



At: Gadeirydd ac Aelodau'r Pwyllgor
Archwilio Partneriaethau

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Fe'ch gwahoddir i fynychu cyfarfod y **PWYLLGOR ARCHWILIO PARTNERIAETHAU, DYDD IAU, 31 MAI 2012 am 9.30 am yn CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yn gywir iawn

G Williams
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democraidaidd

AGENDA

RHAN 1 – GWAHODDIR Y WASG A'R CYHOEDD I FOD YN BRESENNOL YN Y RHAN YMA O'R CYFARFOD

1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

2 PENODI IS-GADEIRYDD

Penodi Is Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau am y flwyddyn i ddod.

3 DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB

Yr Aelodau i ddatgan unrhyw ddi-ddordeb personol neu ragfarnol mewn unrhyw fusnes a nodir i'w ystyried yn y cyfarfod.

4 MATERION BRYD FEL Y'U CYTUNWYD GAN Y CADEIRYDD

Rhybudd o eitemau y dylid ym marn y Cadeirydd eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel mater o frys yn unol ag Adran 100(B)(4) o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

5 COFNODION Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF (Tudalennau 1 - 8)

Derbyn cofnodion y Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau a gynhaliwyd ddydd Iau 19 Ebrill 2012 (copi ynghlwm).

6 GWASANAETHAU CYMDEITHASOL CYNALIADWY: FFRAMWAITH GWEITHREDU A'R BIL GWASANAETHAU CYMDEITHASOL (Tudalennau 9 - 42)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Moderneiddio a Lles (copi ynghlwm) yn amlinellu'r newidiadau polisi a ddeddfwriaethol sy'n cael eu cynnig gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac a fydd yn effeithio ar ddarparu gwasanaethau cymdeithasol am y dyfodol rhagweladwy. Mae'r adroddiad hefyd yn gofyn am sylwadau'r Aelodau ar y newidiadau ac ar y cynigion sy'n cael eu datblygu ar gyfer rheoli darparu gwasanaethau yn y dyfodol.

9.45 a.m.

7 ADRODDIAD CYFARWYDDWR Y GWASANAETHAU CYMDEITHASOL I'R CYNGOR (Tudalennau 43 - 82)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Moderneiddio a Lles (copi ynghlwm) sy'n gofyn am sylwadau'r Pwyllgor ar hunan asesiad y cyngor o ofal cymdeithasol yn Sir Ddinbych ac yn amlinellu'r blaenoriaethau gwella ar gyfer 2012 / 13.

10.25 a.m.

EGWYL

8 NEWIDIADAU I RAGLEN RANBARTHOL A CHENEDLAETHOL CEFNOGI POBL (Tudalennau 83 - 112)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y rheolwr Cefnogi Pobl (copi ynghlwm) ar y newidiadau arfaethedig i'r Rhaglen Gefnogi Pobl yng Nghymru, ac i ymgynghori ar y cynigion dros dro, diwygiedig, ar gyfer sefydlu Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol Gwasanaethau Cefnogi Pobl.

11.10 a.m.

9 BWRDD RHANBARTHOL CEFNOGI POBL (Tudalennau 113 - 128)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Pennaeth Cynllunio Busnes a Pherfformiad (copi ynghlwm) sy'n amlinellu'r cynnydd at ffurfio Bwrdd Partneriaeth Ranbarthol Cymunedau Diogelach ac yn cyflwyno'r Cytundeb Partneriaeth diwygiedig i'r Bwrdd.

11.40 a.m.

10 RHAGLEN WAITH ARCHWILIO (Tudalennau 129 - 146)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cydlynnydd Archwilio (copi ynghlwm) yn gofyn am adolygu blaen raglen waith y pwyllgor ac yn rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i aelodau ar faterion perthnasol.

12.15p.m.

11 ADBORTH O GYNRYCHIOLWYR PWYLLGORAU

Derbyn yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf oddi wrth gynrychiolwyr Pwyllgorau gwahanol Fyrddau a Grwpiau'r Cyngor.

12.40p.m.

AELODAETH

Y Cynghorwyr

Brian Blakeley
Ann Davies
Meirick Davies
Peter Arnold Evans
Alice Jones

Pat Jones
Margaret McCarroll
Dewi Owens
Merfyn Parry
Bill Tasker

COPIAU I'R:

Holl Gynghorwyr er gwybodaeth
Y Wasg a'r Llyfrgelloedd
Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

PWYLLGOR ARCHWILIO PARTNERIAETHAU

Cofnodion cyfarfod o'r Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau a gynhaliwyd yn Ystafell Bwyllgora 1a, Neuadd y Sir, Rhuthun, Dydd Iau, 19 Ebrill 2012 am 9.30 am.

YN BRESENNOL

Y Cyngorwyr Gwyneth Kensler, Dewi Owens (Cadeirydd) a Jane Yorke.
Aelodau Cyfetholedig ar faterion addysg – Mrs Gill Greenland; Ms. D. Houghton; Dr Dawn Marjoram a Mr John Saxon.

HEFYD YN BRESENNOL

Y Cyngorwydd Meirick Lloyd Davies, Sally Ellis Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Demograffeg, Lles a Chynllunio; Wayne Wheatley Gweithiwr Cymdeithasol Addysg a Swyddog Diogelu Plant; Karen Evans Pennaeth Gwella Ysgolion a Chynhwysiad; Alan Smith Pennaeth Cynllunio Busnes a Pherfformiad; Carol Evans Swyddog Cynorthwyol Cynllunio a Pherfformiad

1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb oddi wrth y Cyngorwr(wyr) Raymond Bartley, Joan Butterfield, Ann Davies, Carl Davies, Christine Evans a/ac Neville Hughes

2 DATGAN BUDDIANNAU

Nid oedd dim datganiad o fudd personol neu fudd sy'n rhagfarnu wedi'i godi.

3 MATERION BRYD FEL Y'U CYTUNWYD GAN Y CADEIRYDD

Nid oedd dim materion bryd wedi'u codi.

4 COFNODION Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF

Cyflwynwyd cofnodion y Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau a gynhaliwyd ar 8^{fed} Mawrth 2012.

Materion yn Codi –

Tudalen 2 – Materion yn Codi (Tudalen 6 – Eitem Rhif 7 Y Cynllun Mawr) – Cadarnhaodd y Cydlynnydd Craffu, ar ran y Cyngorwydd Christine Evans, ei bod hi wedi ymateb i'r Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol. Roedd hyn yn dilyn ymateb a dderbyniwyd ynghylch darparu brechiadau HPV i fechgyn. Derbyniwyd llythyr o gydnabyddiaeth oddi wrth y Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn cadarnhau y byddai ateb llawn yn cael ei anfon allan o fewn 17 diwrnod gwaith.

Tudalen 3 – Eitem Rhif 5 Twristiaeth – Tynnodd Dr Dawn Marjoram, Aelod Cyfetholedig, sylw'r Pwyllgor at y ffaith nad oedd Safle Treftadaeth y Byd yn Nyffryn Dyfrdwy wedi'i grybwyll yn y Cynllun Rheoli Cyrchfannau a gyflwynwyd gan Gyfarwyddwr Strategaeth Ranbarthol Partneriaeth Twristiaeth Gogledd Cymru. Roedd Dr Marjoram yn gyfrannwr pwysig tuag at gael statws Safle Treftadaeth y Byd i'r ddyfrbont a'r gamlas yn Llangollen a chynigiodd ei harbenigedd ar y mater hwn os bydd angen.

Tudalen 4 – Eitem Rhif 5 Twristiaeth – Cyfeiriodd y Cadeirydd at y Cynghorydd Meirick Davies yn gofyn am gael gwybod beth sy'n digwydd ynghylch y cynnydd gyda'r mentrau cynlluniedig i annog siopwyr safle Tweedmill i ymweld â rhannau eraill o'r sir. Gofynnodd y Cadeirydd fod pob cynghorydd yn cael gwybod beth sy'n digwydd hefyd.

Tudalen 6 - Eitem Rhif 6 Newidiadau i'r Rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl Ranbarthol a Chenedlaethol - Rhoddodd y Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Demograffeg, Lles a Chynllunio (CC: DLICH) ddiweddariad. Nid oedd yr adroddiad ar gael ar gyfer y cyfarfod hwn gan nad oedd y mater wedi'i gwblhau ac roedd y newidiadau arfaethedig dal yn destun trafodaeth. Cadarnhaodd y Cydlynnydd Craffu fod adroddiad y Newidiadau i'r Rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl Genedlaethol wedi'i amserlennu yn y rhaglen waith ar gyfer mis Mai 2012.

Tudalen 9 – Eitem Rhif 9 Adolygiadau Gwasanaethau Strategol y GIG – Cododd y Dr Dawn Marjoram, Aelod Cyfetholedig, fater Hyfrydle. Gofynnodd am ddiweddariad ar y mater hwn gan nad oedd gwybodaeth wedi dod i'r fei. Dywedodd Dr Marjoram hefyd y byddai Hyfrydle ag angen caniatâd cynllunio. Cytunai'r Cadeirydd ac argymhellodd fod angen diweddariad ar Hyfrydle.

Tudalennau 10/11 - Eitem Rhif 10 Cwestiynau'r Aelodau - Yn dilyn cais y Cynghorydd Raymond Bartley am fwy o wybodaeth am yr archwiliadau iechyd blynyddol i bobl gydag anabledau dysgu, darllenodd y Cydlynnydd Craffu yn uchel ymateb a dderbyniwyd trwy ebost oddi wrth Gyfarwyddwr Strategaeth ac Ymgysylltu Cynorthwyol Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr, Sally Baxter. Byddai copi o'r ebost yn ei anfon allan at aelodau'r Pwyllgor er gwybodaeth iddynt.

PENDERFYNWYD yn amodol ar yr uchod, derbyn a chymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 8^{fed} Mawrth 2012 fel rhai cywir. Hefyd, oherwydd bod y ddau gyfarfod blaenorol heb gworwm, cadarnhawyd y cofnodion canlynol fel rhai cywir:-

- (a) Cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau a gynhaliwyd ar 26^{ain} Ionawr, 2012.*
- (b) Cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau Arbennig a gynhaliwyd ar 9^{fed} Chwefror, 2012.*

5 ARCHWILIAD BLYNYDDOL O DDIOGELU PLANT MEWN ADDYSG – FFRAMWAITH SICRHAU ANSAWDD

Cyflwynodd Arweinydd Tîm Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol Addysg (ATGCA) adroddiad (a gylchlythyrwyd yn flaenorol) yn diweddarau'r Pwyllgor ar weithgaredd diogelu o fewn addysg ac ar y cynllun gweithredu diogelu yr ymgwymerwyd ag ef mewn ymateb i adroddiad Cyngor Sir Benfro Medi 2011. Gofynnwyd i'r Pwyllgor am eu cymeradwyaeth a'u cefnogaeth i'r camau a gymerir yn y dyfodol i fynd i'r afael â'r meysydd gwan a glustnodwyd yn yr archwiliad blynyddol o ysgolion ac i fynd i'r afael â materion diogelu ar draws gwasanaethau.

Eglurodd ATGCA i'r Pwyllgor fod newidiadau arwyddocaol wedi digwydd yn ystod y 12 mis blaenorol yng Nghymru. Yn dilyn adroddiad Cyngor Sir Benfro (Medi 2011), a ddefnyddiwyd fel templed o feysydd sy'n peri pryder, codwyd materion at lefel Gweinidogol. Ysgrifennodd y Gweinidog at bob Awdurdod Lleol yn gofyn am i archwiliadau gael eu gwneud.

Mae pob atgyfeiriad yn cael ei gopïo'n awtomatig i'r ATGCA i'w archwilio. Os nad yw'r atgyfeiriad yn cael ei ystyried yn ddigon difrifol i gael ei drin gan yr Uned Diogelu, neu fod y rheswm dros yr atgyfeiriad yn aneglur, mae'r ATGCA yn cysylltu â'r ysgol i gael gwybod y rhesymau paham y gwnaed yr atgyfeiriad. Roedd rhaglen dreigl o hyfforddiant blynyddol yn cael ei darparu'n awr ar gyfer pob ysgol. Anfonir manylion staff sy'n methu mynychu hyfforddiant yn ôl i'r Pennaeth i sicrhau y gwneir yr hyfforddiant o fewn y flwyddyn ysgol.

Roedd prosiectau a gyflenwir drwy gyllid Cymorth ar ran yr Awdurdod Lleol hefyd wedi'u gwneud yn ymwybodol o bwysigrwydd materion diogelu a'r angen i ddatblygu polisïau diogelu. Roedd hyn wedi arwain at wneud archwiliad o bolisïau amddiffyn a diogelu plant yr asiantaethau.

Gan fod cyllid Cymorth yn dod i ben, eglurodd y Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol, Demograffeg, Lles a Chynllunio (CC: DLICH) y byddai contractau newydd a ddyfernir dan y fenter Teuluoedd yn Gyntaf yn pennu'r angen am brosesau AD i ddelio â materion amddiffyn plant ac y byddai diogelu'n ffurfio rhan o'r broses monitro contractau.

Cyhoeddodd Dr Dawn Marjoram, Aelod Cyfetholedig mai'i diddordeb arbenigol oedd plant gydag anghenion arbennig ac roedd plant anabl yn arbennig o agored i gael eu cam-drin. Gofynnodd Dr Marjoram a oedd staff sy'n gweithio mewn ysgolion anghenion arbennig a hefyd staff mewn ysgolion prif ffrwd, sy'n delio â phlant anghenion arbennig, yn derbyn hyfforddiant penodol, yn arbennig y staff hynny a oedd yn gofalu am blant gyda phroblemau cyfathrebu. Cadarnhaodd yr ATGCA fod yna staff gyda gwybodaeth arbenigol yn gweithio mewn ysgolion ac y byddent yn gallu adnabod unrhyw amgylchiadau a oedd yn achos pryder. Cyflëwyd yn y sesiynau hyfforddi nad cyfrifoldeb y staff yn unig oedd diogelu'r plant ond ei fod hefyd yn gyfrifoldeb yr Awdurdod Lleol, a oedd yn cynnwys llywodraethwyr ysgolion. Roedd gan y gwasanaethau allweddol o fewn Cyngor Sir Ddinbych yr wybodaeth berthnasol i ddelio â phroblemau.

Cadarnhaodd CC:DLICH fod y Cyd-Banel Asesu Risg yn cyfarfod ddwyaithe yr wythnos a bod cynrychiolwyr Addysg, Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, yr Heddlu ac Iechyd yn mynychu'r cyfarfodydd hyn. Roedd gwybodaeth yn cael ei chydgasglu ynghylch y math o gymorth y gall plentyn neu deulu fod â'i angen, fel y gallai tîm gael ei adeiladu o gwmpas y teulu i'w cefnogi.

Holodd Dr Marjoram os oedd plentyn o du allan i'r sir yn cael ei addysgu mewn ysgol yn Sir Ddinbych, sut fyddai hyn yn effeithio ar y broses? Eglurodd ATGCA fod yna system glir i ddelio â phlentyn o'r tu allan i Sir Ddinbych. Roedd disgwyliad gan y tîm rheoli y byddid yn cysylltu â'r Awdurdod Lleol, roedd hyn yn sicrhau bod Sir Ddinbych yn bod yn rhagweithiol ac nid yn adweithiol. Roedd y tîm rheoli wedi mynychu hyfforddiant Lefel 2 yn ddiweddar er mwyn mwyhau ymwybyddiaeth yn cynnwys pan fyddir yn penodi cynrychiolwyr i gyrff llywodraethol.

Eglurhaodd ATGCA fod yr archwiliad yn cael ei gyflwyno i'r Bwrdd Diogelu Plant. Yn dilyn cyfarfod y Bwrdd, roedd unrhyw broblemau'n cael eu hymgorffori wedyn o fewn y rhaglen hyfforddi.

Cwestiynodd y Cynghorydd Gwilym Evans y system TG a oedd yn ei lle ar hyn o bryd a pha un a oedd yn ddigonol i ddelio â'r problemau fel y bônt yn codi. Eglurhaodd ATGCA petai problem yn codi ynghylch y system TG, mai rhyngwyneb arall fyddai cysylltu dros y ffôn. Roedd gan bob ysgol rifau cysylltu ar gyfer Gwasanaethau Plant i alluogi atgyfeiriad llafar. Felly, ni fyddai problemau gyda'r system TG yn achosi unrhyw oedi yn yr atgyfeirio.

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Roedd hyfforddiant yn cael ei ddarparu hefyd ar gyfer staff Hebryngwyr Croesfannau Ysgol, a oedd wedi'i addasu'n arbennig i gwrdd â'u hanghenion, a staff Gwasanaeth Cerdd Ysgol William Mathias yng Nghonwy a Sir Ddinbych. Mae rheolwyr a staff Canolfannau Hamdden wedi cael hyfforddiant. Roedd staff y Gwasanaeth leuenctid i fod i gael hyfforddiant o fewn y mis nesaf. Holodd John Saxon, Aelod Cyfetholedig, a oedd Penaethiaid yn derbyn hyfforddiant ychwanegol. Cadarnhaodd ATGCA fod Penaethiaid yn derbyn hyfforddiant lefel 1 a lefel 2 hefyd. Roedd hyfforddiant Lefel 1 a 2 yn rhoi ymwybyddiaeth ehangach o ddiogelu o amgylch ysgolion, e.e. staffio, recriwtio, AD a lles plant.

Cafwyd trafodaeth ynghylch cludiant ysgol a hebryngwyr. Cadarnhaodd ATGCA fod ei staff yn gweithio'n agos â'r Adran Drwyddedu. Gofynnodd Dr Marjoram a oedd strwythur yn ei le ar gyfer hebryngwyr ac os felly, y dylai fod yn ei le ar gyfer gyrwyr tacsis/bysus ysgol hefyd. Cadarnhaodd ATGCA fod gyrwyr tacsî, wedi'u trwyddedu gyda Sir Ddinbych, yn cael archwiliad CRB manylach. Roedd archwiliadau CRB yn cael eu gwneud ar bob gyrrwr bws hefyd gan yr Adran Cludiant Teithwyr. Hefyd os oedd yna yrrwr tacsî gwaharddedig o sir arall, byddai'r wybodaeth yma'n cael ei hanfon ymlaen gan sicrhau nad oedd y gyrrwr gwaharddedig yn gallu gweithio mewn sir arall. Roedd prosesau o'r fath i'w gwneud yn fwy trwyadl a chadarn ar ôl cyhoeddi Gweithdrefnau Amddiffyn Plant Cymru Gyfan. Holodd y Cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Dewi Owens, ynghylch gyrwyr tacsî sy'n gweithio heb hebryngwr ysgol. Eglurhaodd ATGCA nad oedd hi'n orfodol i hebryngwyr ysgol fynd gyda phob plentyn sy'n teithio mewn tacsî.

Gofynnodd John Saxon, aelod Cyfetholedig a oedd pob bws/coetsh ysgol wedi'u ffitio â chamerau. Nid oedd ATGCA yn gwbl siŵr ynghylch y pwynt hwn ac awgrymodd y dylid gofyn am eglurhad gan Reolwr Adran Cludiant Teithwyr i gael gweld a oedd hynny'n wir. Awgrymodd Dr. Marjoram hefyd fod angen edrych i mewn i blentyn yn diogelu plentyn ar gludiant ysgol.

Cadarnhaodd ATGCA i'r Pwyllgor ei bod yn rhaid i bob ysgol ymgymryd ag archwiliad blynyddol, ym mha un yr oedd 127 o gwestiynau ag angen ymatebion. Roedd yr wybodaeth yma'n cael ei hanfon at ATGCA, a oedd yn archwilio'r wybodaeth wedyn. Fe wnaeth y Pwyllgor:

BENDERFYNU yn amodol ar y sylwadau uchod:

- (a) *nodir camau a gymerwyd hyd yn hyn i fynd i'r afael â materion diogelu ar draws gwasanaethau, a chymeradwyo camau yn y dyfodol i fynd i'r afael â'r meysydd gwan a glustnodwyd yn yr archwiliad blynyddol o ysgolion i fynd i'r afael â materion diogelu ar draws gwasanaethau; a*
- (b) *gofyn i lywodraethwyr ysgolion fonitro'n rheolaidd fod gan holl staff a gwirfoddolwyr eu hysgol archwiliadau diogelu cyfredol perthnasol yn eu lle a'u bod wedi cael yr hyfforddiant diogelu sy'n berthnasol i'w swydd.*

6 DARPARU CERDDORIAETH MEWN YSGOLION

Cyflwynodd Pennaeth Gwella Ysgolion a Chynhwysiant (PGYCh) adroddiad (a gylchlythyrwyd yn flaenorol) i ddiweddarau'r Aelodau ac i ennill cefnogaeth barhaus i gynnydd y Grŵp Gorchwyl a Gorffen cydweithredol i ddatblygu cynigion mewn perthynas â darparu addysg gerddorol mewn ysgolion, neu fel arall gynigion Sir Ddinbych i ddarparu addysg gerddorol.

Amlinellodd PGYCh yr adroddiad ac eglurodd gyd-destun a hanes darparu cyllid ar gyfer cerddoriaeth mewn ysgolion.

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O ran y cyfle ar gyfer cerddoriaeth i bob myfyriwr, yn hanesyddol, roedd cyllideb ar gael i ysgolion i gael at ddarpariaeth gan Ganolfan Gerdd William Mathias (CGWM). Roedd pryder wedi'i godi gan rai ysgolion ynghylch sut oedd y cyllid hwnnw wedi'i ddosbarthu. Roedd cyllid yn cael ei ddirprwyo o fformiwla hy poblogaeth o fewn yr ysgol a chanran y myfyrwyr sy'n derbyn prydau ysgol am ddim. Os oedd niferoedd mwy o blant yn gofyn am fynediad at addysg gerddorol, byddai rhaid i naill ai ysgolion neu rieni wneud cyfraniad. Bu problem oherwydd anghysondebau ynglŷn â thaliadau rhieni. Teimlid hefyd na ddylai rhai ysgolion fod yn rhoi cymhorthdal o'u cyllideb pan nad oedd ysgolion eraill yn gwneud defnydd o'r

cyfleuster hwn. Oherwydd yr anghysondebau hyn, roedd angen ateb tymor hir cynaliadwy.

Roedd myfyrwyr eithriadol o dalentog yn Sir Ddinbych ond roedd angen i fyfyrwyr gael eu cydnabod a'u hannog beth bynnag oedd eu gallu cerddorol. Roedd cyfradd dderbyn cerddoriaeth yn cael ei monitro ac offerynnau cerdd yn cael eu darparu. Enghraifft o fuddsoddiad mawr oedd Ysgol Christchurch yn Y Rhyl. Roedd yr ysgol mewn ardal o amddifadedd ond roedd hi'n bwysig annog plant iau i mewn i gerddoriaeth. Roedd yn holl-bwysig fod y gyllideb yn cael ei defnyddio yn y ffordd orau bosibl.

