6. Data Protection**

- 6.1. This report does not require any data processing.

## **7. Impact Assessment**

- 7.1. A separate and comprehensive Equality Impact Assessment is available which has a detailed assessment demonstrating that no adverse impacts on protected groups have been identified and the overall assessment of the Market Stability Report is of a positive nature.

## **8. Recommendation**

- 8.1 For Council Members to consider and note the draft report.

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