Hysbysodd Dr Dawn Marjoram, Aelod Cyfetholedig, y Pwyllgor fod cerddoriaeth, mewn perthynas ag ysgolion arbennig, yn cael ei thrin fel therapi. Fodd bynnag, roedd rhai cyflawniadau nodedig ym maes addysg gerddorol mewn ysgolion arbennig. Eglurodd PGYCh, o ran annog ysgolion i gyfranogi, nad oedd dim gwahaniaethu rhwng ysgolion prif ffrwd ac ysgolion arbennig, roedd cydraddoldeb yn cael ei sicrhau. O ran gwir weithgaredd cwricwlaidd ynglŷn â cherddoriaeth fel therapi, roedd hyn yn fater hollol wahanol.

Holodd John Saxon, aelod Cyfetholedig, a oedd unrhyw gymorth i rieni a oedd yn dymuno prynu offerynnau. Cadarnhaodd PGYCh fod yna gynllun hurio gydag opsiwn i brynu. Roedd yna bobl a oedd wedi cymryd rhan yn y cynllun yn llwyddiannus.

Roedd y contract gyda William Mathias yn cael ei adnewyddu bob blwyddyn ac roedd yn galluogi'r Cyngor i fonitro ansawdd y gwasanaeth a ddarperir. Roedd hefyd yn galluogi'r Cyngor i ddarparu addysg gerddorol trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Ar hyn o bryd roedd gan Sir Ddinbych, Gwynedd, Ynys Môn a Chonwy gontractau gyda Williams Mathias, tra bod gan Sir y Fflint a Wrecsam eu hatebion eu hunain. Ar hyn o bryd roeddid yn ceisio ateb ledled Gogledd Cymru a dyma oedd ffocws y Grŵp Gorchwyl a Gorffen a gadeiriwyd gan Bennaeth Statudol Gwasanaethau Addysg Conwy. Fe wnaeth y Pwyllgor:

BENDERFYNU:

- (a) *parhau i gefnogi'r gwaith sy'n mynd ymlaen mewn perthynas â datblygu cerddoriaeth o fewn y Sir;*
- (b) *cefnogi'r cynigion ar gyfer yr adolygiad ehangach o gyllido darpariaeth cerddoriaeth yn Sir Ddinbych; a*
- (c) *bod canfyddiadau Grŵp Gorchwyl a Gorffen Cerddoriaeth Gogledd Cymru i'w hadrodd i'r Pwyllgor maes o law.*

Yn y fan hon (10.55am) torrodd y cyfarfod am egwyl lluniaeth.

RHAN 1

11.05am Yn y fan hon, gadawodd yr Aelodau Cyfetholedig y cyfarfod.

Rhoddodd y Cadeirydd wybod bod y cyfarfod heb gworwm o'r fan yma oherwydd nad oedd digon o aelodau'r Pwyllgor yn bresennol. Cytunwyd i fynd ymlaen â'r cyfarfod ar y sail fod unrhyw argymhellion i'w cadarnhau yng nghyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor.

7 PECYN CYMORTH LLYWODRAETHU'R BARTNERIAETH

Cyflwynodd Pennaeth Cynllunio Busnes a Pherfformiad (PCBPh) a'r Swyddog Cynllunio a Pherfformiad Cynorthwyol (SCPhC) adroddiad ar y cyd (a gylchlythyrwyd yn flaenorol) ynghylch Pecyn Cymorth Llywodraethu Partneriaeth y Cyngor. Y Pwyllgor Llywodraethu Corfforaethol oedd wedi gofyn am y pecyn cymorth mewn ymateb i adolygiad Gwasanaethau Archwilio Mewnol y Cyngor Sir ar Lywodraethu Partneriaethau ym mis Tachwedd 2011. Daethpwyd â'r Pecyn Cymorth i'r Pwyllgor fel rhan o'r broses ymgynghori. Roedd y Pecyn Cymorth yn manylu ar sut y gellid gwneud gwelliannau i'r fframwaith a'r trylwyredd o'i gwmpas. Roedd cyfnod helaeth o ymgynghori ar fynd ar gogyfer â sylwadau ac awgrymiadau ar gyfer y fframwaith drafft. Roedd y cyfnod ymgynghori i ddod i ben ar ddiwedd Ebrill, 2012.

Gwnaeth y Cynghorydd Gwilym Evans y sylw fod rhywfaint o gynnwys y Pecyn Cymorth yn bodoli'n barod o fewn y Cyfansoddiad. Dywedodd y Cynghorydd Evans hefyd fod angen i'r Pecyn Cymorth fod yn fwy cryno. Byddai Aelodau newydd eu hethol yn derbyn llawer iawn o ddeunydd darllen, felly byddai dogfen fyrrach yn haws i'w chymryd i mewn.

Cytunwyd bod y Pecyn Cymorth yn ddogfen hirfaith ac y gallai hwyrach fod yn fwy cryno, a fyddai'n ei gwneud yn fwy cyfeillgar.

Cadarnhaodd PCBPh y byddai Cofrestr Partneriaethau'n cael ei diweddarau bob blwyddyn. Byddid yn cysylltu â phob un o'r Partneriaethau bob blwyddyn, ac wedi hynny byddai'r gofrestr yn cael ei diweddarau.

Tynnodd CC:DLICH at sylw PCBPh fod Cydweithrediad, y Compact a diogelu i gyd yn risgiau mawr ond nad oedd yn ymddangos fod y matrices arwyddocâd yn adlewyrchu'r lefel briodol o risg iddynt ac y dylid, felly, roi sylw i hyn. Awgrymodd y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler fod diffiniad o beth yw Partneriaethau a beth yw Cydweithrediad i'w lunio. Gwnaeth PCBPh y sylw fod Partneriaethau a Chydweithrediad yn gorgyffwrdd ambell dro. Fe wnaeth y Pwyllgor:

BENDERFYNU yn amodol ar fod yr argymhellion uchod yn cael sylw, cymeradwyo'r Pecyn Cymorth Llywodraethu Partneriaethau drafft a'r Atodlen Weithredu sy'n mynd gydag ef.

8 RHAGLEN WAITH CRAFFU

Cyflwynodd y Cydlynnydd Craffu adroddiad (a gylchlythyrwyd yn flaenorol) yn gofyn am farn yr Aelodau ar ddarpar raglen waith y Pwyllgor ac yn rhoi diweddariad ar faterion perthnasol. Roedd Blaenraglen Waith ddrafft (Atodiad 1); Blaenraglen Waith y Cabinet (Atodiad 2); a Chynnydd gyda Phenderfyniadau'r Pwyllgor (Atodiad 3) wedi'u rhoi ynghlwm wrth yr adroddiad.

Cododd y Cydlynnydd Craffu fater eitem a oedd wedi'i threfnu'n amodol yn y rhaglen waith ar gyfer y cyfarfod ar 31^{ain} Mai ar y Prosiect Gofal Cartref Cydweithredol gyda Chyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy. Roedd gwaith ymchwiliol i'r maes arbennig hwn wedi datgelu nad oedd dim cyfleoedd yn bodoli ar hyn o bryd ar gyfer cydweithredu, gan fod meysydd pwysau bob sir yn wahanol ac felly nid oeddynt yn eu cynnig eu hunain i unrhyw fath o gontractio bloc. Cytunwyd na fyddai'r eitem hon yn cael ei chynnwys ar yr Agenda ar gyfer cyfarfod yr 31^{ain} Mai. Awgrymodd Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Demograffeg, Lles a Chynllunio (CC:DLICH) fod darparu gofal cartref mewn ardaloedd gwledig a chyfleoedd posibl i gydweithredu gydag awdurdodau lleol eraill yn y maes hwn i'w hystyried mewn cyfarfod i ddod. Cadarnhaodd y Cydlynnydd Craffu y byddai hi'n codi'r mater gyda Phennaeth Gwasanaethau Oedolion a Busnes.

Gofynnodd y Cynghorydd Gwyneth Kensler fod Hyfrydle i'w roi ar raglen waith y dyfodol i'w ystyried. Awgrymodd y Cydlynnydd Craffu y gall fod yn fwy buddiol yn y lle cyntaf i adroddiad "gwybodaeth" gael ei ddarparu cyn cyfarfod mis Mai.

Cyfeiriodd y Cydlynnydd Craffu at Raglen Y Rhyl yn Symud Ymlaen. Roedd wedi'i gytuno y dylai pob un o'r tair prif ffrwd waith (ffrwd waith Manwerthu a Chanol y Dref; ffrwd waith Twristiaeth a Llain yr Arfordir a'r Strategaeth ar gyfer Gorllewin Y Rhyl) gael eu cyfeirio at y Pwyllgor Craffu Cymunedau i'w trafod.

Cododd y Cynghorydd Gwilym Evans fater Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-Gadeiryddion Craffu. Bu'r Grŵp yn cynnal cyfarfodydd am y 12 mis blaenorol, ond nid oedd dim cofnodion ar gael. Cadarnhaodd Cydlynnydd Craffu y byddai hi'n chwilio i mewn i hyn.

Cyfeiriodd CC:DLICH at Raglen Waith Craffu Cymunedau i ddod ble'r oedd eitem ar gyfer cyfarfod mis Hydref "Trafnidiaeth Gyhoeddus o fewn y Sir (yn cynnwys TAITH a thrafnidiaeth wledig)". Roedd y Cyfarwyddwr o'r farn y dylai'r eitem hon gael ei hystyried gan y Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau mewn gwirionedd. Ymrwymodd y Cydlynnydd Craffu i godi'r mater yng Ngrŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-Gadeiryddion Craffu yr wythnos ganlynol. Ymrwymodd hi hefyd i edrych pryd fyddai'r cynigion ar gyfer Bwrdd Cymunedau Diogelach Gogledd Cymru yn debygol o fod ar gael i'w hystyried a phryd fyddai'r Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol mewn sefyllfa i fynychu cyfarfod o'r Pwyllgor.

PENDERFYNWYD yn amodol ar y diwygiadau a'r ceisiadau uchod, cymeradwyo'r Rhaglen Waith.

9 ADBORTH GAN GYNRYCHIOLWYR PWYLLGORAU

Nid oedd dim adroddiadau gan gynrychiolwyr Pwyllgorau wedi'u derbyn.

Estynnodd y Cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Dewi Owens, ei ddiolch i'r Cynghorydd Gwilym Evans am ei holl gyfraniad a gwaith yn ystod ei amser fel cynghorydd sir.

Ar ran yr Aelodau estynnodd y Cynghorydd Jane York ei diolch i'r Cydlynnydd Craffu am ei gwaith caled a'i chefnogaeth dros y 4 blynedd ddiwethaf.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 12.00 pm

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

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| Yn Adrodd i: | Pwyllgor Archwilio Partneriaethau |
| Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: | 31 Mai 2012 |
| Swyddog Arweiniol: | Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Moderneiddio a Lles |
| Awdur yr Adroddiad: | Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Moderneiddio a Lles |
| Teitl: | Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Cynaliadwy: Fframwaith Gweithredu a'r Bil Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Cymru) . |

1. Ynghylch beth mae'r adroddiad?

Mae'r adroddiad, trwy'r atodiadau, yn egluro'r prif newidiadau polisi a deddfwriaethol a gynigir gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac a fydd yn effeithio ar ddarparu gwasanaethau cymdeithasol yn y dyfodol rhagweladwy. Mae darparu trwy bartneriaethau'n nodwedd graidd y cynigion.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros wneud yr adroddiad hwn?

2.1 Codi ymwybyddiaeth aelodau'n o'r newidiadau arfaethedig sy'n cael eu cynnig yn y ddogfen 'Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Cynaliadwy:

Fframwaith Gweithredu a'r Bil Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Cymru)

2.2 Gofyn am awgrymiadau ynghylch y sylwadau y gallai Sir Ddinbych eu mynegi ynghylch yr adroddiad ymgynghorol ar y Bil.

2.3 Gofyn am farn aelodau ynghylch y Bwrdd Moderneiddio'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol arfaethedig i symud y datblygiadau allweddol yn eu blaen yn Sir Ddinbych.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

3.1 Fod yr aelodau'n cyflwyno sylwadau ar y darpariadau sy'n cael eu cynnig yn y Bil Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Cymru)

3.2 Fod yr aelodau'n cyflwyno sylwadau ar y cynnig i sefydlu Bwrdd Moderneiddio'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Sir Ddinbych.

4. Manylion yr Adroddiad

4.1 Mae'r cyflwyniad sydd ynghlwm fel Atodiad 1 yn crynhoi cynnwys dogfen bolisi fawr Llywodraeth Cymru 'Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Cynaliadwy: Fframwaith Gweithredu' a'r cynigion sydd yn y Bil Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Cymru). Gyda'i gilydd maen nhw'n cyflwyno agenda radical ar gyfer trawsffurfio'r gwasanaethau cymdeithasol yng Nghymru. Gwireddu'r agenda hon yw craidd Contract 2 yn y Compact am Newid.

4.2 Cafodd dogfen ymgynghorol ar y Bil Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Cymru) ei chyflwyno gyda dyddiad cau ar 1af Mehefin 2012. Mae'n cynnig cyfle i aelodau gyfrannu at ymateb llywodraeth leol. Mae briff Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru ar y cynigion ar gael i aelodau fel Dogfen Gefndir.

4.3 Mae llawer o'r cynigion yn 'Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Cynaliadwy: Fframwaith Gweithredu' a'r Bil yn rhagdybio y bydd Cynghorau'n darparu gwasanaethau mewn partneriaeth – un ai drwy cydweithio'n agos gyda gwasanaethau eraill yn y Cyngor, gyda'r Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol, Cynghorau eraill neu gyda'r sectorau cymunedol, gwirfoddol ac annibynnol. Mae'r siart yn Atodiad 2 yn dangos y strwythurau ar hyn o bryd ar gyfer gwaith rhyng asiantaeth, is ranbarthol a rhanbarthol.

4.4 Bydd rhai materion angen sylw penodol gan Sir Ddinbych, efallai oherwydd bod angen ysgogiad penodol neu fod cyfleoedd penodol yn codi. Awgrymir sefydlu Bwrdd Moderneiddio'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Sir Ddinbych, ar gyfer Gwasanaethau Plant, Oedolion a busnes, i oruchwylio'r gwaith yma. Bydd yna rai meysydd gwaith sylweddol yn gyffredin gyda moderneiddio'r cyngor yn gyffredinol ac mae'r Siart yn Atodiad 2 yn dangos hynny.

5 Sut y bydd y penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Mae strategaeth effeithlonrwydd y Cyngor yn rhagdybio y bydd gwasanaethau'n cael eu darparu mewn ffyrdd gwahanol sy'n fwy cost effeithiol ond heb gyfaddawdu ar ansawdd. Y nod yw dal i ddarparu gwasanaethau da i drigolion er bod llai o adnoddau ar gael. Mae hyn yn amcan allweddol i'r gwasanaethau cymdeithasol, sy'n gweld y gofyn am wasanaethau'n cynyddu'n sylweddol, yn enwedig oherwydd bod y boblogaeth yn heneiddio. Mae agenda Moderneiddio'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn gobeithio rheoli'r gofyn, yn rhannol trwy gysylltiad ehangach â'r gymuned a'r gwasanaeth. Mae hynny hefyd yn cyd-fynd yn dda gyda blaenoriaeth y Cyngor o fod yn 'agos at ei gymuned'.

6. Beth fydd y gost a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Mae'r cyflwyniad ynghlwm, a briff Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru, yn dangos fod problemau arwyddocaol yn codi o Asesiad Effaith Llywodraeth Cymru

ar y newidiadau arfaethedig. Ymddengys mai byrdwn dadl y ddogfen ymgynghori yw y bydd y newidiadau'n talu amdanyn eu hunain gan y bydd ymyrraeth gynnar yn lleihau'r angen, neu na fydd cymaint o angen, yn nes ymlaen. Fodd bynnag, er bod gennym dystiolaeth leol y gallai modelau gwasanaeth newydd, yn seiliedig ar ymyrraeth gynnar (e.e. gofal ychwanegol, ail alluogi, cefnogaeth ddwys i deuluoedd) lwyddo i ostwng neu ohirio'r lefel o wasanaeth sydd ei angen, gweithred o ffydd yw'r syniad y bydd y strategaeth hon yn arwain at wasanaethau cymdeithasol 'cynaliadwy'.

Mae'r dyletswyddau newydd ynghylch 'phobl mewn angen' yn y Bil yn berthnasol i lywodraeth leol yn gyffredinol ac nid i'r gwasanaethau cymdeithasol yn unig. Ac felly, mae'n debyg y bydd gofynion ychwanegol ar wasanaethau megis Tai, Hamdden, Gwasanaethau'r Cwsmer, Cludiant, Cefn Gwlad ac Addysg i gefnogi lles 'pobl mewn angen'.

7 Pa ymgynghori a wnaed?

Mae ymgynghoriad cenedlaethol ar y Bil Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Cymru) ar hyn o bryd a bydd cyrff proffesiynol a chyrff gwahanol sectorau'n cyflwyno sylwadau. Mae Timoedd Rheoli'r Gwasanaethau Plant ac Oedolion a Busnes Sir Ddinbych wedi trafod y cynigion deddfwriaethol a hefyd y rhai i sefydlu Bwrdd i yrru'r gwaith yn Sir Ddinbych. Cafodd dogfen ymgynghori'r Bil ei gosod ar y fewnryd i alluogi staff i gyflwyno sylwadau. Rhoddwyd cyflwyniad i'r Uwch Dîm Arweinyddiaeth a chafodd adroddiad yn cynnig sefydlu Bwrdd Moderneiddio'r Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol ei drafod gan y Tîm Rheoli Corfforaethol ar 14 Mai.

8. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Bydd cost ynghlwm â'r Fframwaith a'r Bil, fodd bynnag mae'n rhy gynnar i'w meintoli ar hyn o bryd. Er enghraifft, mae'r Bil yn awgrymu y gellid symud arian o gwmpas y system i gyllido gwasanaethau mwy ataliol ac ystod ehangach o wasanaethau lles, ond damcaniaeth yn unig yw hyn heb gynnig unrhyw enghreifftiau penodol. Hefyd, mae'n debyg y byddai cynigion eraill yn cynyddu costau, megis meini prawf cymhwysedd cenedlaethol, gwell cefnogaeth i ofalwyr, cofrestru gweithlu ac ymestyn rheoleiddio. Y cwestiwn allweddol yw a ellid adfer y costau ychwanegol yn genedlaethol trwy fuddsoddi mewn mesurau ataliol ac eraill. Gallai'r effaith ar awdurdodau lleol o ran cyllid a darparu gwasanaeth fod yn arwyddocaol.

9. Pa risgiau sydd ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Y prif risgiau ar yr adeg yma yw:

- Adnoddau i ddarparu - fel y dangosir ym mharagraff 6. Bydd yn bwysig dal i wasgu ar Lywodraeth Cymru am gydnabyddiaeth ddigonol o hyn.

- Lywodraethu. Mae'r Bil yn cynnig set gymhleth o berthnasau cenedlaethol, rhanbarthol a lleol i sicrhau darpariaeth. Bydd yn rhaid deall yn iawn sut y bydd y rhain yn gweithio, a hefyd yn parchu cymryd penderfyniad democratiaid lleol.
- Ymdrin yn lleol â graddfa'r agenda. Bydd y Fframwaith arfaethedig a'r bil yn newid mawr yn yr agenda ar adeg pan mae heriau pellgyrhaeddol i wasanaethau wrth geisio cyfarfod a'r galw o ddydd i ddydd. Bydd hyn yn gofyn am gynllunio gofalus ac am rannu'r gwaith yn ôl disgyblaeth rheoli prosiect.

10. Yr Hawl i Benderfynu

Erthygl 6.3 o Gyfansoddiad Cyngor Sir Ddinbych.

A2 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 - mae gan y Cyngor hawl i wneud unrhyw beth y mae'n ei ystyried sy'n debyg o hyrwyddo neu wella lles cymdeithasol yr ardal.

11. Swyddog cyswllt:

Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Moderneiddio a Lles
Ffôn : 01824 706149

Modernising Social Services- the package

Sustainable Social Services- a
Framework for Action (2011) and the
Social Services (Wales) Bill 2012

Sustainable Social Services: A Framework for Action: background

- No Social Services White Paper since 1999
- Social Services is big business and growing- 11.5 million hours of home care delivered each year; 70,000 staff, £1.4bn net expenditure by LAs in Wales
- In general, notable story of improvement over last 10 years in: profile, leadership, range of services, innovation, collaboration, workforce competence and confidence, measures of user satisfaction (eg evidenced in Chief Inspector reports)

Challenges

- BUT in general (not necessarily in Denbighshire)
- Higher spend/head than in England
- Balance of care shift from institutional to community based slower
- Variability in quality
- Service delivery model has been national strategic framework driven locally- not fast enough?

Challenges continued

- PLUS changing social context
 - families
 - communities
 - voice and control
 - rights
 - fragmentation

And DEMOGRAPHY, demand and resources,
inconsistency = UNSUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable Social Services: a Framework for Action

- Agreed by WG Cabinet- high profile collective commitment reflected in “A Programme for Government”
- Consistent with strategic direction for public services in Wales

Some new “gamechanging” principles

- A strong voice and real control for service users. Co-production, service user led services, social enterprises
- Mutuality- social services is about us, not them and is not a safety net service
- Recovery, restoration and reablement- children and families as well as adults
- Simplicity- being able to find out about getting help in the most straightforward way possible
- *Good principles. Will they deliver sustainability? Significant act of faith*

What will be different? (1)

- “New accord” between national, regional and local (Simpson/Compact context)
- New structures- National Partnership Forum, National Leadership Group, driving progress nationally and via regional collaboratives. Risk of democratic deficit
- “Local government” action plan required- 1st iteration by March 2012, detailed and costed by October 2012 (via WLGA/ADSS)

What will be different (2)

- Major emphasis on collaboration- Directors across more than one area, regional footprint
- Integration within local government
- Major profile for integrated multi-sector delivery- frail older people, families with complex needs
- National Outcomes Framework and standards for social services
- Citizen centred services- getting it right first time, “personalisation”
- *Obvious links to Denbighshire priorities- customer experience, closer to the community*

What will be different (3)

- Simpler access to information- integrated information and advice services
- National eligibility framework and portable assessment of need for adult social care
- Realising the potential of technology; easier cross agency sharing of personal information
- *Strong synergy with generic “modernisation” agenda*

What will be different (4)

- Full ownership of safeguarding delivered by all partners
- More robust statutory framework for adult protection
- 22 Local Safeguarding Children Boards not sustainable- “public service footprint” preferred
- Changes to role of regulation, inspection and workforce development bodies

Social Services (Wales) Bill

- The aspects of SSSFFA where primary legislation is required; consolidation of legislation; distinctive Welsh context
- “for the first time, a coherent Welsh legal framework for social services that is based on principles we hold dear in Wales. It will ensure a strong voice and real control for people, of whatever age, enabling them to maximise their wellbeing. It will set the legal framework and infrastructure to transform services to meet changing social expectations and changing demography”
- (12th July 2011- First Minister’s announcement on the Welsh Government’s legislative programme 2011/16)

What is in the Bill?

- The Bill is made up of six main areas:
- 1- Maintaining and enhancing the wellbeing of people in need
- 2- A stronger voice and real control
- 3- Strong national direction and local accountability for delivery
- 4- Safeguarding and protection
- 5- Regulation and inspection
- 6- Services (Adoption and Transitions for Disabled Children and Young People)

Social Services is/remains key local government function

Maintaining and enhancing the wellbeing of people in need

- Introduces a general duty on both local government (not just social services) and the NHS to maintain and enhance the wellbeing of “people in need” in their families and communities
- New legal definition. Pros/cons
- Local “people in need” needs assessments will be required
- Duty to encourage and publicise a suitable range of services to meet needs
- Supports the delivery of services to people of all ages- “age blind” concept

Implications

- Intentions clear and laudable
- Name is misleading- it should really be the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Bill?
- Do we need this in legislation in light of general wellbeing power in LG Act 2000?
- Does age blind work?
- Risks pulling people into services
- No costing- bland impact assessment throughout assumes costs of early intervention will be offset by savings in escalation of need.
Discuss

A stronger voice and real control (1)

- New duties to promote access to services (including to self funders)
 - Duty to publish information and provide advice and assistance
 - Come together with other local authorities and work with other advice agencies where that assists in efficient delivery
 - Other statutory bodies eg NHS will have duty to co-operate
 - Welsh Language as a care need

Implications

- Welcome- people do find it hard to navigate what's available
- How to develop this linking to corporate infrastructure eg website, Customer Services Team and First Contact
- Plus Single Point of Access with the NHS and Family Information Service
- Impact assessment costs- same point as above

Stronger voice (2)

- National eligibility framework
- Statutory right to assessment- integrated assessment across all ages- adults and children, right to be consulted, proportionate approach, duties on key partners to contribute
- Portability
- Streamlining of care and support planning

Implications

- National eligibility framework could/will reduce local discretion- cost impact?
- Designed to deal with perceived inconsistencies/”postcode lottery”
- Risks being process heavy. Preoccupation with assessment rather than effective delivery? IT systems will need to be developed to match
- Portability is complex right eg cross border issues. Service provision to meet assessed need will not necessarily be identical

A stronger voice and real control (3)

- Rights of carers- consolidation of rights
- Single definition
- Additional groups of carers (may) be included
- Duty on local authorities to publish information on carers' rights and the services offered to carers in their local area
- Implications: Single definition might negatively impact young carers. Implications for Education and NHS

A stronger voice and real control (4)

- Direct Payments/personalisation- separate consultation due
- Extension of range of services for which a Direct Payment can be paid
- Cornerstone of Welsh co-production model
- Implications: modest use of DPs in Denbighsbire compared with some authorities- development area. Different issues/implications for adult/children's services

Strong national direction and local accountability

- Review of social services complaints- greater alignment with general public sector process or NHS process, extension of PSOW scope
- Outcomes Frameworks, standards and PIs- needs legislation to do this? Outcome focus good; risk of becoming performance factory?
- Directors of Social Services- explicit power to share a Director across more than one LA; potential new competency areas (family focus)
- Collaboration in integrated services- more use of flexibility and pooled budgets. Ministerial power to direct integration. How will powers be used?

Safeguarding and protection

- National Independent Safeguarding Board (QUANGO/ASPB type status)
- Safeguarding and Protection Boards x 6 (?)
- New legal framework for Adult Protection; closer links between adult and child protection
- Implications: how does governance work with one Regional Safeguarding Board and six accountable DoSS? Still room for manoeuvre in North Wales? Children/adults safeguarding-pause for thought

Regulation and inspection (1)

- Further professionalisation of workforce. Workforce registration to be maintained and extended to new types of social care workers. Regulations to reserve certain occupations to those with specified qualifications. Care Council also to approve all courses for social care workers
- Service registration. Regime of regulation to reflect modernised services more flexibly. More streamlined process
- Onus of responsibility for meeting standards to be on providers- organisational governance and QA- requirements to report publicly against defined factors

Regulation and inspection (2)

- Greater focus on financial viability of providers.
- Time limited registrations?
- Social work to be a service to be registered with the regulator. Registered manager will be required to be registered in the Care Council social work register
- More transparent information for the public about regulated services and providers
- *Welcome aspects. Burden shifted or reduced?*

Services

- Establishment of a National Adoption service. *Fit with North Wales regional service?*
- Transitions for disabled children and young people- potential extension of duties to age 21 for those with complex needs and for appointment of personal advisor at age 17/18. *Good to smooth out eligibility issues but cost implications?*

Process

- Consultation summary produced Summer 2012
- On Denbighshire Intranet. Scrutiny May.
WLGGA/ADSS response obo local government
- Bill drafted taking into consideration consultation responses (summer 2012)
- Introduction of Bill to NAW (Autumn 2012)
- Scrutiny by NAW (Autumn 2012 – Spring 2013)
- Royal Assent (Summer 2013)
- Implementation including Regs and Code of Conduct (13/15)

Denbighshire Modernising Social Services Board?

- Part of Modernising the Council- officer and member Board and not just SS?
- Essential it fits with local, regional and national work programmes
- Building on Adult Services CSSIW Inspection findings but focus across Adults and Children's Services
- Prioritising and delivering key development areas for Denbighshire eg joining up across adults and children's services, Direct Payments, embedding early intervention/reablement approaches, communities and wellbeing, information and advice, ECH Phase 3, co-production of day services/social enterprise models

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

| Modernising Social Services | | Drivers | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---------------------|---|------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| National Partnership Forum- Ministerially led | | COMPACT 2 | | SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES (WALES) BILL | | NEW COUNCIL – draft priorities | | | | |
| Regional portfolio Regional Leadership Board | Sub-regional portfolio | <i>Themes: efficiency, sustainability; recovery, restoration, reablement, early intervention- not retrenchment; communities and families; integration and collaboration; voice, control, co-production; simplification, information, transparency; professionalisation....national leadership and direction, local accountability</i> | | | | Efficiencies Programme | Customer experience | Modernising the Council | Community and Economic Development | |
| Local focus: Denbighshire Modernising Social Services Board | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social Services and Health Programme Board and Regional Work Programme linked to SSSFFA and the Social Services (Wales Bill) | LSCB Youth Justice LSB/HSCWB /CYPP/CSP Telecare | Accommodation | Personalisation | Communities and Wellbeing | Interfaces | Agreed programme | Eg personalization; info, advice and assistance, SPA/FIS, new complaints, eligibility | Eg use of offices/ buildings, electronic records, | Eg social enterprise, social care as growth sector, wellbeing of people in need, stability/development of social care market | |
| Children's Services: - FF/IFSS Board (proposed) - Adoption Service - Referrals project | Intermediate Care and Localities Board And SPA | Commissioning | Customer experience | Assets and IT | Workforce | | | Customer Insight, lean systems, flexible working, sickness absence | | |
| Hub Management Board | EDT x ¾ authorities | Plus existing planning groups eg Carers Strategy Group | | | | | | | | |
| Supporting People | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contracts and fees work | | | | | | | | | | |
| LD Partnership | | | | | | | | | | |
| MH Measure | | | | | | | | | | |
| ?IT | | | | | | | | | | |

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

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| Adroddiad At: | Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau |
| Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: | 31 Mai 2012 |
| Swyddog Arweiniol: | Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol: Moderneiddio a Lles |
| Awdur yr Adroddiad: | Rheolwr Gwasanaeth: Datblygu Systemau ac Ansawdd |
| Teitl: | Adroddiad Cyngor Blynyddol: Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol 2011/2012 |

1. Beth yw cynnwys yr adroddiad?

- 1.1 Mae gofyn i bob Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yng Nghymru i gynhyrchu adroddiad blynyddol sy'n crynhoi eu barn ar effeithiolrwydd gwasanaethau gofal cymdeithasol yr awdurdod a blaenoriaethau ar gyfer gwelliant.
- 1.2 Mae adroddiad blynyddol y Cyfarwyddwyr ar gyfer 2011/2012 ynghlwm yn Atodiad 1. Bwriad yr adroddiad yw rhoi darlun gonest o wasanaethau yn Sir Ddinbych i'r cyhoedd ac i ddangos dealltwriaeth glir o'r cryfderau a'r heriau a wynebir.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

- 2.1 Rhoi ein hunanasesiad o ofal cymdeithasol yn Sir Ddinbych a blaenoriaethau gwella ar gyfer 2012/2013 i'r Pwyllgor Craffu.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

- 3.1 Gofynnir i'r Pwyllgor Craffu ystyried:
 - ein hunanasesiad o ofal cymdeithasol yn Sir Ddinbych
 - blaenoriaethau gwella ar gyfer 2012/2013
 - pa un a yw'r adroddiad drafft yn rhoi cyfrif syml a chlr o'r perfformiad fel bod modd i'r cyhoedd ddeall ein cryfderau a meysydd i'w datblygu.
- 3.2 Bydd yr adroddiad yn ffurfio rhan annatod o werthusiad perfformiad Arolygiaeth Gofal a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Cymru o Wasanaethau Cymdeithasol Sir Ddinbych. Mae'r gwerthusiad hefyd yn hysbysu asesiad Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru o Gyngor Sir Ddinbych fel rhan o'r adroddiad gwella blynyddol.

4. Manylion yr adroddiad.

4.1 Mae gan Fframwaith Adrodd Blynyddol y Cyngor (ACRF) bedair cydran :

❶ Hunanasesiad a dadansoddiad o effeithiolrwydd

4.2 Mae Datganiad Sefyllfa cynhwysfawr wedi'i ddatblygu i gynnig hunanasesiad manwl o:

- ansawdd ac effeithiolrwydd y gwasanaethau
- gallu'r sefydliad i wella a chynnal y gwelliant.

4.3 Mae'r Asiantaeth Gwella Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol wedi datblygu set o ddatganiadau canlyniadau i hysbysu'r broses hunanasesu. Mae'r datganiadau canlyniadau yn adlewyrchu siwrnai'r defnyddiwr gwasanaeth a/neu gofalwr trwy'r llwybr gofal ac yna asesiad o'r 'gallu sefydliadol'.

4.4 Mae'r Datganiad Sefyllfa manwl yn cynnwys ein hunanasesiad yn erbyn y datganiadau canlyniadau. Ar gyfer pob datganiad canlyniadau mae dadansoddiad o'n cryfderau a'r heriau sydd wedi helpu i hysbysu ein blaenoriaethau gwella. Mae'r hunanasesiad wedi'i hysbysu gan y "Papur Gwyn" ar ddyfodol Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Cynaliadwy: Fframwaith Gweithredu) a'r Papur Ymgynghori ar y Mesur Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Cymru) sy'n gosod agenda trawsnewid sylweddol. Ar gyfer gwasanaethau i oedolion mae'r broses hunanasesu wedi'u hysbysu hefyd gan arolygiad diweddar AGGCC o ofal cymdeithasol i oedolion.

4.5 Bydd y Datganiad Sefyllfa llawn ar gael ar y rhyngrwyd.

❷ Llwybr tystiolaeth

4.6 Mae swm sylweddol o dystiolaeth wedi'i gasglu i ddangos y dadansoddiad a'r dyfarniadau sydd wedi'u cynnwys o fewn y Datganiad Sefyllfa. Bydd y wybodaeth hon yn cael ei chyflwyno i AGGCC a fydd hefyd yn ymweld â Sir Ddinbych i gynnal nifer fechan o ymweliadau arsylwadol i gasglu tystiolaeth bod ein hunanasesiad yn unol â'n harfer gweithredol.

❸ Integreiddio gyda chynllunio busnes

4.7 Mae'r blaenoriaethau gwella yr ydym wedi'u hadnabod trwy ein hunanasesiad wedi'u hintegreiddio i'n Cynlluniau Busnes Gwasanaeth. Mae'r ymdriniaeth hon yn sicrhau bod y gwelliannau sy'n cael eu hadnabod yn yr adroddiad blynyddol yn cael eu prif ffrydio i fframwaith rheoli perfformiad yr awdurdod ac yn ffurfio rhan o'r rhaglen herio'r gwasanaeth.

❹ Cyhoeddi adroddiad blynyddol

4.8 Yn unol â'r arweiniad sy'n llywodraethu'r broses ACRF mae'r adroddiad blynyddol wedi'i ysgrifennu ar gyfer y cyhoedd ac mae'n tynnu ar y sylwadau,

y dyfyniadau a'r astudiaethau achos sy'n dangos profiad y defnyddwyr gwasanaeth a'r gofalfwyr o'n gwasanaethau. Mae gofyn i ni gyhoeddi'r adroddiad blynyddol erbyn 31 Gorffennaf 2012.

Negeseuon allweddol a blaenoriaethau o'r broses ACRF

- 4.9 Ein hasesiad cyffredinol yw bod Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Sir Ddinbych yn parhau i berfformio'n dda, gyda gweithlu ymrwymedig iawn sy'n parhau i gyflwyno canlyniadau positif ar gyfer pobl.
- 4.10 Mae tystiolaeth dda ein bod ni'n:
- ✓ helpu pobl i gael mynediad at yr help y mae ei angen arnynt, pan mae ei angen arnynt
 - ✓ cefnogi pobl i fyw'n annibynnol yn y gymuned
 - ✓ cefnogi teuluoedd i ofalu am eu plant yn ddiogel a gostwng y risg o deuluoedd yn methu
 - ✓ diogelu plant ac oedolion bregus
 - ✓ datblygu gwasanaethau newydd ac arloesol
 - ✓ gweithio'n agos gydag awdurdodau eraill ac asiantaethau i gyfuno ein hymdrech
 - ✓ cyflwyno gwasanaeth effeithiol, o ansawdd uchel ac wedi'i reoli'n dda
- 4.11 Mae'r blaenoriaethau gwella sydd wedi'u cynnwys o fewn yr adroddiad blynyddol yn adnabod yr angen i barhau i addasu a datblygu gwasanaethau i ymateb i heriau cymuned sy'n heneiddio a niferoedd cynyddol o blant ac oedolion ag anghenion cymhleth wrth gyflwyno arbedion effeithlonrwydd ar yr un pryd. Mae ein hasesiad hefyd yn adnabod yr angen i gryfhau ein hymdriniaeth tuag at sicrwydd ansawdd i sicrhau bod ein systemau yn adeiladu ar bocedi cyfredol o arfer da er mwyn asesu'n gadarn profiad defnyddwyr gwasanaeth a'r canlyniadau sy'n cael eu cyflwyno.
- 4.12 Ymhlith nodweddion allweddol ein hymdriniaeth i ailfodelu yn rhagweithiol, a datblygu patrymau gwasanaeth newydd i wella gwasanaethau lleol, y mae:
- rhaglen uchelgeisiol i weddnewid gofal cymdeithasol i oedolion yn Sir Ddinbych gyda ffocws ar hyrwyddo annibyniaeth fel bod gan bobl fwy o ddewis a rheolaeth dros eu bywydau
 - adlinio ffocws Gwasanaethau i Blant a'r ffordd y mae gwasanaethau yn cael eu cynllunio a'u cyflwyno fel rhan o gontinwrm gofal wrth i angen plant a theuluoedd am gymorth ac ymyrraeth newid
 - arwain, a chwarae rhan, wrth gydweithio a gweithio mewn partneriaeth proffil uchel ar draws ffiniau
- 4.13 Er mwyn cyflawni hyn, rhaid i ni sicrhau ein bod ni yn rheoli newid yn gyson well, gan sicrhau bod pobl sy'n defnyddio gwasanaethau cymdeithasol, ein staff a chymunedau yn cael cyfle i lunio'r ffordd y mae newid yn cael ei symud ymlaen. Rydym yn cydnabod na fydd rhai o'r penderfyniadau yn boblogaidd. Serch hynny, mae'r hinsawdd ariannol yn golygu nad oes modd osgoi penderfyniadau anodd. Bydd ein ffocws ar wneud newidiadau sy'n cyflwyno

gwasanaethau cynaliadwy, cost effeithiol sy'n sicrhau bod pobl fregus yn cael eu diogelu a bod pobl yn derbyn gwasanaethau o ansawdd uchel sy'n cynnig urddas mewn gofal a chanlyniadau da.

- 4.14 Ni ellir cyflwyno'r agenda hwn ar ei ben ei hun. Mae'r angen ar gyfer gweithio effeithiol ar draws asiantaethau o'r pwys mwyaf i sicrhau ein bod yn cyflwyno gwasanaeth di-dor, cysylltiedig ar gyfer pobl Sir Ddinbych. Mae hyn yn arbennig o wir ar gyfer gwasanaethau rhwng lechyd a gofal cymdeithasol. Mae gennym berthnasau gwaith positif gyda'n cydweithwyr lechyd ym Mwrdd lechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr. Serch hynny, mae creu un Bwrdd lechyd ar gyfer Gogledd Cymru gyfan, ar brydiau, wedi golygu nad yw lechyd bob amser wedi bod mewn sefyllfa i ymateb a chyflwyno peth gwaith partneriaeth ar y cyflymdra y byddem yn dymuno ei weld. Mae hwn yn faes y byddwn yn parhau i weithio trwodd gydag lechyd yn enwedig wrth i ni ddatblygu ymhellach ar ein hymdriniaeth ardal tuag at wasanaethau i oedolion.
- 4.15 Mae gweithio mewn partneriaeth hefyd yn ganolog i ddatblygu ymdriniaethau integredig tuag at gyflwyno gwasanaeth ar gyfer plant a theuluoedd. Rhaid i ni barhau ar ein gwaith i sefydlu rhyngwyneb priodol gyda'n hasiantaethau partner er mwyn sicrhau ymateb cydweithredol tuag at fodloni angen. Mae hyn yn cynnwys gwasanaethau ymyrraeth ac atal cynnar sy'n tanategu ymateb gwasanaeth wedi'i dargedu ar lefel statudol.

5. Sut y mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

- 5.1 Mae gweithgaredd a adnabuwyd o fewn yr adroddiad blynyddol wedi cyfrannu yn uniongyrchol at gyflwyno'r rhaglenni corfforaethol Ymateb i Newid Demograffig ac Adfywio. Dyma rai enghreifftiau:
- ✓ gweithio gyda Gwasanaethau Hamdden i hyrwyddo a datblygu cyfleoedd i bobl hŷn gyfranogi o fewn gweithgareddau corfforol. Ymhlith yr enghreifftiau y mae teithiau cerdded sy'n cael eu tywys, nofio am ddim ac aerobeg dŵr, sesiynau ymarfer o'r gadair yn cael eu darparu i grwpiau cymunedol, o fewn Tai Gofal Ychwanegol ac yn ein canolfannau dydd.
 - ✓ gweithredu gwasanaeth Derbyn ac Ail-alluogi a helpodd 2549 o bobl yn 2011/2012
 - ✓ cefnogi 425 o bobl hŷn i ddod yn gwsmeriaid Teleofal newydd
 - ✓ agor cyfleuster Gofal Ychwanegol pellach yn Rhuthun (Llys Awelon). Dyma'r trydydd cyfleuster Gofal Ychwanegol yn Sir Ddinbych ac mae gwaith ar y gweill ar gyfer pedwerydd cyfleuster yn Ninbych. Mae'r 3 cyfleuster presennol yn cynnig tenantiaethau diogel a chadarn i 139 o bobl hŷn o fewn amgylchedd byw sydd wedi'i gynllunio i gynnal eu hannibyniaeth
 - ✓ mapio teuluoedd agored i niwed, y mae llawer ohonynt yn byw o fewn ardaloedd difreintiedig sydd wedi'u cynnwys o fewn ein prosiectau adfywio, a chomisiynu gwasanaethau ymyrraeth gynnar trwy Deuluoedd yn Gyntaf
 - ✓ datblygu cyfleoedd hyfforddi, gwirfoddoli a chyflogaeth i 514 o bobl fel rhan o'n prosiect Cysylltiadau Gwaith Newydd.
 - ✓ mae mentrau gan ein Tîm Hawliau Lles yn gwneud gwahaniaeth gwirioneddol i annibyniaeth, iechyd a lles pobl (a adnabuwyd trwy holiaduron gwerthuso). Y llynedd fe wnaeth ein Partneriaeth Hawliau Lles ddileu £17m mewn dyledion

personol, gan gynhyrchu incwm cynyddol o £8m a symud 1,138 o bobl allan o dlodi.

6. Faint y bydd yn costio a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

6.1 Mae'r camau gweithredu sydd wedi'u hadnabod o fewn yr adroddiad wedi'u hanelu at gyflwyno gwelliannau gwasanaeth, gwella canlyniadau a bodloni anghenion lleol yn well o fewn cyd-destun cyflawni arbedion effeithlonrwydd ariannol heriol

7. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi'u cynnal?

7.1 Cydnabyddir bod yr ymgynghori wedi'i gyfyngu wrth gynhyrchu'r hunanasesiad a'r adroddiad blynyddol. Mae'r adborth sydd wedi'i sicrhau'n uniongyrchol gan ddefnyddwyr gwasanaeth a gofalwyr ynglŷn â'n gwasanaethau fel rhan o'n systemau sicrwydd ansawdd cyfredol wedi'i ddefnyddio i asesu ein perfformiad.

7.2 Rydym wedi tynnu ar ganfyddiadau o arolygiadau positif AGGCC yn 2011/2012 gan gynnwys arolygiad maethu a mabwysiadu, arolygiad o wasanaethau i oedolion, ac arolygiadau o'n Cartrefi preswyl a gwasanaethau a ddarperir yn fewnol.

7.3 Mae'r cyn Aelod Arweiniol dros lechyd, Gofal Cymdeithasol a Lles a'r Aelod Arweiniol dros y Gymraeg, Plant, Pobl Ifanc a Hamdden wedi cael cyfle i gynnig sylwadau ar y ddogfen ddrafft. Mae cynrychiolwyr craffu allweddol o'r Pwyllgor Craffu Perfformiad blaenorol hefyd wedi cael cyfle i gyfrannu at y broses hunanasesu.

8. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Ariannol

8.1 Er nad oes unrhyw oblygiadau ariannol sylweddol yn deillio o'r adroddiad blynyddol, mae'n hanfodol bod unrhyw gostau sy'n gysylltiedig â gweithredu'r camau yn gytûn â chynllun ariannol canol tymor.

9. Pa risgiau sy'n bodoli ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w gostwng?

9.1 Mae cofrestrau risg manwl wedi'u datblygu ar gyfer y Gwasanaeth i Oedolion a Busnesau ac ar gyfer y Gwasanaeth i Blant a Theuluoedd. Gan fod yr ACRF wedi'i brif ffrydio i waith y Gwasanaethau mae'r risgiau a'r camau cysylltiedig i'w lliniaru a'u rheoli yn cael eu casglu yn y gofrestr risgiau.

10. Y Pŵer i Wneud y Penderfyniad

10.1 Adran 3 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1999 - dyletswydd Gwerth Gorau i sicrhau gwelliant parhaus.

10.2 Adran 7 Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Awdurdod Lleol 1970 - dyletswydd i sicrhau gwelliant parhaus ar gyflwyno gwasanaeth.

- 10.3 Mesur Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2009 - dyletswydd i sicrhau gwelliant parhaus wrth gyflwyno gwasanaeth.
- 10.4 Arweiniad Statudol ar Rôl ac Atebolrwydd y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a gyhoeddir o dan Adran 7 Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Awdurdod Lleol 1970.
- 10.5 Erthygl 6.3 Cyfansoddiad y Cyngor

Swyddog Cyswllt:

Rheolwr Gwasanaeth: Datblygu Systemau ac Ansawdd

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Introduction

This is my annual report about social services in Denbighshire. The report looks at performance in 2011/2012 and sets out our priorities for 2012/2013. The report provides a detailed assessment of how effective services are for adults and children and families.

How effective are our services?

My overall assessment is that Denbighshire Social Services continues to perform well. We have a very committed work force and I am pleased with their continued work to ensure that we can deliver positive outcomes for people.

Recent Welsh Government papers set an agenda to transform social care services in Wales. We have already started to deliver this agenda. Over the last 3 years we have made good progress in adapting and developing services to respond to the needs of an ageing community and increasing numbers of children and adults with complex needs. We recognise that there is more to do and the priorities we have set will continue to modernise our services.

Modernising our services will include some difficult decisions. In some instances this will involve changing the way we work and the way services are delivered. We will need to ensure that we manage change consistently well, ensuring that people who use social services, our staff and communities have the opportunity to shape the way change is taken forward.

We recognise that some of the decisions will not be popular. However, the financial climate means that tough decisions can not be avoided. Our focus will be on making changes that deliver cost effective and sustainable services. Central to this will be the need to ensure vulnerable people are protected and that people receive high quality services that provide people dignity in care and good outcomes.



Sally Ellis

Corporate Director for Demographics, Wellbeing and Planning

Children & Family Services

Supporting Children and Families

What we are about

We aim to ensure vulnerable children:

- ✓ are safeguarded
- ✓ live with secure, stable loving families
- ✓ have opportunities for success, and
- ✓ are enabled to grow and develop into healthy, well rounded adults.

The Services we provide

We recognise the importance of providing the right support to children and families at the right time. This involves working closely with other agencies to combine our effort so that we:

- help prevent problems arising
- respond early before problems escalate, and
- provide effective support when intensive help is needed from statutory services.

The services we provide include:

- information, advice and signposting people to help and support
- supporting families to care for their children safely and to reduce the risk of family breakdown
- helping children in need, children with disabilities and young carers
- supporting looked after children and care leavers
- providing stable, secure placements through fostering and adoption, and
- child protection to ensure vulnerable children are safe.

Providing an effective and timely response

Every year families, professionals and the general public contact us with concerns about children and young people. In 2011/2012 we received 5150 of these contacts. It is not appropriate for social services to be involved in the majority of these cases. Often we have limited information about the families that are brought to our attention so we have developed systems to help ensure that we make informed decisions about the best way to respond. Twice a week we meet with teachers, health visitors, and the police to share information and concerns about children and families. At these meetings we agree what action is needed and who will take the lead. This approach helps to ensure that families who need help get early support from the most appropriate agency and that we (social services) are able to target who we work with. This way of working has also helped us to halve the number of children/young people who are referred to the Department more than once during the year. We are pleased that re-referrals went down from 39% in 2010/2011 to 20% in 2011/2012.

In 2012/2013 we will work with the Family Information Service to ensure families have access to information about the support they can access in their community and from statutory services.

Supporting Families

During 2011/2012 we have improved the way we support families to care for their children safely and to reduce the risk of family breakdown.

We have started using an approach (Framework Analysis) which involves agencies working together to assess, plan and support children and families. Our approach is to place the family at the centre of making change to their lives. We ensure that the family are listened to and that we help them to build on their strengths, their resilience and their skills. The approach is known as putting a Team around the family.

Case Study: Putting a Team Around the Family

Our ambition is to develop a good range of services that support children and young people as their needs change. In 2011 we worked with specialists (Cordis Bright), and our partners (including health, the voluntary sector and education) to identify vulnerable families whose needs are most likely to escalate. In all 723 families were identified. Common themes that emerged in the lives of these families included:

- no resident parent in work
- a low household income (less than £297 per week)
- signs of inappropriate or inconsistent parenting
- evidence that a child displays challenging behaviour
- family lives in temporary, overcrowded or poor quality accommodation
- family cannot afford certain food or clothing items
- evidence of substance misuse, and
- evidence of domestic violence.

Whilst a combination of these factors are often present in families who are vulnerable, or at risk of vulnerability, it is important to remember that the factors are only indicators. It does not always follow that a family will be vulnerable if one or more of the indicators are present.

This research has given us a good understanding of the needs of vulnerable families and has helped inform:

- how agencies can work together to target help and support to families before their problems escalate
- guidance on the families we help through our Team Around the Family initiative, and
- the type of services we will develop and commission to support families.

Currently we have a range of support services for families in need, examples include:

- support to help a family manage their household e.g. by developing parents skills to manage their finances
- therapeutic support to children and parents, and
- individual and family parenting programmes

However, these services do not always join up in a way that provide families a smooth transition in and out of services as their needs change. We have developed an action plan to grow and develop our range of intensive family support services. This is part of a wider multi-agency approach to family support that we will continue to develop over the next 2-3 years.

Helping children in need

Children with disabilities

Services for children with disabilities focus on maximising their development and wellbeing and supporting them to live within their community. In our last annual report we highlighted the work we had planned with Health on a project to develop an integrated disability service at Hyfrydle in Denbigh. There have been delays in this project which means that we have not yet fully joined up our services. This is disappointing but we are confident that our Health colleagues will ensure that the project is delivered this autumn. Positively the lease for the building has been signed and development work has commenced.

A key focus of supporting young people in transition to adulthood is to provide effective planning to make sure that their future needs are identified and that seamless and appropriate services are put in place. This is an area where we do well. However, we recognise that there is a cohort of young people receiving direct support from the Children and Family Services who will not be eligible for support from adult services as they get older. We have set up a key worker service to work with partner agencies to identify support that may be available for this group of people

Young carers

We are working with the North Wales Carers Strategic Group to develop a Regional Carers Strategy. We have committed to working across North Wales to develop a regional young carers service for 2013/14.

Looked after children and care leavers

Looked after children are children and young people who are in the care of the local authority because of a care order made by the court or by agreement with their parent(s). Often these children are referred to as being 'in care'. Over the last 3 years the number of looked after children in Denbighshire grew. The number of looked after children has now stabilised although children are still coming into care and we are finding that they are staying in care for longer (this is discussed later in the report). In Denbighshire there were 165 looked after children on the 31st March 2012.

The Council acts as a 'corporate parent' for looked after children to make sure their health and well-being is promoted, that they take full advantage of opportunities and reach their full potential. We are proud of the work we have undertaken in 2011/12 to be good 'corporate parents'. Being a corporate parent includes making sure that looked after children attend school, visit the dentist and have health immunisations. We have performed well in these areas.

One of our developing strengths is the attention we give to ensuring that children and young people are involved in their care arrangements. We aim to ensure that young people are a key part of any decisions and arrangements for their future and to ensure that they are supported to become as independent as possible.

"I would like to thank my Social Worker for her time, appreciated the relationship they had developed and how she was able to challenge me to consider new possibilities and actions in difficult areas of my life"

Service User (Court practice group)

We have a range of approaches to collecting feedback children and young people which includes individual care planning and reviewing arrangements through to general surveys, exit questionnaires and planned events such as a Looked After Children Awards and Celebration Event. We are proud that all children and young people have access to an independent advocate.

Whilst we have some excellent examples of individual service user engagement and involvement in determining how their needs will be met we need to get better at pulling this information together to develop a more comprehensive picture of common themes/ issues that arise. We also need to develop our approaches to engaging and involving service users in service design and development. In response the revised Quality Assurance Framework (2012-2014) has placed a stronger emphasis on service user engagement and a number of improvement activities have been identified.

We have strengthened the way we support care leavers by setting up two new practice groups. Practice groups are how we organise our staff into areas of work. One practice group supports looked after children and the other focussing solely on care leavers. There is seamless planning and co-working between the two areas. We buy a Personal Advisor service from Barnardo's to help care leavers. As part of our ongoing commissioning arrangements we will be reviewing the type of service we need to ensure we can best meets the needs of care leavers.

Fostering and adoption

We have a dedicated in-house Fostering Service that is responsible for making sure we have suitable foster carers. This includes ensuring people are trained and supported to provide positive and stable placements for looked after children and young people

We have worked hard to maintain an appropriately staffed fostering service which offers dedicated support to foster carers and a comprehensive training programme. This has helped ensure that there has been good placement stability for looked after children. However, as children are tending to remain in foster care longer at a time when children continue to come into care, we are experiencing challenges in responding to the varying and differing ages and needs of children and young people. Through our Foster Care Forum foster carers have told us that our current training for foster carers needs to change. In response we will review the foster carer training programme and develop bespoke training and support packages for longstanding foster cares and kinship carers (carers who are relatives of the young people they look after). We have had a successful annual fostering inspection with no formal requirements for improvement/ compliance.

We have worked closely with the North Wales Adoption Service which has focussed on providing a steady supply of approved adopters. The service has recruited dedicated staff to focus solely on the assessment of adopters. There is now a rolling training programme for prospective adopters, established, effective and targeted promotional material and an increased number of assessments being presented to panels. We have also established a joint adoption panel with Conwy. However, even with this effort and focus progress has been restricted due to a national shortage of prospective adopters. This coupled with prolonged care proceedings means that children have not been moving on quickly to permanent placements.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

One of Social Services' key responsibilities is to protect children from harm and take action to protect any child who is found to have suffered abuse, or whose welfare is likely to suffer without further intervention or services. We try to do this in partnership with families, and where appropriate, keep children in their own homes.

Our assessment is that we have efficient and well developed systems in place to keep vulnerable children and young people safe. We ensure that our processes for dealing with child protection are followed in a timely manner and we work well with other agencies to safeguard children. We have a well established joint Conwy and Denbighshire Local Safeguarding Children's Board which makes sure that there is a consistent approach to safeguarding and child protection across all key agencies. The authority's Estyn inspection of Education was positive about the safeguarding work undertaken in the authority. We have also provided a comprehensive range of child protection training across the social care sector with 121 receiving child protection training during the year.

In 2012/13 we need to ensure we consult more effectively with children who have been subject to the child protection process in order to better understand the impact (positive/ negative) it has had on their safety.

How does our performance compare?

| Strengths | Challenges |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making a decision on referrals within one working day • the percentage of referrals which are repeat referrals • a high percentage of initial assessments are completed by qualified social workers • completing initial assessments within 7 working days • ensuring that the child is seen as part of the initial assessment • undertaking initial child protection conferences within 15 working days of the strategy discussion • child protection and looked after reviews are carried out within the statutory timescales • open cases are allocated to qualified social workers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completing core assessments within 35 working days • ensuring that children do not experience changes of school unless it is due to transitional arrangements • undertaking statutory visits to looked after children in accordance with regulations • ensuring plans for permanence for looked after children are in place at the point of their second review • child in need reviews are carried out within the statutory timescales |

| Strengths (contd.) | Challenges (contd.) |
|---|---------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • placing looked after children in appropriate placements so that they do not experience unnecessary placement moves • supporting children and young people to ensure attendance in school whilst being looked after • ensuring looked after children and young people are not permanently excluded from school • maintaining contact with young people aged 19 who were in care on their 16th birthday | |

Delivering an efficient, high quality and well managed service

Over the last year we have achieved a great deal with the commitment of an experienced and established workforce. We have successfully implemented a major restructure of our Service in 2011 that supports and promotes good quality social work practice. Information about how we our managing our service can be found in our full assessment (a link to this document in on page 2).

Looking forward—our top priorities for 2012-13

The pace of change within Children’s Services continues to be fast, diverse, and demanding. We must manage this pace within a challenging and testing economic environment in which significant long term efficiency savings must be made. Our focus will be how we improve outcomes for children and young people whilst delivering efficiencies.

We have set priorities for the next 3 years. The information below sets out the main focus of our energies in 2012/13 to deliver the 3 year priorities:

| Priority | We will |
|---|---|
| <p>Vulnerable families provide stability and safe care for children</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement the Family Support Strategy that will clearly set out the range of support services that will be delivered to families by the Children and Family Service. • develop the approaches and processes for • delivering family support services in line with partner agencies and the Families First programme of early intervention. Linked to this is the roll-out of a new Joint Assessment Family Framework (JAFF) which is a new approach to working with families to collectively assess and identify need and the support required. • implement a new approach (Framework for Analysis) to working with partner agencies in the assessment of the needs of families and the planning, delivery and reviewing of services to meet those needs (Framework for Analysis). |
| <p>Looked after children are provided with permanent, stable, secure and loving families and become independent adults</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore the options to develop a new training programme for experienced foster carers and carers looking after family members so that they can develop the skills to help support children and young people with a range of complex needs, and • undertake an evaluation of Bryn y Wal children’s home and look at options for how we use the budget for this service to meet the future needs of children and young people who are looked after. |

| Priority | We Will |
|---|---|
| Vulnerable children are protected | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the range of multi-agency panels that work to support vulnerable children/young people and families and reduce the number of these panels to ensure maximum involvement of all professionals, • work together with our partner agencies to develop an agreed programme to respond to the impact of domestic abuse on children • develop consultation approaches that enable us to learn from the experiences of families who are subject to Child Protection process |
| Children with complex additional needs are enabled to live stable, secure and inclusive family lives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review delivery of services to children and young people with additional needs to make sure the service is able to respond to their needs effectively. |
| The Children and Family service is efficient, of high quality and well managed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve the way in which we use our information and intelligence to inform service development and delivery. |

Adult & Business Services

Supporting Adults

What we are about

We aim to support people to live as independently as possible. For most people this means working with them so that they can continue to live in their own home.

The services we provide

The type of service we offer depends on a person's needs. Depending on their situation we could offer someone:

- information and advice
- advice about benefits and how to claim them
- signposting to services available in their community
- support that helps people to regain or develop their skills and confidence to take care of themselves
- special equipment and home adaptations
- care and/or support in a person's home
- short breaks
- day services
- care in a residential or nursing home for people with specific high level care needs

Click [here](#) for more information about the services we provide.

A year of change

During 2011/12 we delivered an ambitious programme to transform adult social care in Denbighshire. We put a new structure in place which had 2 key features.

A new Intake and Reablement Service which:

- ◆ makes it easier for people to access our services
- ◆ enables us to provide a timely response when people seek help, and
- ◆ focuses on how we can maximise peoples independence.

Services delivered through locality offices which:

- ◆ bring a stronger link between our services and the communities they serve
- ◆ enable agencies to work together to jointly assess and support people, and
- ◆ promote health, well-being and independence in towns and communities.

The emphasis of the new structure is on prevention and early intervention, whilst recognising that an ageing population will have complex, long term care needs that require responsive support tailored to individual needs.

We have carried out a review of our new structure gathering the views of staff, partner agencies and most importantly some of the people who have received our services. The outcome of the review showed that:

- ◆ we treat people with dignity and respect
- ◆ people felt that our services are reliable, and
- ◆ overall we are easy to contact (but there is room for improvement).

One person told us:

“I am grateful for the prompt service received and the kind and caring attitude of the staff as I find it difficult to be in the company of strangers.”

The review highlighted that we need to ensure that service users and their carers know who to speak regarding their care. 25% of users who responded to were unclear about who they needed to speak to if they had any queries. We have started work to make sure that people are clear about who is responsible for their care. We are also looking at what information is given to people once our input has ended.

Providing an effective and timely response

Our First Contact Team provides a single point of access to our services. They carry out initial screening to identify what needs the individual might have and refer them to the appropriate team or relevant external agencies. Last year our First Contact Team provided advice, information and support to over 6000 people.

In 2011/12 we developed the input of social work staff and occupational therapists into initial screening processes. We believe that this approach has improved signposting, assisting people to access information/advice and low level support in their own communities and improved the quality of information for referrals to practitioners in the longer term teams. In 2012/2013 we will be developing standards for our First Contact service that will help us better understand how effective the service is and the difference it is making.

We are pleased that we have been selected as a pilot to develop a single point of access to social and health care services. This will seek to remove the need for a service user or their carer to make contact with a range of agencies when in need of support. Health and third sector colleagues were an integral part of the development bid which secured financial support from the Social Services Improvement Agency for initial development costs. This is an exciting opportunity and we look forward to reporting our progress at the end of 2012/2013.

Click [here](#) to find out how you can contact social services.

Promoting independence

We have developed our services to provide a stronger focus on supporting people to maintain their independence. These services are rapidly becoming the first line approach to service provision. Reablement and telecare are good examples of the work we have undertaken to promote people's independence.

Reablement

Reablement is short-term support which is designed to develop people's confidence to manage as many tasks as possible on their own rather than having other people do things for them.

Last year our Intake and Reablement Service has assisted 2549 people to retain their independence by delivering short term intensive support. 69% of people no longer needed a package of care after short term support.

We were pleased that an evaluation showed that our approach to reablement is working. A survey completed by people who have received reablement showed that at the end of the reablement service:

- ✓ 76% of people stated they had more confidence
- ✓ 47% said the service had helped improve their privacy, and
- ✓ 49% said it had improved their dignity.

When we went back to people 3 months after they had received a reablement service we found that:

- ✓ 62% of people felt their confidence had improved further
- ✓ 25% said it had remained the same, and
- * 7% of people felt their confidence deteriorated.

Click [here](#) for more information about reablement in Denbighshire.

Telecare

Our Community Equipment Service (CESI), which is a formal partnership with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCU), provides and manages a wide range of equipment from hoists to Telecare to help people live independently within the community.

Telecare is a range of equipment that uses sensors and an alarm system which is plugged into the telephone socket. This alerts a carer or a response centre when a person needs help or something has been detected such as gas or smoke. 1300 people are now provided with Telecare in Denbighshire with 450 new installations in the past year.

The CESI service provides a quick response with 83% of equipment delivered within 5 working days. Positively 82% of equipment is recycled meaning that it is put back for use in the community.

Click [here](#) for more information about telecare in Denbighshire.

Ellen's Story

Ellen had been in hospital for 7 months. Although she was ready to be discharged from hospital her property was unsuitable.

We arranged temporary accommodation and a reablement care package to enable her to leave hospital. The social work and OT (Occupational Therapist) then worked together with Housing and Ellen to find a property that was suitable to meet her needs.

Ellen is now living independently in the community of her choice. She is independent with personal care tasks and is managing all food and drink preparation. Ellen's family and friends support her with shopping. Ellen has managed to walk to the local bus stop to use local transport into town on a couple of occasions.

Improving services by moving to a locality approach

We have developed a locality approach to working with people who have more complex long term needs. A key feature of locality working is the way agencies working closely to provide better co-ordinated services as well as strengthening the links with the communities we serve.

To support people with chronic conditions to be as independent as possible, we are working with Health colleagues and aiming to have 4 trained Health and Social Care Support Workers deployed within Locality Teams with the ability to work to a range of professionals and in particular District Nurses, Social Workers and Occupational Therapists. This has worked well at Hafan Lles. Hafan Lles is our locality in Prestatyn where social services staff are located in council offices with Health colleagues.

Unfortunately we have not yet been able to collocate Social Services and Health staff in our other localities (Rhyl, Denbigh and Ruthin). Health are committed to locality working but have found it hard to find suitable accommodation. Staff members in both Social Services and Health have expressed concern that delays in finding suitable accommodation is proving a barrier to integrated working. We will continue to work with Health to try and find a way forward but this will be difficult as neither organisation has specific funding for this development.

Modernising our services

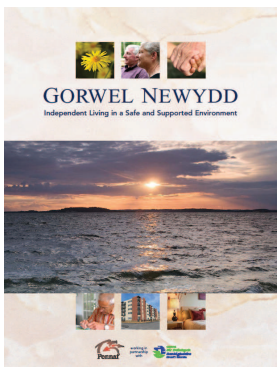
We need to ensure that we continue to develop modern services to respond to the changing needs of people in Denbighshire and financial pressures. Our focus will be on supporting more people to be independent, ensuring that there are good quality services that promote dignity in care and reducing costs. We will need to ensure that our quality assurance framework is fully embedded to ensure that we have a better understanding of the quality of services in Denbighshire. We also need to develop our systems to provide a deeper understanding of service users and carer experience and where they feel improvements need to be made, we have some good examples.

Over the coming year we will need to make some difficult decisions about the services we provide and the way we provide them. We will need to ensure that services provide good outcomes for vulnerable people with eligible social care needs. This will include remodelling day services and reviewing the provision of meals on wheels. We will also adopt new approaches and ways of working with the 3rd sector (voluntary organisations), independent providers, community councils, statutory partners and other local authority colleagues.

As a nation we have an ageing population. This is particularly true in Denbighshire where the proportion of older people in continues to increase. Denbighshire has one of the highest proportions of older people in Wales. By 2015 people over the age of 90 will have increased by 40% since 2009. With an ever-ageing population we are seeing increasing levels of physical and mental frailty.

In response we have strengthened our services for older people with mental health problems (EMH). We have commissioned the provision of day activities for people with EMH as part of our support for carers. These approaches move away from traditional models of EMH day care and aim to break down barriers of isolation by providing services in places such as Extra Care Housing where people can form friendships and support networks.

We are proud of how we have developed Extra Care in Denbighshire. We have established schemes in Rhyl and Prestatyn and a further scheme opened in Ruthin last year. The Ruthin scheme remodelled our existing in house Care Home (Awelon) and we have commitment to build an Extra Care Scheme in Denbigh. There is a clear need for more Extra Care facilities in Denbighshire but funding the development of a further phase is challenging.



Click [here](#) for information about Extra Care Housing in Denbighshire.

We have worked well with Leisure Services to promote and develop opportunities for older people to participate in physical activities. Examples include guided walks, free swimming and aqua aerobics and chair based exercise sessions provided to community groups, in Extra Care Housing and in our day centres.

Over 100 people enrolled for chair based activities with the average age being between 80 – 90 yrs. One Extra Care group now feel that once a week session is not enough and are now trialling twice a week session with two residents leading the group. People have told us:

“I look forward to the Monday session as I feel that it sets me up for the week.”

“I feel that I am walking better and not dragging my feet.”

Jean’s Story

Jean has attended your chair based exercise group at Nant-Y-Mor and can't praise the group enough. She has gained more movement in her arm since doing the exercises. There has been a marked improvement in her arm since her injury, she did have Physio following the removal of her plaster, but this stopped after so many weeks, leaving her with very limited movement. This exercise group has not only given her the motivation to carry on these exercises at home, but to meet others.

Cath's Story

Cath is a 72 year old lady who suffered a stroke which left her with complex needs. In the beginning it seemed unlikely that Cath and her husband (her main carer) would be able to cope if Cath returned home.

Cath's husband had a carers assessment and a care package was put into place to help support him in his caring role. More suitable accommodation to meet Cath's needs was found and adaptations were made. Her husband was given in depth training in correct moving and Handling techniques to enable him to maintain his own and his wife's safety in transfers and daily living.

Cath was offered and accepted day care and her husband was given an advocate to assist with financial matters and correspondence.

Following detailed work by a social workers and OT Cath's husband was able to manage his role as main carer and both are managing independent living in the community.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Carers Emergency Card Scheme.

Communities

We have a range of services that have been developed to build networks and support to help people live in their community without reliance on statutory social care services.

The New Work Connections (NWC) project supports people over the age of 16 who, through a range of disadvantages, are economically inactive or unemployed.

The number of people with a learning disability also continues to increase. Since 2008/2009 we have seen a 15% increase in the number of people needing a service (241 people in 10/11 rising to 378 including 47 people aged 65+ in 11/12). There are also pressures from the high cost of young people with complex disabilities reaching adulthood.

Last year we started work to develop Intensive Supported Independent Living accommodation in Henllan which will support 8 people with learning disabilities, 2 physically disabled people and 2 people with autism to live in the community. Whilst there have been delays in delivering the scheme we are on track for a summer opening and funding arrangements between Health and ourselves have been agreed.

In addition two new housing schemes providing low level supported housing, one for 5 adults the other for 3 adults with learning disabilities have been developed since September 2011. These developments involved close and detailed consultation processes with local residents and both schemes have been very successful.

Click [here](#) to find out more about Community Living Schemes that support people with a learning disability to live in the community.

Supporting Carers

We value the role that carers have and appreciate this can be a challenging and demanding role. We are very committed to improving and developing support and services for carers, and are providing more services to carers than ever before. Over recent years there have been significant improvements to the service, including the appointment of a Carers' Commissioning Officer, the development of a Carers' Strategy, a dedicated Carer Assessors service, Carers Emergency Card Scheme, EMH Carer Support, Healthy Carers Worker post, and a dedicated webpage. However, we recognise that there is more to do to ensure that carers forms a central part of our assessment processes. We will provide refresher training for our staff on our carers' assessments and services to support carers in Denbighshire.

The main group of people we work with are people who have social care needs and we believe that help with pursuing training and/or employment can often help to transform people's lives and reduce dependency on health and social care services. A valuable part of our work is supporting people with a physical disability or sensory impairment to improve their range of skills, qualifications and work experience through a range of activities. During the year we supported 514 people. 332 people achieved a range of identified positive outcomes. In addition to these, 30 participants have entered education and training, 32 have entered volunteering and 17 have entered employment. Now that training services, which had to be procured, and the full staffing complement for the project is in place, we are aiming to help more people in 2012/2013.

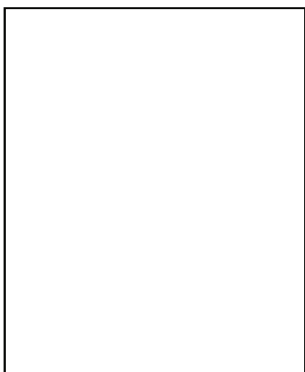
We have worked closely with communities to develop a range of community initiatives that include Passion for Life, Dignity in Care and Telebuddy services and My Life My Way groups, which is a mentoring scheme where older people support young disadvantaged people.

Our Supporting People strategy has been very successful in providing a range of options for people to have supported accommodation in the community.

Click [here](#) for information about the type of support provided through Supporting People and how you can ask for help.

Evaluation questionnaires demonstrate that our Welfare Rights Team makes a real difference to people's independence, health and wellbeing. Last year our Welfare Rights Partnership removed £17m in personal debts, generated increased income of £8m and moved approximately 1,138 people out of poverty. Helping more people out of poverty will be a challenge in 2012/20123 within the context of the Welfare Reform Bill and the current recession which will make it more difficult for people to find an employment with tax credits route out of poverty and disability benefits will become increasingly more difficult to claim or renew.

Click [here](#) for an annual report on the work of the Welfare Rights Team.



Partnerships

Many of our services are carried out in partnership with a range of statutory and third sector organisations.

We have been successful in developing new services in partnership with the third sector. For example, an advocacy project for older people, Gofal (a project launched this year that won award for the British Red Cross) and Telebuddies which is a service where volunteers phone people who may feel lonely or isolated to make sure they are okay. We have also developed a new Compact agreement and Code of Funding Practice with the third sector. Four volunteers aged 70+ have become accredited trainers for the Dignity in Care training programme for front line staff.

We are currently piloting Community Information Points in 3 rural areas with Town & Community Councillors helping to bridge the gap between local communities and those agencies able to offer help and support.

Following the planned closure of the base in Llangollen, there are now two Community Mental Health Teams (CMHTs) providing services to Denbighshire, one team in the North (Hafod) and the other team in mid Denbighshire (Tim Dyffryn Clwyd) covering mid and south Denbighshire.

These teams (which are a partnership of social care and health colleagues) aim to provide holistic assessment and interventions based on identified needs. Interventions are based on the recovery model and enable service users to be as independent as possible. In 2012/2013 we will work with health to implement the New Mental Health measures.

Whilst we have engaged fully with BCU at a local level, Health's North Wales agenda presents some challenges. Health want to see greater consistency across North Wales and standard approaches. This is understandable but in some cases we may want to develop and deliver services in different ways to respond to different communities across Denbighshire. We will need to continue to work with Health to manage this agenda.

We have some excellent relationships with Health. However, the large restructure that has taken place across Health in North Wales has meant that Health have not always been well placed to respond as quickly as we would want. Health have been working hard on bringing together their structure and we look forward to working positive working on delivering good outcomes for people.

We commission good quality services from independent providers including the Multiple Sclerosis Society and North Wales Deaf Association and we work well with other organisations to provide services, for example Vision Support to deliver our service to people with visual impairment and those who are deaf-blind; and Care and Repair who assist vulnerable people with their housing needs including adaptations to support independence and safety.

Safeguarding

We have effective systems in place to make sure that vulnerable people are safeguarding. We work well with other agencies and 318 people from across the social care workforce attended POVA (protection of Vulnerable Adults) training. We have posters that explain the types of abuse a vulnerable person may suffer and who can be contacted by anyone who has concerns.

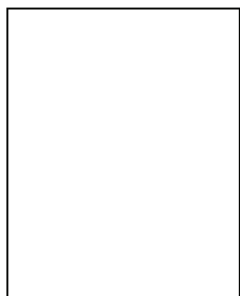
We need to make sure that there is a consistent understanding and application of the Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) and the concept of 'Best Interest' where people can make decisions about another person in certain situations. We will deliver specific refresher training for staff around the Mental Capacity Act. Through a complaint we have learnt lessons about how we can improve the way we involve and inform families about POVA cases, and the need for us to provide greater clarity about our decision making in strategy meeting minutes.

Click [here](#) for information about the kinds of abuse vulnerable adults may suffer, and contact details for anyone with concerns about the welfare of a vulnerable adult.

Click [here](#) for information about how vulnerable adults can protect themselves against financial abuse, and what to do if they feel they are being abused.

How are we performing

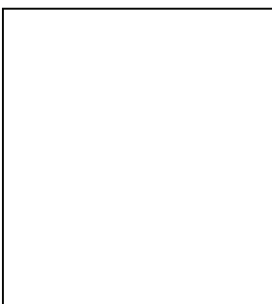
Last year our services were inspected as part of a planned inspection of an adult social care by the Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales (CSSIW). The inspection provides an important independent evaluation of services that we provide. We were pleased with the outcome of the inspection which concluded xxxxxxxx – highlights to be included once final report is received.



Follow this link to see the inspection report (assuming this will be public by the time the ACRF is published).

During our restructuring process we maintained “business as usual” and sustained performance against our statutory PI’s. Our assessment of our strengths and challenges is as follows:

| Strengths | Challenges |
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| <p>Our analysis is that we perform above the Welsh average for the following performance indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Managing or removing risk in POVA cases.✓ The rate of older people supported in the community.✓ Ensuring that care packages are reviewed.✓ Ensuring a low number of delayed transfer of care.✓ Providing carers with a service following an assessment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The rate of older people supported in care homes.➤ The percentage of carers who were offered an assessment or review of their needs in their own right.➤ The percentage of carers who had an assessment or review of their needs in their own right.➤ We recognise that there is still an insufficient take up of Direct Payments in particular by older people. We need to improve this and work with staff to understand and break down the barriers that prevent people taking up a Direct Payment. |



Click [here](#) to see how we how performed against our performance indicators in 2011/2012.

Looking forward—our top priorities for 2012-13

The numbers of vulnerable people requesting services continue to grow year on year. Extended life expectancy aligned with a growth in chronic conditions adds to the pressures already resulting from a challenging and testing economic environment in which significant long term efficiency savings must be made.

We continue to explore innovative ways to both promote and maintain independence by delivering services that support and safeguard vulnerable people to remain within their own communities for as long as possible.

We have set priorities for the next 3 years. The information below sets out the main focus of our energies in 2012/13 to deliver the 3 year priorities:

| Priority | We will |
|------------------------|--|
| Personalisation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introducing and promoting customer service standards across all services.• Developing and implementing robust customer engagement and involvement.• Further developing a citizen directed approach.• Enhancing the use of Assistive Technology to support adults to remain safe and independent.• Developing and implementing an effective care co-ordination model. |
| Localisation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further developing and implementing a model for the delivery of health and social care within a locality structure.• Developing commissioning strategies that reflect and responds to the needs of Localities.• Developing the Single Point of Access, Assessment and Care Co-ordination across health and social care in Denbighshire. |

| Priority | We will |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Safeguarding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and implementing an Action Plan as a result of learning / recommendations from the Serious Case Review. • Undertaking a feasibility study regarding a new approach to meeting the needs of disabled children and adults. • Developing the performance management focus onto quality, outcomes and service user value. • Delivering training around the Mental Capacity Act. • Reviewing the Management arrangements of the Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) function including the Annual POVA training plan. |
| Integration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an Accommodation Strategy in partnership with Housing Services. • Continuing to implement a Reablement Strategy across all services. • Further developing an effective and productive interface with BCUHB |
| Efficiency and Effectiveness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a staff engagement strategy. • Further developing the social care workforce to strategy taking account of changing needs and to develop an approach to respond to and embrace new models of social care provision. • Modernising service delivery, maximising office space and utilising new technology to increase capacity and productivity delivering efficiencies to ensure sustainability. • Implementing staffing / workforce indicators as laid out in the Social Care Measure. |

Delivering an efficient, high quality and well managed service

We have worked hard to ensure that our workforce is a stable one that is well trained and equipped with the skills to meet the requirements of changing and modernising services. Information about how we are managing our service can be found in our full assessment (a link to this document is on page 2).

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Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

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| Adroddiad At: | Y Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau |
| Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: | 31 Mai 2012 |
| Swyddog Arweiniol: | Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol |
| Awdur yr Adroddiad: | Rheolwr Cefnogi Pobl |
| Teitl: | Newidiadau i'r Rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl Rhanbarthol a Chenedlaethol |

1. Beth yw cynnwys yr adroddiad?

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn un o gyfres o adroddiadau er mwyn hysbysu aelodau ynglŷn â newidiadau arfaethedig i'r Rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl yng Nghymru.

Diben yr adroddiad hwn yw ymgynghori hefyd gydag aelodau ar y cynigion dros dro diwygiedig ar gyfer sefydlu Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol ar gyfer Gwasanaethau Cefnogi Pobl, (atodiad 1 tudalennau 4-13).

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Rhoi'r diweddaraf i aelodau ar y trefniadau dros dro diwygiedig a gynigir gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer sefydlu Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol yng Ngogledd Cymru a cheisio sylwadau i hysbysu ymateb ymgynghori Sir Ddinbych.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Bod y Pwyllgor yn nodi'r trefniadau arfaethedig cyfredol ac yn cynnig sylwadau i hysbysu ymateb ymgynghori Sir Ddinbych.

4. Manylion yr adroddiad.

- 4.1 Mae Cefnogi Pobl yn rhaglen sylweddol yn cynnig gwasanaethau cymorth "cysylltiedig â thai" i ystod eang o grwpiau bregus, gan gynnwys pobl sy'n ddigartref, pobl ag anghenion iechyd meddwl, anabledau dysgu, yr ifanc a'r bregus, pobl ag angen camddefnyddio sylweddau, cyn droseddwyr, pobl sy'n dianc rhag trais domestig a phobl hŷn. Y nod yw galluogi iddynt gynnal cartref diogel wrth ddatblygu agweddau eraill ar eu bywydau gan hyrwyddo annibyniaeth. Mae'r Rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl wedi'i gwerthuso ar lefel genedlaethol ac wedi dangos ei bod yn cyflwyno buddion ariannol positif iawn sydd gyfwerth â £1.68 am bob £1 sy'n cael ei buddsoddi yn ychwanegol at fuddion heb fod yn rhai ariannol megis:-

- gwell ansawdd bywyd ar gyfer yr unigolyn gan gynnwys mwy o annibyniaeth;
- gwell iechyd;
- llai o ddibyniaeth ar berthnasau a gofalfwyr;
- byw'n annibynnol, gan gynnwys mwy o ddewis i unigolion o ran llety,
- ffordd o fyw a darparu sgiliau er mwyn galluogi'r dewis hwn;
- gallu cynyddol i gyfranogi yn y gymuned. Gan gynnwys llai o unigedd neu allgau cymdeithasol, a mwy o sefydlogrwydd ar gyfer pobl â bywydau anhrefnus;
- gostyngiad yn ofn trosedd; a,
- mynediad haws at wasanaethau priodol.

Yn 2011/12, derbyniodd Sir Ddinbych £6.9m o arian trwy'r Rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl a ariannodd tua 2404 uned o gefnogaeth (y gallu uchaf gan gynnwys gwasanaethau warden pobl hŷn) ar unrhyw un pryd gydag ymyraethau ar wahanol ddwyster.

- 4.2 Comisiynwyd adolygiad annibynnol o'r rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac adroddwyd arno ym mis Tachwedd 2010. Roedd yr adroddiad hwn yn gwneud 25 argymhelliad, gan gynnwys argymhelliad i gyflwyno pwyllgorau amlsector, cydweithredol rhanbarthol. Ar ôl hynny fe wnaeth Llywodraeth Cymru dderbyn pob un o'r 25 argymhelliad.
- 4.3 Roedd adolygiad o'r trefniadau cefnogi pobl yn cynnwys yr argymhellion allweddol a ganlyn:
- Creu ffrwd ariannu sengl (Grant Cefnogi Pobl) a Grant Refeniw Cefnogi Pobl i'w dalu i awdurdodau lleol a ddylai barhau i gael ei neilltuo (a fydd yn cael ei alw yn Grant Rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl neu SPPG)
 - Gweinyddu'r grant gan bwyllgor cydweithredol lleol a fyddai'n cynnwys cynrychiolwyr o randdeiliaid allweddol gan gynnwys darparwyr, prawf, iechyd ayyb. Dylai hyn fod yn fesur dros dro cyn ymdriniaeth ar draws ffiniau yn ddiweddarach
 - Dosbarthu ariannu trwy fformiwla dosbarthu ar sail anghenion gyda'r Tîm Adolygu yn cynnig fformiwla dros dro
 - Bwrdd Cyngori Gweinidogol (Bwrdd Cyngori Cenedlaethol Cefnogi Pobl) i'w sefydlu i gynghori'r Gweinidog.

Er nad yw'r adroddiad hwn yn canolbwyntio ar agweddau ariannol penodol y rhaglen, rhagwelir y bydd gweithredu'r fformiwla dosbarthu ar sail anghenion y cyfeirir ato uchod, yn arwain at ostyngiadau ariannu o £1.5m yn Sir Ddinbych dros gyfnod o 5 mlynedd.

- 4.4 Ar ôl hynny fe sefydlodd Lywodraeth Cymru Grŵp Llywio traws-sector a nifer o ffrydiau gwaith cenedlaethol er mwyn symud ymlaen wrth weithredu'r argymhellion. Mae'r grwpiau hyn yn cynnwys cynrychiolwyr o lywodraeth leol (swyddogion Cefnogi Pobl, Cymdeithas Llywodraeth

Leol Cymru, Cyfarwyddwyr Cyllid) Llywodraeth Cymru a chyrrff cynrychiolwyr y darparwr Cymorth a Chartrefi Cymunedol Cymru.

- 4.5 Yn gynnar yn ystod y trafodaethau gweithredu, penderfynodd Huw Lewis AC, Gweinidog dros Dai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth y dylid sefydlu Pwyllgorau Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol o ddechrau'r trefniadau newydd, gyda dyddiad targed cychwynnol ar gyfer gweithredu ym mis Mehefin 2012. Cafodd y gofyniad hwn ei gynnwys ar ôl hynny o fewn y Compact ar gyfer Newid.
- 4.6 Trwy gydol y trafodaethau gweithredu, mae'r Gymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru (CLILC) a chynrychiolwyr yr awdurdod lleol wedi mynegi pryderon ynglŷn â rôl arfaethedig y Pwyllgorau Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol, y trefniadau llywodraethu a'r potensial i hyn gynyddu'r fiwrocratiaeth.
- 4.7. Sefyllfa Gyfredol
Ar ôl yr ymgynghoriad ffurfiol, penderfynodd Llywodraeth Cymru i symud ymlaen â'r model ar gyfer y Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol a gymerodd atebolrwydd cyllideb oddi ar awdurdodau lleol fel y derbynydd grant a'r corff atebol gan roi'r cyfrifoldeb dros benderfyniadau gwario i'r Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol. Yn ôl y bwriad, byddai'r Pwyllgorau Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol yn bwyllgorau anstatudol ac yn cynnwys darparwyr gwasanaethau. Fe wnaeth CLILC fynegi pryderon ynglŷn â chyfreithlondeb y model arfaethedig, yn enwedig mewn perthynas â rôl statudol Swyddog Adran 151. Mae'r farn hon bellach yn cael ei rhannu gan gyfreithwyr Llywodraeth Cymru a Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru. O ganlyniad i'r cyngor hwn, mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi penderfynu peidio â symud ymlaen gyda'r model llywodraethu ac mae wedi cynnig dewis amgen.
- 4.8 Mae'r model dros dro arfaethedig newydd yn rhoi cyfrifoldeb i'r Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol o dan bedwar maes eang a amlinellir fel: arolygiaeth; cyngor Gweinidogol; cynllunio a gweinyddu. Er nad yw llawer o rolau'r Pwyllgor wedi newid o'r model gwreiddiol, y gwahaniaeth sylweddol ac arwyddocaol yw y byddai'r Pwyllgor Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol yn gwneud argymhellion ar wariant lleol a rhanbarthol i'r Gweinidog a fyddai wedyn yn gwneud y penderfyniad ar adnoddau.
- 4.9 Mae'r model yn cynnig y byddai'r Gweinidog yn gysylltiedig â phenderfyniadau ar:
- Gwariant lleol a rhanbarthol ar wasanaethau Cefnogi Pobl
 - Hawl trosglwyddo arian Grŵp Cynllunio Cefnogi Pobl rhwng grwpiau defnyddwyr gwasanaeth o fewn y cynllun Cefnogi Pobl lleol a rhanbarthol o fewn y rhanbarth
- 4.10 Mae'r ail fodel hwn hefyd wedi achosi pryderon. Fe ymddengys ei fod yn rhedeg yn groes i'r egwyddorion y cytunwyd arnynt ar ôl "Adolygiad

Essex" a oedd yn adnabod yr angen i Lywodraeth Cymru osod cyfeiriad strategol ac awdurdodau lleol i bennu blaenoriaethau lleol a chyflwyno gwasanaethau priodol. Yn ail, mae'n ymddangos bod y cynnig yn rhedeg yn groes i ganfyddiadau'r Adolygiad o drefniadau cefnogi pobl bresennol a oedd yn pwysleisio'r angen i leihau cymhlethdod a biwrocratiaeth ac osgoi'r oedi a grëir gan Weinidogion wrth wneud penderfyniadau ynglŷn â gwasanaethau lleol.

- 4.11 Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi penderfynu na fydd trosglwyddo Grant Refeniw Cefnogi Pobl yn digwydd nes bod y Pwyllgorau Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol wedi'u sefydlu'n briodol ac mae Awst 2012 yn cael ei ddefnyddio ar hyn o bryd fel dyddiad i hyn ddigwydd.
- 4.12 Mae Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru wedi awgrymu wrth swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru o ystyried yr oediadau parhaus, y dryswch, a'r diffyg consensws ynglŷn â'r ffordd briodol ymlaen y dylai unrhyw newidiadau gael eu hoedi hyd at fis Ebrill 2013 a bod y flwyddyn gyfredol yn cael ei defnyddio i adeiladu a chyfnerthu cydweithrediad rhanbarthol ac i archwilio opsiynau ar gyfer trefniadau llywodraethu'r Pwyllgorau Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol. Deallwn fod y cynnig hwn wedi'i wrthod hyd yma.
- 4.13 Ar y pwynt hwn nid oes ffordd amlwg ymlaen sy'n cael ei chefnogi gan yr holl randdeiliaid sydd wedi bod yn gysylltiedig â thrafodaethau ar weithredu argymhellion yr Adolygiad.
- 4.14 Yr hyn sy'n parhau'n bwysig yw cyflwyno gwasanaethau da i bobl fregus ac i reoli gostyngiad mewn adnoddau mewn ffordd mor effeithiol â phosibl, gan gynnwys trwy gydweithio. Fe ymddengys y byddai proses rheoli newid wedi'i hystyried yn dda, fel y mae Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru yn ei hyrwyddo, yn cynnig y cyfle gorau o gyflawni hyn.
- 4.15 **Cwestiynau ymgynghori**
- A yw'r cynnig yn ymarferol fel datrysiad dros dro?
 - A oes unrhyw welliannau i'r cynnig dros dro sy'n cynnal y cydweithrediad a argymhellir gan adroddiad Aylward?¹
 - A oes angen unrhyw ddiwygiadau i'r broses dyrannu grant a pro forma gwariant? (yn bennaf pwyntiau technegol gweler atodiad 1 tudalennau 14-23)

¹ Mae 'Adolygiad Annibynnol o'r Rhaglen Cefnogi Pobl yng Nghymru: Adroddiad Terfynol' (Adroddiad Aylward) i'w weld ar wefan Llywodraeth Cymru trwy glicio ar y cyswllt isod: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/housing/supportingpeople/publications/finalreport/?sessionid=qTQpP6VDGJByQIXyQD8yFdLdgVrm2DyJfMXKQLr1qv6XFBGV7Dwd!1596389751?lang=en>

5. Sut y mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Bydd cydweithrediad rhanbarthol a strategaeth ranbarthol ar gyfer comisiynu a chyflwyno gwasanaethau yn cyfrannu tuag at reoli'r gostyngiad mewn grant a diogelu gwasanaethau rheng flaen. Serch hynny dylem sicrhau bod y trefniadau terfynol ar gyfer Pwyllgorau Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol yn gywir ar gyfer cyflawni hyn.

6. Faint y bydd yn costio a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Rhagamcanir y bydd y gostyngiad mewn grant Cefnogi Pobl yn ystod y 5 mlynedd nesaf tua £1.5m ar gyfer Sir Ddinbych.

7. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi'u cynnal?

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cynnal gwaith ymgynghori helaeth ar yr arweiniad Cefnogi Pobl Drafft a oedd yn cynnwys y cynigion cyntaf ar gyfer Pwyllgorau Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol, a gafodd eu gwrthod ar ôl hynny.

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru bellach yn ymgynghori'n eang ar y trefniadau dros dro diwygiedig ar gyfer Pwyllgorau Cydweithredol Rhanbarthol. Daw'r ail ymarfer ymgynghori hwn i ben ar 12 Mehefin 2012

8. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Ariannol

Mae'r Cyngor wedi bod yn ddoeth wrth sefydlu cronfa wrth gefn er mwyn helpu i liniaru ar effaith y toriadau ar ddod i'r grant Cefnogi Pobl a'r goblygiadau ynglŷn â chymhwyster rhai gwasanaethau sy'n cael eu hariannu ar hyn o bryd na fyddant o reidrwydd yn rhan o'r trefniadau newydd. Fe ymddengys bod y cynnig diweddaraf mewn perthynas â phwerau'r pwyllgorau rhanbarthol yn groes i'r Adolygiad trwy symud penderfyniadau lleol a chyflwyno gweithdrefnau monitro a chymeradwyo rhy gymhleth. Byddai oedi hyd at fis Ebrill 2013 yn ymddangos yn opsiwn synhwyrol.

9. Pa risgiau sy'n bodoli ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w gostwng?

Cyfeirir at y prif risgiau ym mharagraffau 4.7 a 4.10:-

- tynnu penderfyniadau ar adnoddau oddi wrth lywodraeth leol tra y byddant yn cadw atebolrwydd dros y grant
- diffyg eglurder ynglŷn ag agweddau eraill ar lywodraethu
- lefelau uwch o fiwrocratiaeth wrth weinyddu'r rhaglen
- tuedd ac oedi wrth wneud penderfyniadau
- gosod cynsail ar gyfer meysydd gwasanaeth eraill

10. Y Pŵer i Wneud y Penderfyniad

Er mwyn pennu cynnwys unrhyw gynllun, strategaeth neu ddogfen bolisi arall mae angen cymeradwyaeth gan yr Aelod Cabinet Arweiniol yn unol ag Offeryn Statudol 2001 Rhif 2291 (W,179) Rheoliad 4 (3)(c) + (d).

Mae Adran 21 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 ac Erthygl 6 Cyfansoddiad y Cyngor yn amlinellu pwerau a rôl Craffu

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Consultation Document

Proposed interim arrangements to take forward the new Supporting People Programme

Date of issue: **8 May 2012**

Action required: Responses by **12 Jun 2012**

Overview

This consultation invites views on the proposed interim solution for the Delivery Structures for the revised Supporting People programme. The Delivery Structures guidance forms chapter 2 of the Supporting People Programme Grant (SPPG) Guidance previously issued for consultation in Oct 2011. The consultation is aimed at local authority supporting people teams and supporting people providers

How to respond

Please respond to the consultation using the questionnaire at the back of the document and send your response to the below postal or email address

Further information and related documents

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/housing/supportingpeople/?lang=en>

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Data protection

How the views and information you give us will be used.

Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Welsh Government staff to help them plan future consultations.

The Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. This helps to show that the consultation was carried out properly. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then blank them out.

Names or addresses we blank out might still get published later, though we do not think this would happen very often. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allow the public to ask to see information held by many public bodies, including the Welsh Government. This includes information which has not been published. However, the law also allows us to withhold information in some circumstances. If anyone asks to see information we have withheld, we will have to decide whether to release it or not. If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account. However, there might sometimes be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone's name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published. We would get in touch with the person and ask their views before we finally decided to reveal the information.

Proposed interim arrangements to take forward the new supporting people programme

Purpose

As a result of consultation feedback and discussions with Supporting People stakeholders we have drafted this document to clarify the roles within the delivery structure of the new supporting people programme and the interim role of the Regional Collaborative Committees. This consultation is to allow stakeholders to comment on the re-drafted chapter 2 of the SPPG guidance (previously published for consultation in Nov 2011). The proposal is interim to allow the programme to go forward with a collaborative working model whilst a long term solution is defined and agreed.

The interim proposal can be found on pages 2-11. The consultation questions we would like your thoughts on are listed at the end of this page.

The consultation period will be 5 weeks. This is shorter than the usual 12 weeks as the recommendations have been drafted with the benefit of extensive stakeholder consultation.

Your response

We have asked a number of specific questions detailed below which we would like your comments on. However, please feel free to give any general comments on the guidance.

Please give the following information with your response:

Your name

Organisation

Email/telephone Number

Your address

Thank you for taking the time to respond

Responses to consultations may be made public – on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to be kept confidential, please print this page, tick the box on the left and e-mail or post to the contact address given on the previous page.

Consultation Questions

1. Is the proposal workable as an interim solution?
2. Are there any improvements to the interim proposal which maintain the collaboration recommended by the Aylward report?
3. Are there any amendments required to the grant allocation process and spend proforma?

Chapter 2

The New Delivery Structure

Introduction

- 2.1 The Supporting People Programme needs to be recognised as a major support area assisting some of the most vulnerable people in Wales. It has been recognised that whilst the programme provides a significant service, a more robust monitoring and governance structure is required that engages all key players at the most appropriate levels. This is to ensure that we are providing the best quality services as efficiently as possible.
- 2.2 The new structures described in this guidance have been established to put co-production and collaboration at the centre of the development and delivery of services. The Welsh Government and its partners believe that higher quality, better targeted public services are delivered when all relevant parties work collaboratively together within a culture that recognises and promotes mutual respect.
- 2.3 The Supporting People Programme has been a unifying force within public services in Wales and has already broken down barriers between internal local authority departments, Health and the Voluntary Sector and Supporting People Providers. It is this sense of true partnership which this structure wishes to promote and improve and in some cases put on a more formal footing. The ethos and spirit of this guidance values the different expertise, intelligence and knowledge that all parties involved – commissioners, providers, partner sectors and crucially service users – bring to identifying what services are needed and how best they can be delivered and the Welsh Government expects all stakeholders involved in the programme to adhere to and promote this ethos and culture.

Governance & Accountability

- 2.4 The Aylward independent review recognises that there needs to be appropriate governance at a national, regional and local level. In taking forward the recommendations the new structure of Governance for this programme starts with the overarching formally constituted Supporting People National Advisory Board (SPNAB) the role and function of which are detailed in this chapter.
- 2.5 The SPNAB is supported by appropriately constituted Regional Collaborative Committees. The RCCs are accountable for the production of the regional (one - three year) plans, which take account of local priorities and will be submitted to Welsh Ministers for approval, and for maintaining oversight of regional and local collaborative delivery of the supporting people programme to ensure the most efficient and effective services are delivered.

- 2.6 The role of the local authority SP teams in managing the planning, commissioning and procurement of SP services is recognised as key to the success of the overall programme and the Local Authority is accountable for ensuring that the supporting people grant conditions are met and that they are collaboratively delivering services aligned to the regional plan.
- 2.7 The work of RCCs will be supported and supplemented by local arrangements i.e. supporting people teams and their local planning groups, which builds upon current arrangements and planning mechanisms. The local arrangements for RCCs will also need to adhere to the principles of co-production and collaboration in relation to how RCCs operate and conduct their business.
- 2.8 The robust accreditation, inspection and review systems incorporated into other chapters in this Guidance will provide further protection for the SP Programme and the people for whom it is intended to serve.
- 2.9 It is emphasised that it is the intention that management of the SP programme should occur at the regional and local levels with Welsh Government involvement in this interim phase limited to approval of yearly Spend Plans and significant change to those plans in year with any other involvement being the exception. **Appendix 1** contains the SPPG finance management guide which provides more detail on the roles of the supporting people teams, RCCs and Welsh Government in the administration of the grant.

High Level Principles and benefits of the new structure

- 2.10 A set of High Level Principles and benefits will underpin all activity undertaken by the SPNAB and the RCCs and under the local Supporting People planning/commissioning arrangements. These include:
- Improvement to services and outcomes to the end user,
 - Ensuring probity, accountability, transparency and scrutiny,
 - Operation on the basis of equality, collaboration and co-production,
 - Provision of strategic oversight and direction in line with national, regional and local strategy and SP Commissioning plans, and
 - Being underpinned by and comply with robust and enforceable grant conditions.
- 2.11 Performance of the SPNAB, RCCs and local arrangements will be assessed against these High Level Principles and benefits.
- 2.12 In order to progress the recommendations of the Aylward report this transition period must be seen as an opportunity to build and nurture a collaborative working environment built on trust and respect.

Supporting People National Advisory Board

- 2.13 The aim and overall focus of the SPNAB will be to provide advice to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage to make sure that the Supporting People programme is focused on meeting the housing-related needs of vulnerable people in Wales.

The Board's Role

- 2.14 The Board's role, through continual consultation and collaboration with RCCs and other bodies, will be:
- 2.15 to advise the Minister on Welsh Government policy,
- 2.16 to examine the performance of, and advise the Minister accordingly, on the performance of the RCCs.
- 2.17 to advise the Minister on the appropriate implementation of the new supporting people programme, including:
- to receive annual/regular reports from the Housing, Supporting People governance officials (to be appointed) and Collaborative Committees and to advise the Minister on progress, to receive annual/regular reports from Supporting People Service Users and to advise the Minister,
 - to advise the Minister on the proposed new structures for the distribution of the Supporting People Programme Grant,
 - to consider whether the administration of the supporting people programme is consistent with the high level principles of the programme, including a clear understanding of planning and procurement processes,
 - to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Minister.
- 2.18 The Minister retains the power to act without reference to the SPNAB.
- 2.19 All members of the SPNAB will also be responsible for:
- ensuring that recommendations made by the Board are supported by sufficient high quality information and are robust and defensible,
 - staying abreast of evidence and policy approaches to the Supporting People in other parts of the UK and beyond in order to learn from those and to evaluate Wales' relative performance,
 - ensuring that the SPNAB operates within its terms of reference,
 - exercising independent judgement, reasonable care, skill and diligence in undertaking duties.

- 2.20 The Board does not have executive powers or functions. It is advisory only.
- 2.21 The Board advises the Welsh Government within the remit agreed for it by the Minister.
- 2.22 Minutes and papers of the Board will normally be published.

Membership

- 2.23 The Board will comprise of the following members of the Welsh Government:
- The Minister for Housing, Regeneration & Heritage as Chairperson,
 - Housing Head of Operations.
- 2.24 Welsh Government officials will provide the Board's secretariat and other officials will attend as required.
- 2.25 The Board will include seven representatives nominated from the following organisations:
- Welsh Local Government Association,
 - Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru,
 - Public Health Wales,
 - Community Housing Cymru,
 - Cymorth Cymru,
 - All Wales Chief Housing Officers Panel,
 - Wales Probation Trust.
- 2.26 The Board will include three independent individuals who will be appointed through the public appointments process. One will act as Vice Chair.
- 2.27 The Minister of Housing Regeneration and Heritage will Chair the meetings and may invite other ad-hoc members if necessary.
- 2.28 Meetings – the Board will meet twice a year or when required.

Regional Collaborative Committees

- 2.29 The aim and overall focus of the Regional Collaborative Committees will be to provide advice to local authorities and, through the SPNAB, to the Welsh Ministers on regional and local collaborative delivery of the supporting people programme to ensure the most efficient and effective services are delivered. The RCCs will advise the Welsh Ministers on the production of proposed supporting people spend plans for the allocation of grant against agreed priorities.
- 2.30 The RCCs do not have executive powers or functions.

The Regional Collaborative Committees Role

In detail, the role of Regional Collaborative Committees would include:

To advise on

- Regional and local delivery and compliance with national Supporting People Programme Grant Guidance.
- Regional and local needs mapping.
- The operation of commissioning and procurement practice.
- The quality of regional and local services in particular against the Supporting People National Outcomes framework.

Recommendations to the Minister on

- Local and regional spend via Supporting People plans against service user group priorities.
- Virement of SPPG between service user groups (over 10% of total service user group allocation) within the local and regional Supporting People plan and within the region.

Planning

- To produce the draft Regional spend plan which is submitted to Welsh Ministers for approval.
- To ensure that the opinions of service users are actively considered as part of recommendations made to Welsh Government.
- To ensure Local authorities provide appropriate monitoring information of SP spend including timely identification and reporting of under spend.
- To develop an awareness of local, regional and national SP services in order to identify opportunities to realise efficiencies by coordinated planning and provision of services.
- To liaise with other RCCs in order to identify synergies in service requirements to enable singular commissioning and procurement exercises.
- To liaise with other RCCs to provide advice on coordinating commissioning, procurement and funding of cross-region and national service provision.
- To ensure regional commissioning plans consider local Health Social Care and Wellbeing, Community Safety and Homelessness strategic objectives.

Administration

- To ensure effective information exchange between local authorities and the RCC and between RCCs (noting confidentiality requirements).
- To receive from the coordinating local authority a register of services that may be commissioned or procured at short notice should funding become available: these may be new services requiring procurement or expansion of existing services.
- To receive monitoring information on complaints and to escalate any issues to Welsh government as appropriate.
- To advise the Welsh Government where the RCC considers that local practice is in breach of the Grant conditions. To also advise Welsh Government on any disputes within the RCC.
- Maintain a record of Attendance and Correspondence.
- Maintain continuous assessment on the RCC Membership to ensure parity of representation, and awareness of and participation by all SP stakeholders.

Local Authority Coordinating Role

In each region there will be one coordinating local authority that will:

- collate the proposed regional spend plans for the local authorities in that area,
- organise the RCCs meetings,
- maintain a register of services that may be commissioned or procured at short notice,
- employ a regional development coordinator funded by Welsh Government,
- develop and support effective partnership working within the region on Supporting People,
- support the regional collaborative committee so that it functions effectively and is appropriately serviced.

Membership of the Regional Collaborative Committees

2.31 It is imperative that there is equal representation of key groups. The number of Local Authority members should be equal to the number of landlord and support provider places. The membership of the RCC will be made up of:

- Local Authority Cabinet Members (or delegated officials in their absence).

- Health.
 - Probation.
 - ¹Providers (representing long term and short term services) elected and supported by Cymorth Cymru and Landlords elected and supported by Community Housing Cymru.
 - Service user representation.
 - Co-opted members at the discretion of the Regional Collaborative Committee.
 - Appropriate Local Authority officers, the Regional Development Coordinator and Welsh Government will also be able to attend the RCCs but not with a voting right.
- 2.32 The representation on the RCC championing the service users' voice could be a current service user, ex service user or a person chosen by service users to represent them. The representative(s) must be selected by service users. Arrangements need to be made for service user representatives to be supported in a similar manner to landlord and provider reps.
- 2.33 During the transition year further consideration will be given as to how the landlord representation will reflect, for example private landlords.

Priority setting

- 2.34 The RCCs will develop up to three year rolling regional SPPG proposed spend plans, which will set out priorities/spend for the region and will be reviewed annually. In the transition year of 2012/13 it will be a one year plan. These plans will be built upon local priorities and the co-ordinating local authority will put together the plans for the RCC to review. The RCC will identify regional priorities and any other changes required and then submit the proposed spend plan to the Minister of Housing Regeneration and Heritage for approval
- 2.35 Local commissioning plans must meet the regional priorities identified in the RCC regional SP plans. The RCC will receive sufficient reporting from the Local Authority SP teams to enable them to ensure that SPPG is being planned and delivered according to the principles of collaboration. The RCC will be expected, when appropriate, to advise local authorities when the RCC considers that the use of SPPG at the local authority level appears to put local delivery at stake or not meet priorities.
- 2.36 During the transition period further guidance will be issued to ensure streamlined presentation of information to the committees to enable them to carry out their function appropriately. It is accepted that during the first year of operation these may be in the development stage.

¹ Note that providers and landlord representatives do not need to be members of Cymorth or CHC.

Meetings

- 2.37 The RCC will meet a minimum of quarterly once established but will meet monthly during the first six months of the implementation period.
- 2.38 The Chair of the RCC shall be one of the LA members and shall be appointed annually.
- 2.39 The Vice Chair shall be selected from one of the other agencies and shall be appointed annually.
- 2.40 The RCC may set up task and finish groups at its discretion.

Servicing and Resourcing

- 2.41 The Regional Development Coordinator will provide administrative support to the RCC.
- 2.42 The Local SP teams will provide quarterly reports to the RCC via the Regional Development Coordinator. A standard format for these reports will be agreed prior to the RCCs being established.
- 2.43 SP Managers will attend, participate in and support the work of the RCC.

Communication

- 2.44 The RCC will put in place consultation arrangements with the following stakeholders:
 - Service users.
 - Local Authority Supporting people Planning Groups.
 - Regional homelessness forums.
 - Provider forums.
 - Other relevant bodies.
 - The SPNAB will expect to see evidence of this.
- 2.45 The individual members of the RCC will be expected to communicate with their own constituency e.g. LA members, other providers etc.
- 2.46 Minutes of meetings will be produced and hosted on the Welsh Government website (minus any confidential material).
- 2.47 The Welsh Government is considering whether it is appropriate to issue further guidance on procedures for how the RCCs could work and also a conflict of interest policy for the RCCs.

Welsh Government role to support the Regional collaborative committees (RCCs) and governance role

- 2.48 The Welsh Government will attend the RCCs when relevant and get involved as and when issues arise, in a timely fashion and when these require escalation, assisting in conflict mediation. It will seek to mediate these informally with relevant officials and then will raise the issue to the attention of the Supporting People National Advisory Board. The Welsh Government will also summarise reports received from the regional collaborative committees to provide the national picture of service delivery and will monitor arrangements in partnership with stakeholders to consider how the governance arrangements are working and how these can be improved.

Local Arrangements to Support Regional Collaborative Committees (RCCs)

- 2.49 As currently happens, local needs analysis and identified priorities for SP services will be determined at this level by the local Supporting people Planning Group and will feed up to discussions at the RCCs and feed into the three year rolling regional SP plans. It will be important for Local Authorities in each region to consider the most effective and efficient way of delivering and supporting services. They also need to ensure that local arrangements are robust, based on partnership working and integrated into other appropriate local planning processes. The Welsh Government has recently announced a rationalisation of statutory partnerships and its replacement with an integrated planning and partnership structure. Local Supporting People Teams will need to make links as appropriate to other local needs mapping, analysis, planning and commissioning arrangements in undertaking their work.
- 2.50 Local Supporting People Planning Groups will need to:
- Develop Supporting people commissioning plans.
 - Ensure Commissioners, Service Providers, and most importantly Service Users, are involved in the planning, development and commissioning of services and service responses that meet identified needs and agreed strategic priorities on a local and regional level.
 - Ensure service providers, wider stakeholders and key commissioners are advised and informed on matters relating to the planned development and improvement of services to vulnerable people.
 - Ensure the service user experience contributes to project development and service improvements agreed within the Supporting People Commissioning Plan.

- Ensure Commissioners, Service Providers and most importantly Service Users assist with the development of local and regional service specifications.
- 2.51 In many local areas, Supporting People Teams already link with a wide range of stakeholder groups. Where such links do not exist, Supporting People Teams will need to establish and support such arrangements. Where appropriate, for example, where there is limited capacity, local arrangements may be cross boundary with two or more teams working together to maximise resources.
- 2.52 Any future local and regional collaborative arrangements must not lose sight of the option to commission some very local arrangements where these best meet needs. What is essential is that all service developments local, regional or national are appropriately aligned to identified local needs and priorities to:
- Aid the development of shared plans and priorities which are supported by evidence of need.
 - Aid the development of an integrated and coordinated approach to reduce duplication or fragmentation and help with the development and delivery of high quality, cost effective services.
 - Support the development of appropriate links with other local and national policies, strategies, initiatives and funding streams.
- 2.53 During the transition period all local authority proposed spend plans submitted to the RCC will have received prior political approval. This will inform the Minister's decision on how to allocate the SPPG funding. Any in year changes to the agreed spend plans of greater than 10% will need to be recommended by the RCC to the Welsh Government having gone through the relevant political processes in the local authority. Close collaborative working between the RCC's and local authority is encouraged, to reduce significant changes of greater than 10% to user group funding.



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SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME GRANT: FINANCE MANAGEMENT GUIDE

1. PURPOSE OF GUIDE

This Finance Management Guide is intended to complement the Supporting People Programme Guidance in providing detailed information on the roles of Supporting People Teams, Regional Collaborative Committees and the Welsh Government in management of the Supporting People Programme Grant (SPPG). This guide is intended to assist in the efficient and sustainable delivery of high quality housing related support services via the Supporting People Programme Grant programme.

It seeks to capture the spirit of partnership working, co design and co production enshrined within the Aylward Review of Supporting People Programme so that all stakeholders can collaborate as effectively as possible to achieve the aim.

The focus of this document is very much on financial guidance and not on commissioning or procurement which is covered in the Supporting People Guidance. The tone of this document is towards 'guidance' as opposed to 'prescription': it attempts to capture and build on the new approaches and relationships that have emerged as a result of the Aylward Review. It does not cover all eventualities but is a summary of key stages involved in the financial administration of the SPPG programme.

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The successful development and delivery of an effective Supporting People Programme will, to a large extent, be dependent on the quality and effectiveness of collaborative arrangements between local authorities, service providers, probation, health and other stakeholders.

Strong and positive collaboration at all levels whether local, regional or national between local government, service providers, probation, health and other stakeholders will mutually enhance our work and bring direct benefits to service users and the community in general. As a set of underlying principles, all stakeholders should work together to build and develop partnership through:

- a) Developing regular and open communication at all levels of the organisations.
- b) Improving the understanding of each others roles, responsibilities and cultures.
- c) Focussing together on the needs of the existing and potential service users.
- d) Being open to opportunities for collaborative working at all levels.
- e) Demonstrating in a practical way the benefits that can be gained.
- f) Building a joint vision of partnership and the benefits it will deliver.
- g) Nurturing a culture to ensure that leadership and engagement are encouraged.
- h) Ensuring the active participation of the service users in the collaborative administration.
- i) Celebrating and sharing the success of partnerships.

3. ROLES

Role of local authority

Effective delivery and local management of the Supporting People programme will be the responsibility of local authorities through:

- a) Bringing forward realistic Supporting People opportunities to meet local as well as regional strategic aims.
- b) Ensuring that services meet design and value for money criteria and comply with current grant Guidance.
- c) Developing robust local strategies to identify needs and priorities.
- d) Managing commissioning and procurement of services in accordance with relevant legal requirements, the Authorities standing orders and having regard to the SPPG and any other relevant guidance.
- e) Prioritising schemes on the basis of established and transparent criteria including carrying out Equality Impact Assessments on how SPPG is allocated.
- f) Selection of service providers for schemes based on transparent criteria.
- g) Developing realistic spend proposals, by spend category/service user group, for local multi-year programmes.
- h) Implementation and management of the outcomes framework.
- i) Preparation of a Spend Plan for submission to the Regional Collaborative Committee (RCC) and onward recommendation to the Welsh Government to allocate grant.
- j) Manage any slippage/virements in the SPPG programme if under 10% of spend category/service user group budget.
- k) Recommend virements to the RCC and then onto the Welsh Government for virements above 10% of the spend category/service user group budget or virements between local Authorities.
- l) Agreement of appropriate performance monitoring measures with the RCC and Welsh Government.
- m) Ensuring that all documentation relating to Supporting People Programme Grant funded schemes is available for Welsh Government if required.
- n) Ensure spending plans reflect levels of need within the local and regional area.

Local Authority Coordinating Role

In each region there will be one coordinating local authority that will:

- Collate the proposed regional spend plans for the local authorities in that area.
- Organise the RCCs meetings.
- Maintain a register of services that may be commissioned or procured at short notice.

- Employ a regional development worker funded by Welsh Government.
- Develop and support effective partnership working within the region on Supporting People.
- Support the regional collaborative committee so that it functions effectively and is appropriately serviced.

Role of Regional Collaborative Committees (RCCs)

RCCs are responsible for:

- a) Preparing draft Regional Spend Plan for annual and multi-year planning by local authority and by client group for recommendation to Welsh Government to allocate grant.
- b) Identifying regional scheme opportunities.
- c) Advising local authorities and Welsh Government as to whether spend and service coverage across client groups are appropriate to meeting needs and achieving outcomes and VFM.
- d) Developing robust and coherent regional strategies to identify need and priorities.
- e) Recommend virements over 10% of spend category/service user group budget or between local authorities to Welsh Government.
- f) Advising on appropriate performance monitoring measures.

Role of the Welsh Government

The Welsh Government will:

- a) Agree multi year spend programmes in line with the identified priorities of the RCCs.
- b) Provide forward budget indicators looking forward 3 years, subject to appropriate caveats.
- c) Allocate SPPG resources to local authorities based on the agreed formulas and RCC recommendations on the Spend Plans.
- d) Administer the payment of grant for local authorities.
- e) Support local authorities to manage slippage and re-distribute resources between RCCs.
- f) Monitor and evaluate the SPPG programme.
- g) Carry out sample checks on project applications and grant claims and where necessary claw back grant if there are areas of non-compliance with SPPG procedures.

4. SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME GRANT BUDGET

The Welsh Government publishes its overall Budget in January of each year. This will include the amount of SPPG available.

For planning purposes the Welsh Government will provide Forward Indicators for a minimum of 3 years, based on future planned SPPG provision, for local authorities. This will mean that local authorities will have a firm SPPG budget for the first year based on the allocation formula. The budget for the following 2 years will be provisional because the Welsh Government's own budget is only set one year in advance. Amounts may be subject to change either upwards or downwards in line with overall budget pressures and reviews of the SPPG funding distribution formula. In addition, the Welsh Government reserves the right to review allocations to individual local authorities in response to continued and sustained poor performance and in line with RCC recommendations.

5. ALLOCATIONS

The Welsh Government will allocate the SPPG based upon the new SPPG funding distribution formula and the local and regional Spend Plans by spend category/service user group as recommended by the RCC.

The Welsh Government will approve the grant annually with payments being made to local authorities quarterly in arrears. However for the transition period of 2012/13 payments will be monthly in arrears.

Letters notifying indicative SPPG allocations for the forthcoming financial year will be issued to local authorities in December.

Following the approval of the Welsh Government budgets in January, SPPG Offers of Grant letters will be issued in March of each year for commencement of the grant in April.

This will take the form of a firm allocation for the financial year which begins in the following April and provisional allocations for the 2 years thereafter. This will enable local authorities and RCCs to effectively plan over a minimum 3 year period.

A needs based funding distribution formula, as recommended in the Aylward Review, has been adopted. The formula weighting has been adjusted in consultation with stakeholders and this formula will be subject to review. This will also drive forward a desirable emphasis on the identification and gathering of data which more accurately and properly reveals the nature and extent of needs of citizens requiring support under the programme.

The approach based on this formula for allocations is included in Chapter 8 of the Supporting People Guidance.

6. PUTTING IN PLACE 1 to 3 YEAR PROGRAMMES

It is the responsibility of the local authority to develop a proposed Spend Plan for submission to the RCCs for inclusion in the annual regional Spend Plan and onward recommendation to the Welsh Government for approval and allocation of SPPG funding.

In addition the local authority will present spend and development forecasts for discussion in the regional domain in order to inform and develop the short and long term regional plans.

In developing their Spend Plan, authorities should work with local partners and RCCs to ensure that the plans are realistic, deliverable and aligned with the regional strategy, recognising any identifiable obstacles to delivery, and has regard to the likely level of resources available within each year and period covered by the plans.

In developing and agreeing their proposed Spend Plans, local authorities should have mechanisms for ensuring appropriate regard to the views of local authority members; this includes formal agreement to the proposed Spend Plans to be submitted to the RCC and corporate sign-off arrangements which ensure that the plans is in place in time to appropriately support and facilitate delivery.

The plans should be regularly reviewed and updated, and should be amended in consultation with the RCCs and Welsh Government as appropriate to reflect any significant changes to circumstances affecting any of the services

7. SPPG SPEND PLANS, MONITORING AND GRANT CLAIMS

Local authorities will prepare their Spend Plans to ensure that their full allocation is committed to deliverable projects which meet the local priority needs as well as the local and regional strategic aims.

The Spend Plan will be subject to scrutiny by the RCC and agreement and final approval by the Welsh Government. Any concerns over Spend Plans will be raised by the Welsh Government with two weeks of receipt.

It is recognised that programmes are fluid and will be subject to change. Local authorities will be required to submit quarterly updates of their Spend Plans to the RCC by the end of the first month in each quarter. The RCCs will then submit these to the Welsh Government.

The timetable for the submission of the Spend Plans and the associated payments is attached (Annex A). A proposed pro-forma for the Spend Plan which shows the level of detail required is attached (Annex B).

The Welsh Government will consider the Spend Plans, the RCC's and local authority's performance will be judged according to the extent to which schemes are delivered according to the agreed plans.

Any material changes to a project which represent a change of greater than 10% of the total for a spend category/service user group in the Spend Plan must be notified to the RCC for consideration. The RCC will be required to deliberate and pass its recommendations to the Welsh Government for approval of the change. This is a

condition of the Grant and failure to observe this will result in the grantee being in breach of the grant conditions.

It is accepted that in the case of projects yet to be commissioned, the amounts of spend shown against individual spend category/service user group in the Spend Plan may be indicative only.

The RCC will advise the Welsh Government of outturn expenditure at the end of the financial year but expenditure monitoring throughout the year will be an integral component of the local authority programme management role and the RCC's.

8. MANAGING SLIPPAGE & SPEND

Local authorities will be able to exercise the necessary programme management control through the selection of SP services that balance regional and local priorities, needs and deliverability. Services need to be within the context of the agreed Spend Plan approved by Welsh Government – with local authorities having the ability to vire between service user groups at up to 10% of each service user group budget.

Where there is a need to undertake virement of funding between spend categories declared on the approved Spend Plan where the sum represent a change of 10% or greater to that category then approval must be sought via the RCC who will submit a recommendation to the Welsh Government for consideration and approval.

Where there is a need to undertake virement of funding within region but across local authorities, then the proposal must be agreed by the local authorities and the RCC and then submitted with recommendations to the Welsh Government for consideration and approval.

9. PERFORMANCE

During 2012/2013 options will be considered for measuring local authority and provider performance.

An evaluation of these processes will be undertaken in 2013/14.

10. Supporting People Spend Plan Timetable for the Transition Year

The timings proposed in this plan are speculative and dependent on achieving agreement on the delivery structures:

| Date | Action | Actionee |
|---|---|-----------------|
| April 2012 | On receipt of acceptance form, SPG and SPRG funding paid to local authorities and ASPs respectively to cover the period April 2012 to June 2012 (inclusive of 2.19% reduction for both streams against last years total). | WG/ LA SP Teams |
| April 2012 | Local authority SP teams prepare proposed Spend Plan in consultation with stakeholders for August 2012 – March 2013 based upon indicative figures given. | LA SP Team |
| May/June 2012 | Local authorities SP teams submit local SPPG proposed Send Plans for period August 2012 – April 2013 for local authority political approval. | LA |
| May/June 2012 | Following local authority political approval - local authority proposed Spend Plans is forwarded to co-ordinating local authority | LA |
| June 2012 | Co-ordinating local authority collates each proposed Spend Plan and produces a draft Regional Plan | LA |
| June 2012 | RCC scrutinise draft Regional Plan | RCC |
| June/July 2012 | RCC forward draft Regional Plan to Welsh Government for approval stating whether agreed by RCC or in exceptional cases advising of areas of contention. | RCC |
| July 2012 | Welsh Government to consider RCC Spend Plans and approve. | WG |
| July 2012 | SPG and SPRG funding paid to local authorities and ASPs respectively to cover the period July 2012 (inclusive of 2.19% reduction for both streams against last years total). | WG |
| August 2012 | First payment of SPPG to local authorities (1/8th of remaining) grant (paid in arrears). | WG |
| September 2012 (and monthly thereafter) | Payment of SPPG to local authorities. | WG |
| October 2012 | Local authority SP Teams prepare proposed Spend Plan in consultation with stakeholders for April 2013 – March 2014 based upon indicative figures given and forecasts for April 2014 – March 2015. | LA |
| November 2012 | Local authorities SP Teams submit local SPPG proposed Spend Plans for the relevant period for local authority political approval. | LA |
| December 2012 | Following local authority approval local authority proposed Spend Plan forwarded to co-ordinating local authority and co-ordinating local authority collates each proposed Spend Plan and produces a draft Regional Plan. | LA |
| December 2012 | RCC scrutinise draft Regional Plan, RCC forward draft Regional Plan to Welsh Government for approval stating whether agreed by RCC or in exceptional cases advising of areas of contention. | RCC |
| January/February 2013 | Welsh Government considers RCC Regional Plan and approve. | WG |

| Draft Local Authority Proposed Spend Plan Pro-Forma | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Region | | | | | |
| Local Authority | | | | | |
| Year | | | | | |
| Spend Category | Number of Units/bedspaces | Project Term | | | Total SPPG Funding (£) |
| | | Less than 6 mths (Direct Access/Refuge) | 6 to 24 mths | greater than 24 mths | |
| Women at risk of domestic abuse | | | | | |
| Men at risk of domestic abuse | | | | | |
| People with learning disabilities | | | | | |
| People with mental health issues | | | | | |
| People with alcohol issues | | | | | |
| People with substance misuse issues | | | | | |
| Refugees | | | | | |
| People with physical and/or sensory disabilities | | | | | |
| Young people who are care leavers | | | | | |
| People at risk of offending | | | | | |
| People with HIV / AIDS | | | | | |
| Families with support needs | | | | | |
| Older people with support needs | | | | | |
| Single people with support needs | | | | | |
| Young people at risk | | | | | |
| Complex needs (>2 of the needs identified above) | | | | | |
| Generic/Floating support/Peripatetic | | | | | |
| Alarm services (including alarms in sheltered and extracare schemes) | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | | | | |

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Adroddiad i'r: | Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau |
| Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: | 31 Mai 2012 |
| Aelod/Swyddog Arwain: | Pennaeth Perfformiad a Chynllunio Busnes |
| Awdur yr Adroddiad: | Pennaeth Perfformiad a Chynllunio Busnes |
| Teitl: | Bwrdd Rhanbarthol Cymunedau Mwy Diogel |

1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Mae'r adroddiad yn amlinellu'r cynnydd tuag at ffurfio Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Cymunedau Mwy Diogel.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

- 2.1 Rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r Pwyllgor Craffu am y cynnydd i ffurfio Bwrdd Rhanbarthol Cymunedau Mwy Diogel.
- 2.2 Cyflwyno'r Cytundeb Partneriaeth diwygiedig ar gyfer y Bwrdd.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Bod y Pwyllgor Craffu:

- 3.1 yn rhoi sylwadau am y Cytundeb Partneriaeth diwygiedig; ac
- 3.2 yn cefnogi'r trefniadau diwygiedig fel y'u disgrifir yn y Cytundeb.

4. Manylion yr adroddiad

- 4.1 Ym mis Rhagfyr 2010 cytunwyd, yn rhan o Adolygiad Partneriaeth Gogledd Cymru, y byddai Bwrdd Rhanbarthol Cymunedau Mwy Diogel ar gyfer Gogledd Cymru'n cael ei sefydlu erbyn 2012.
- 4.2 Cynigiwyd y byddai'r Bwrdd hwn yn gyfrifol am lywodraethu, comisiynu rhanbarthol a goruchwylio trefniadau cyflenwi gweithredol Partneriaethau Diogelwch Cymunedol a Gwasanaethau Cyfiawnder leuenctid. Byddai hefyd yn dylanwadu ar ddarparu a datblygu gwasanaethau Cyfiawnder Troseddol.
- 4.3 Byddai'r Bwrdd yn cael ei gefnogi gan drefniadau gweithredol isranbarthol. Byddai'r partneriaethau llai ffurfiol hyn yn weithredol gyda'r ardaloedd sirol yn gweithio mewn cwpledi, gan feithrin ymhellach drefniadau partneriaeth presennol neu ddatblygol, fel a ganlyn:
 - Ynys Môn/ Gwynedd

- Conwy/ Sir Ddinbych
- Sir y Fflint/Wrecsam

4.4 Bydd y Bwrdd yn cydnabod ac yn parchu gwahaniaethau isranbarthol. Bydd cyfle i gael gwahanol ffyrdd o weithio ym mhob isranbarth e.e. graddau uno ffurfiol y timau gweithredol cyfredol. Byddai blaenoriaethau'r grwpiau isranbarthol yn cael eu tywys gan y Bwrdd i sicrhau mwy o gysondeb wrth gyflawni safonau perfformiad a chanlyniadau.

4.5. Cynigiwyd yn wreiddiol y dylai'r Bwrdd fod yn drefniant ffurfiol yn seiliedig ar y model Cydbwyllgor, gyda chyfrifoldeb am swyddogaethau statudol y partneriaethau, a rôl gynyddol mewn comisiynu gwasanaethau ar draws y rhanbarth. Fodd bynnag, ni chefnogwyd syniad Cydbwyllgor ffurfiol ar draws Gynghorau Gogledd Cymru, ac yn hytrach cynigir trefniant llai ffurfiol yn ei le. Hefyd, roedd amheuan ynghylch y model comisiynu rhanbarthol arfaethedig, ac mae hwn hefyd wedi'i waredu o'r cynnig. Mae Cytundeb Partneriaeth diwygiedig wedi'i gynnwys sy'n adlewyrchu'r newidiadau hyn (Gweler yr Atodiad). Disgrifir prif elfennau'r cytundeb newydd isod.

4.6 Rôl Strategol Bwrdd Cymunedau Mwy Diogel Gogledd Cymru

Bydd y Bwrdd yn derbyn y cyfrifoldebau strategol rhanbarthol sy'n perthyn ar hyn o bryd i grwpiau strategol a gweithredol lleol. Bydd:

- Yn datblygu'r weledigaeth i Ogledd Cymru ar gyfer Diogelwch Cymunedol a Chyfiawnder leuenctid ac yn cytuno arno.
- Yn sefydlu'r nodau strategol bras i'r partneriaethau gweithredol is-ranbarthol gyrraedd nodau'r Cynllun Diogelwch Cymunedol.
- Yn goruchwyllo ac yn datblygu cynlluniau strategol gydag effeithiau cychwynnol mewn meysydd polisi penodol lle mae perfformiad anghyson ar draws y rhanbarth.
- Yn monitro perfformiad, yn crisialu ac yn cymeradwyo arfer da, ac yn annog gwelliant parhaus ac yn sicrhau y cydymffurfir â'r 'dilysnodau arfer effeithiol' fel y'u nodir gan statud.
- Yn cyfarwyddo ac yn cynnal asesiadau anghenion ac ymgynghoriadau cyhoeddus yn ôl y gofyn.
- Yn hyrwyddo'r broses o brif ffrydio diogelwch cymunedol ar lefel strategol gyda sefydliadau partner.
- Yn hyrwyddo cydweithio wrth gynllunio a darparu gwasanaethau cyhoeddus lleol.
- Yn lleihau graddfa a chost trefniadau partneriaeth sylfaenol ar lefel is-ranbarthol a lleol.

4.7 Aelodaeth

Cynigir mai'r aelodaeth fydd yr Aelod Etholedig Arwain ar gyfer Diogelwch Cymunedol o bob Awdurdod Lleol, yn ogystal â chynrychiolwyr o'r Heddlu, y Gwasanaeth Iechyd, y Gwasanaeth Prawf a'r Gwasanaeth Tân. Bydd hefyd grŵp 'arbenigol' cefnogol o

swyddogion, gyda phrofiad mewn Diogelwch Cymunedol a Chyfiawnder Ieuenctid.

4.8 Comisiynu a dyrannu adnoddau

Yn y tymor byr, bydd y Bwrdd yn gyfrifol am bolisi, cyfeiriad strategol a blaenoriaethau cyffredinol. Yn y pen draw, gallai'r Bwrdd fod yn gyfrifol o hyd am gomisiynu gwasanaethau a ariennir drwy grantiau'r Swyddfa Gartref a Llywodraeth Cymru ac am ddyrannu adnoddau i gefnogi gwaith y partneriaethau gweithredol Diogelwch Cymunedol a Chyfiawnder Ieuenctid is-ranbarthol, ond dim ond pe byddai cytundeb ar hyn.

4.9 Blaenraglen waith

Byddai gan y Bwrdd raglen waith ffurfiol gyda blaenoriaethau wedi'u gosod er mwyn cael effaith gynnar. Mae'r blaenoriaethau'n cynnwys strategaeth atal troseddau ieuenctid, ymagwedd gyson at bolisi ymddygiad gwrthgymdeithasol a dull ar y cyd o fynd i'r afael ag adolygiadau dynladdiad domestig.

4.10 Mae cyfarfod cyntaf y Bwrdd Cymunedau Mwy Diogel wedi'i drefnu ar gyfer 3 Gorffennaf 2012.

5. Datblygiadau cysylltiedig

5.1 Mae datblygiad y Bwrdd Cymunedau Mwy Diogel yn cael ei gysgodi gan ddatblygiadau pwysig eraill ym maes diogelwch cymunedol, yn arbennig, penodi Comisiynydd Heddlu newydd ar gyfer Gogledd Cymru erbyn mis Tachwedd 2012.

5.2. Cyn hynny, bydd y Panel Heddlu a Throsedd yn cael ei sefydlu, a fydd yn gyfrifol am graffu ar y swydd newydd. Mae aelodaeth y panel hwn o Gyngor Sir Ddinbych yn debygol o gynnwys yr aelod Cabinet Arwain ac enwebai o'r Pwyllgor Craffu. Mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Conwy'n arwain y gwaith o ddatblygu'r Panel Heddlu a Throsedd ar ran rhanbarth Gogledd Cymru a dylai'r panel fod ar waith erbyn mis Medi 2012.

6. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Mae Diogelwch Cymunedol a gyflenwir drwy bartneriaeth yn elfen allweddol yn y Cynllun Mawr, ac mae gwella effeithiolrwydd partneriaethau drwy resymoli ymhlith amcanion allweddol y Cyngor a'r Bwrdd Gwasanaeth Lleol.

7. Beth fydd yn ei gostio a sut bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Mae arbedion yn bosibl yng nghost trefniadau partneriaeth is-ranbarthol a lleol.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi'u cynnal?

Cynhaliwyd ymgynghoriadau â Bwrdd Cyfiawnder Ieuenctid a Phartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol Conwy a Sir Ddinbych, a'r Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau ac Uwch Dîm Arwain y Cyngor.

9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Nid oes dim goblygiadau ariannol mawr amlwg yn codi o'r cynigion, er gall fod rhai arbedion oherwydd effeithlonrwydd gweinyddol. Pe byddai'r Bwrdd am dderbyn cylch gwaith ehangach yn y dyfodol, gallai fod goblygiadau yn codi o gomisiynu rhanbarthol ac adnoddau ariannol cyfun.

10. Pa risgiau sydd ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Nid oes dim risgiau sylweddol ar hyn o bryd.

11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

Nid oes penderfyniad yn ofynnol.

Mae Adran 21 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 ac Erthygl 6 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor yn nodi pwerau a rôl y Pwyllgor Craffu.

Swyddog Cyswllt:

Pennaeth Perfformiad a Chynllunio Busnes

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

North Wales Safer Communities Board

May 2012, Version 8

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document is a partnership agreement for the North Wales Safer Communities Board (NWSCB). For the purpose of this document the North Wales Safer Communities Board will be referred to as the NWSCB hereafter.

2. Legislative Base

- 2.1. The purpose of the North Wales Safer Communities Board will be to provide strategic leadership to meet nationally and regionally driven priorities for community safety and to meet the priorities of the regionally/locally produced strategic needs assessments. The NWSCB will have a threefold role and terms of reference: Community Safety; Youth Justice; Criminal Justice.
- 2.2. The formation of the NWSCB is supported by the Home Office, the Welsh Government and national partners. It originates from the Regional Partnership Review commissioned by the North Wales Regional Leadership Board. The NWSCB will oversee the strategic and commissioning duties of the local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and Youth Justice Boards (YJBs).
- 2.3. A summary of the main duties and responsibilities that the NWSCB will be expected to fulfill are outlined in Appendix 1.¹

3. Term and Commencement

- 3.1. **Period of Appointment:** The purpose, remit and function of the Board will be reviewed on an annual basis, or as necessary should any changes to its constitution and terms of reference be required to comply with the wishes of its constituent bodies, national policy or legislation or the direction of regulatory bodies/ agencies.
- 3.2. **Commencement:** The first meeting of the NWSCB will be held at the earliest point during the new municipal year and no later than July 2012.

¹ To be completed once the draft of the terms of reference are agreed.

4. Function of the NWSCB

- 4.1. The NWSCB will provide strategic direction for the exercise of the Community Safety and Youth Justice functions across the region. The NWSCB, whilst promoting consistency of policy objectives, consistently high performance, and the shared use of expertise and resources across the region; will recognise sub-regional and local differences in need and priorities as evidenced by regional strategic needs assessment.

5. Aims and Objectives

- 5.1. The aims of the NWSCB will be to promote consistency of outcomes across in the region; to promote consistency of policy and practice; to achieve consistently high standards of performance; to promote the collaborative and shared use of expertise and resources across the region in the interests of efficiency, economy and effectiveness in the fields of Community Safety and Youth Justice. The NWSCB aims to influence the provision of Criminal Justice Services in North Wales.
- 5.2. The objectives of the NWSCB will include:-
- Reducing bureaucracy and formality through streamlining strategic and operational functions.
 - Identifying shared and/or common priorities
 - Acting as a lobbying group to influence the Welsh Government, Home Office and Local Policing Body.
 - Establishing a common and consistent framework for strategic, tactical and operational delivery at regional, sub-regional and local levels.
 - Facilitating and encouraging regional working in the interests of public value.
 - Providing a more efficient and consistent service in contributing to reducing crime and disorder and improving the criminal justice services in North Wales.

6. Partnership Principles / Procedure of Cooperation

- 6.1. The development of an effective and impacting NWSCB will require effective partnership working, cross-agency communication, and the full and ready involvement of the statutory agencies.
- 6.2. The principles to be set for the constituent bodies which will make up the partnership are:-
- **Commitment** - Of time, energy, influence, contacts and resources to support the work of Partnership. Putting the interests of the NWSCB before those of individual agencies.
 - **Openness** - Transparency and openness.
 - **Respect** - Recognition of the value that each partner brings to the

Partnership

- **Equality** - Equality between partners and in services across the region.
- **Modernisation** - Openness to re-design and rationalise planning and service delivery.
- **Innovative** - Willingness to innovate and to be creative and risk-taking.
- **Flexibility** - Willingness and ability to understand others' perspectives and adapt current practice where there is mutual benefit.
- **Integration** - Avoiding duplication of effort and work towards achieving common aims and objectives.
- **Accountability** - Will be accountable to stakeholders within agreed procedures.
- **Communication** - All partners recognise their responsibility for disseminating information from the NWSCB and feeding in views of their constituent organisations.
- **Information Sharing** - Information will be readily shared in accordance with our agreed Information Sharing Protocol (refer to section 16 of this agreement).
- **User Focussed** - The focus of services and activities will be primarily on responding to the needs of individuals and communities.

6.3. All members (and their organisation) of the Partnership should also sign up to the following:

- Be demonstrably committed to the Partnership.
- Recognise and accept the need for Partnership.
- Have a clear understanding of the role and responsibility of each agency.
- Contribute to the development of a clear and explicit vision of working which is agreed by all partners and which has realistic, measurable and attainable outcome-based aims and objectives.
- Have commitment to and ownership of a common strategic agenda.
- Agree to equity and respect between partners to enable the creation and maintenance of Trust.
- Contributes to the effective inter-agency Partnership Working arrangements.
- Monitor, measure and learn from experience.

7. Governance

7.1. The Board will be appointed as a Board without formal decision making powers or statutory functions by mutual consent (not a Statutory Joint Committee).

7.2. This will require formal agreement of all statutory partners to the Board to the constitution, the terms of reference and the Partnership Agreement. The constituent bodies will make appointments to the Board (annually or for longer terms of office as desired) according to their constitutions. The constituent bodies will be invited to make appointments at the first annual general or other meeting from May 2012.

- 7.3. Provision will be made for Welsh language translation facilities at Board meetings. Documents and reports produced by the Board for the public domain will be bi-lingual.

8. Membership and Terms of Office

- 8.1. The NWCSB will be made up of agencies and organisations which provide services to community safety, youth justice and criminal justice partnerships in North Wales.
- 8.2. The Chair will be nominated and agreed by the Board and will be elected on an annual basis.
- 8.3. The membership of the Board will comprise the following:
- i. Formal members: Formal members are defined as representatives from the statutory partner agencies, as listed in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Elected members appointed will be expected to have sufficient seniority and experience; officers appointed will be at an appropriate level of seniority to similarly make decisions on behalf of their organisations. Appointees, whether elected members or senior officers, will have full voting rights. The statutory organisations identified by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 are:
 - Local Authorities Police
 - Police Authority
 - Probation Service
 - Fire Service
 - Local Health Board
 - ii. Standing Professional Advisors: Advisors will be identified to join the Board to provide specialist advice to members. They will not have full voting rights.
 - iii. Co-opted Members: Co-opted members will be appointed to the Board as required. They will have full speaking rights but not voting rights.
- 8.4. All constituent partner representatives should have sufficient seniority within their organisation to make necessary resource and policy commitments. This requirement is not intended to compromise the independence and decision-making processes of the partner organisations;
- 8.5. Representatives of statutory partners, as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, should be of sufficient seniority to ensure that their organisation fulfil their statutory responsibilities.
- 8.6. Each of the region's local authorities will be required to formally

nominate an Elected Member to represent them on the Board. The other partners will be represented by officers with delegated powers from their respective organisations. Further detail relating to the formal membership is contained in Appendix 2, at the end of this document.

- 8.7. The Board will have the power to co-opt additional members as required.
- 8.8. Other partners may be involved from time to time on an ad hoc basis, by agreement of the Board. Such partners may take part in working arrangements, in subsidiary partnerships or provide advice. They are likely to have a degree of influence but will retain their independence.

9. Roles and Responsibilities

- 9.1. Members of the Board agree to discharge their roles as outlined in statutory guidance where applicable. They will share in decision-making processes and commit to contribute professional expertise, time, energy, influence (within own organisations and in other settings), contacts and resources. This includes adhering to partnership agreements and protocols.
- 9.2. The NWSCB will be responsible for the development and implementation of an overarching North Wales Community Safety Strategic Plan (in accordance with Home Office guidelines) which will be underpinned by sub-regional community safety plans where the statutory duties will remain. In doing so, it will:
 - Scrutinise, comment and make recommendations on relevant reports from partner organisations and plans from other strategic partnerships.
 - Commission research and request reports and information on relevant matters and produce its own reports and recommendations.
 - Where appropriate, establish strategic planning groups, ensuring a balance of membership, to consider specific issues and invite individuals with relevant skills, knowledge and experience to join such groups.
 - Nominate members to existing strategic planning groups, ensuring a balance of membership.
 - Commission advisors and experts to provide information, advice and guidance on issues.
 - Liaise and co-operate with other partnership groups in North Wales.
 - Make contact with peer organisations/partnerships in other counties (including England where appropriate).
- 9.3. The Board is responsible for co-ordinating strategic planning and giving advice and guidance to the sub-regional operational CSP's, and YJBs.

10. Reporting

- 10.1. The Board will formally report as a Strategic Board on progress to:

- The Police and Crime Commissioner, subject to guidance from the Home Office.
 - Home Office (as required)
 - Welsh Government (as required)
 - Youth Justice Board (as required)
 - Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees
 - Statutory Regulators (as required)
- 10.2. The Board will report to the constituent partner organisations on a frequency to be agreed and at least annually. In addition Formal Board Members will report to their own appointing organisations using their own internal/local structures and constitution.
- 10.3. Reporting arrangements into the Board are described within the adopted performance management framework. This outlines reporting frequency and type of information required.

11. Meetings and Secretariat

- 11.1. The NWCSB shall meet at least three times per municipal year. Where extraordinary or additional meetings are required these will be agreed by the Chair.
- 11.2. Board members are expected to contribute to meetings in line with the principles within the adopted “Procedure for Cooperation”. Participation in meetings of the NWSCN will be restricted to Members of the Board and other invitees as appropriate.
- 11.3. Declarations of interest must be disclosed prior to each meeting.
- 11.4. Substitute members shall be appointed as named deputies by respective organisations.
- 11.5. The Quorum will be fifty percent of the number of formal members (as set in 8.3 above) or nominated deputies.
- 11.6. A lead authority will be appointed by mutual agreement to service the NWSCB.
- 11.7. Responsibility for servicing meetings will be provided by a lead authority. This is to include production of notices of meetings, agendas, reports and minutes

12. Forward Work Programming and Risk Management

12.1 A Forward Work Programme will be published by the NWSCB.

12.2 A risk register will be set and managed by the NWSCB.

13. Collaboration and Funding Opportunities

13.1 The Board will not have formal powers over commissioning and pooling of budgets at the outset. The Board could fulfil a regional commissioning function at a later date with the agreement of constituent partners. Given the planned changes to commissioning arrangements at the time of writing with, for example, the imminent election of police commissioners with commissioning powers for police force areas, the potential for such a role for this board is unclear.

13.2 At the appropriate time, Board members will agree the framework for the management of pooled funds and resources. This could include consideration for the following:

- Process for commissioning services, including identification of lead authorities for different services.
- Method of pooled funding.
- Processes for financial control and monitoring within and between partnerships.
- Sharing of human and other resources to enable the partnership to operate effectively.
- Standing orders and financial regulations.
- Accountable structures for auditing.

14. Partnership Assessment and alteration of the Partnership Agreement

14.1. This Partnership Agreement will be reviewed at close of its first year (May 2013) and thereafter at the start of each strategic planning period (currently every 3 years).

15. Exiting of Involvement with the Partnership

14.1 No formal mechanism yet adopted. The NWSCB will need to specify the procedure, and consider the statutory requirements, if applicable.

16. Community Involvement and Equality

- 16.1. The North Wales Community Safety Strategic Plan should reflect the views, where possible, of stakeholders and the general public.
- 16.2. An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken during the process of developing the regional Community Safety Strategic Plan.

17. Information Sharing

- 17.1. All partners will adhere to the framework set out in the 'North Wales Community Safety Chief Officer Strategic Group Protocol and Procedure for the Exchange of Information', until such time as the NWSCB is in a position to develop its own protocol.²

² The purpose of the Protocol is to facilitate the exchange of information pursuant to the power contained in Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Where certain conditions are satisfied, Section 115 enables any person to disclose information for the purposes of any provision of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to a relevant authority, or to a person acting on behalf of such an authority. Section 17A of the Police and Justice Bill 2007 strengthened the 1998 Act by placing a duty on responsible authorities within the CSP to share depersonalised aggregate data which would be in the interest of preventing crime, disorder, misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, anti-social behaviour and behaviour adversely affecting the environment. This duty will only apply to information already held by the responsible authority in a depersonalised and aggregate format

Appendix 1: Main Duties and Responsibilities of the NWSCB

To be formally agreed after first meeting of the NWSCB

Appendix 2: Membership of the NWSCB

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All constituent partner representatives should have sufficient seniority within their organisation to make necessary resource and policy commitments. This requirement is not intended to compromise the independence and decision-making processes of the partner organisations.

Representatives of statutory partners, as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, should be of sufficient seniority to ensure that their organisation fulfil their statutory responsibilities.

Each of the region's local authorities will be required to formally nominate an Elected Member to represent them on the Board. The other statutory authorities will be represented by officers with delegated powers from their respective organisations.

The Board will have the power to co-opt additional members as required, and should consider the representation of other major partnerships in the area.

Table 1: Composition of Membership

| Organisation | Number of representatives | Elected Member/ Officer Member/ Advisory Member |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Anglesey County Council | 1 | Elected Member |
| Conwy County Borough Council | 1 | Elected Member |
| Denbighshire County Council | 1 | Elected Member |
| Flintshire County Council | 1 | Elected Member |
| Gwynedd County Council | 1 | Elected Member |
| Wrexham County Borough | 1 | Elected Member |

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| Council | | |
| Police and Crime Commissioner Representative | 1 | To be determined |
| North Wales Police | 1 | Officer Member |
| North Wales Fire and Rescue | 1 | Officer Member |
| Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board | 1 | Officer Member |
| Wales Probation | 1 | Officer Member |
| Lead Chief Officer Advisor | 1 | Advisory Member |
| Specialist Advisors: Community Safety Youth Justice | 6 | Advisory Member |

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

Adroddiad ar gyfer: Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: 31 Mai 2012

Awdur yr Adroddiad: Cydlynnydd Craffu

Teitl: Rhaglen Waith Craffu

1. Beth mae'r adroddiad yn ymwneud ag o?

Mae'r adroddiad yn cyflwyno'r Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau â'i flaenraglen waith ddrafft i'r aelodau ei hystyried.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm am wneud yr adroddiad yma?

I ofyn i'r Pwyllgor adolygu a chytuno ar ei raglen o waith ar gyfer y dyfodol, ac i ddiweddarau aelodau ar faterion perthnasol.

3. Beth yw'r argymhellion?

Bod y Pwyllgor yn ystyried y wybodaeth a ddarparwyd ac yn cymeradwyo, adolygu neu ddiwygio ei flaenraglen waith fel y bydd yn ei bennu'n addas.

4. Manylion yr adroddiad

- 4.1 Mae Erthygl 6 Cyfansoddiad y Cyngor yn gosod allan delerau gorchwyl, swyddogaethau ac aelodaeth pob Pwyllgor Craffu tra bod rheolau gweithdrefnau ar gyfer pwyllgorau craffu wedi eu gosod allan yn Rhan 4 y Cyfansoddiad.
- 4.2 Yn ôl Cyfansoddiad Cyngor Sir Ddinbych mae'n ofynnol i bwyllgorau craffu baratoi a pharhau i adolygu rhaglen ar gyfer eu gwaith yn y dyfodol. Drwy adolygu a blaenoriaethu materion, gall aelodau sicrhau fod y rhaglen waith yn cyflenwi agenda sydd dan arweiniad yr aelodau.
- 4.3 Mae wedi bod yn arfer mabwysiedig yn Sir Ddinbych am nifer o flynyddoedd i bwyllgorau craffu gyfyngu nifer yr adroddiadau a ystyrir mewn unrhyw gyfarfod unigol i uchafswm o bedwar yn ogystal â rhaglen waith y Pwyllgor ei hun. Nod y dull gweithredu yma ydi hwyluso trafodaeth fanwl ac effeithiol ar bob pwnc.
- 4.4 Gofynnir i'r Pwyllgor ystyried ei raglen waith ddrafft ar gyfer cyfarfodydd y dyfodol, fel y'u nodir yn atodiad 1, a chymeradwyo, adolygu neu ddiwygio fel y bydd yn ei bennu'n addas gan ystyried:
 - materion a godir gan aelodau'r Pwyllgor
 - materion fydd wedi eu cyfeirio ato gan Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion Craffu

- perthnasedd i flaenoriaethau cymunedol y Pwyllgor/Cyngor/gymuned
 - Cynllun Corfforaethol y Cyngor ac Adroddiad Blynyddol Cyfarwyddwr y Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
 - baich gwaith cyfarfodydd
 - llinellau amser
 - canlyniadau
 - materion allweddol a gwybodaeth i'w cynnwys mewn adroddiadau
 - swyddogion a/neu aelodau arweiniol y Cabinet y dylid eu gwahodd (o ystyried a yw eu presenoldeb yn angenrheidiol neu'n ychwanegu gwerth)
 - cwestiynau i'w rhoi i swyddogion/aelodau arweiniol y Cabinet
- 4.5 Wrth ystyried eitemau yn y dyfodol i'w cynnwys yn y flaenraglen waith gallai fod yn ddefnyddiol i aelodau ystyried y cwestiynau canlynol wrth bennu addasrwydd pwnc i'w gynnwys yn y rhaglen waith:
- beth yw'r mater dan sylw?
 - pwy yw'r budd-ddeiliaid?
 - beth sy'n cael ei ystyried mewn manau eraill
 - beth sydd ar graffu angen ei wybod?
 - pwy allai gynorthwyo?
- 4.6 Blaenraglen waith ddrafft y Pwyllgor (atodiad 1) fel y mae ar hyn o bryd ydi'r un y mae wedi ei hetifeddu gan y pwyllgor a oedd yn ei ragflaenu. Gofynnir felly i Aelodau ystyried a yw'r rhaglen yn adlewyrchu dymuniadau a blaenoriaethau'r Pwyllgor newydd.
- 4.7 Fel y'i crybwyllir ym mharagraff 4.2 uchod mae'n ofynnol yn ôl Cyfansoddiad Cyngor Sir Ddinbych i bwyllgorau craffu baratoi a pharhau i adolygu rhaglen ar gyfer eu gwaith yn y dyfodol. Os ydi swyddogion o'r farn fod pwnc yn haeddu amser i'w drafod ar agenda busnes y Pwyllgor, mae'n rhaid iddyn nhw ofyn yn ffurfiol i'r Pwyllgor ystyried derbyn adroddiad ar y pwnc hwnnw. Bydd hynny'n cynorthwyo'r broses o flaenoriaethu adroddiadau. Gwneir hynny drwy gyflwyno 'ffurflen gynnig' sy'n egluro pwrpas, pwysigrwydd a chanlyniadau potensial materion a awgrymwyd. Bydd aelodau sy'n dychwelyd yn gyfarwydd â'r ffurflen yma, ond, er mwyn aelodau newydd, mae enghraifft o un o'r ffurflenni yma yn atodol fel atodiad 2. Ni dderbyniwyd unrhyw ffurflenni cynnig i'w hystyried gan y Pwyllgor yn y cyfarfod cyfredol.
- 4.8 Blaenraglen Waith y Cabinet
Mae'n ddefnyddiol i bwyllgorau craffu, wrth bennu eu rhaglen o waith ar gyfer y dyfodol, ystyried rhaglen waith restredig y Cabinet. Mae copi o flaenraglen waith y Cabinet wedi ei atodi yn Atodiad 3 i'r diben hwn.
- 4.9 Cynnydd ar Benderfyniadau'r Pwyllgor
Mae tabl sy'n crynhoi penderfyniadau diweddar y Pwyllgor a'u gweithrediad yn atodol yn Atodiad 4 i'r adroddiad hwn.

5. Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion Craffu

- 5.1 Dan drefniadau craffu'r Cyngor mae Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion Craffu'n perfformio rôl pwyllgor cydlynu.
- 5.2 Yn ei gyfarfod diwethaf cyn etholiadau'r Cyngor Sir fe gymeradwyodd Grŵp Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion Craffu fod y Pwyllgor Craffu Partneriaethau'n cynnwys eitem ar y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol yn ei raglen waith. O dderbyn yr eitem yma ar ei raglen waith bydd y Pwyllgor yn cydymffurfio â'i swyddogaeth ddynodedig y mae'n rhaid iddo ymgymryd ag o'n flynyddol o leiaf, yn ôl gofynion Deddf yr Heddlu a Chyfiawnder 2006, o graffu materion trosedd ac anhrefn. Mae eitem ar y Bartneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol wedi ei rhoi dros dro ar raglen waith y Pwyllgor ar gyfer Medi 2012.

6. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu tuag at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Bydd craffu effeithiol yn cynorthwyo'r Cyngor i gyflenwi ei flaenoriaethau corfforaethol yn unol ag anghenion y gymuned a dymuniadau preswylwyr. Bydd datblygu ac adolygu'r rhaglen waith gydlynol yn barhaus yn cynorthwyo'r Cyngor gyda monitro ac adolygu materion polisi.

7. Faint fydd hyn yn ei gostio a sut fydd o'n effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Mae'n bosib y byddai angen i wasanaethau ddyrannu amser swyddog i gynorthwyo gyda'r gweithgareddau a nodwyd yn y flaenraglen waith, a chydag unrhyw gamau a allai ddeillio'n dilyn ystyriaeth o'r eitemau hynny.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gafwyd?

Dim yn ofynnol ar gyfer yr adroddiad yma. Fodd bynnag, mae'r adroddiad ei hun ac ystyriaeth o'r flaenraglen waith yn cynrychioli proses ymgynghori â'r Pwyllgor o ran ei raglen o waith ar gyfer y dyfodol.

9. Pa risgiau sydd yna ac a oes yna unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Ni nodwyd unrhyw risgiau o ran yr ystyriaeth o flaenraglen waith y Pwyllgor. Fodd bynnag, drwy adolygu ei flaenraglen waith yn rheolaidd gall y Pwyllgor sicrhau fod meysydd o risg yn cael eu hystyried a'u harchwilio wrth iddyn nhw gael eu nodi, ac fe wneir argymhellion gyda'r bwriad o ddelio â'r risgiau hynny.

10. **Grym i wneud y penderfyniad**

Mae Erthygl 6.3.7 Cyfansoddiad y Cyngor yn amodi fod yn rhaid i bwyllgorau craffu'r Cyngor baratoi a pharhau i adolygu rhaglen ar gyfer eu gwaith yn y dyfodol.

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Note: Items entered in italics have not been approved for submission by the Committee. Such reports are listed here for information, pending formal approval.

| Meeting | | Item (description / title) | Purpose of report | Expected Outcomes | Author | Date Entered |
|---------|---|--|--|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 12 July | 1 | New Work Connections | To scrutinise the delivery of the collaborative project from the perspective of the lead sponsor | Recommendations for effective service delivery of the project across Denbighshire and with respect to exit strategies | Melanie Evans | March 2012 |
| | 2 | Regional Collaboration on Economic Development | Pre-decision scrutiny of the anticipated benefits of collaborative arrangements for the purpose of economic development | Formulation of recommendations with respect to entering into formal regional collaboration arrangements with regards to economic development | Mark Dixon | By SCVCG February 2012 |
| | 3 | Families First | To detail the tendering and award process for the Families First Programme funding from April 2012 | A thorough analysis of the process followed this year will assist with the development of a robust commissioning strategy for future funding allocations to deliver services on the Council's behalf and mitigate risks to service providers and users from unsuccessful bids and loss of funding | Alan Smith/Jan Juckes-Hughes | March 2012 |
| | 4 | Mental Health Measure | Presentation of draft joint scheme with respect to access to primary mental health services for children, adults and older people that will provide for an ageless service | Identification of any weaknesses in the proposals and the formulation of recommendations to address them to enable the development of a robust scheme which delivers the best outcomes for service users and associated services | Phil Gilroy/Leighton Rees | March 2012 (rescheduled May 2012) |
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Partnerships Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan

Appendix 1

| Meeting | Item (description / title) | Purpose of report | Expected Outcomes | Author | Date Entered |
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| Possible Joint Meeting with Conwy (tbc) | 1. Community Safety Partnership (tbc) 8 Ways Project | To consider the progress in improving the areas identified within the CSP's Action Plan 11/12 (minutes of meeting 26/5/11 refer) | Safer and better communities | Siân Taylor | May 11 |
| | 2. <i>Conwy and Denbighshire Mental Health Partnership [possible deferment to a future joint meeting due to proximity of elections]</i> | <i>To assess the effectiveness and quality of the service delivered by the Partnership</i> | <i>An evaluation of the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements in delivering the required services to service-users in both areas</i> | <i>Sally Ellis and Heads of Adult Services/Helena Thomas</i> | <i>May 11 (rescheduled Nov 11)</i> |
| 27 September | 1. Review of Higher Education in North East Wales [Education] (tbc) | To provide observations to the Panel tasked with undertaking the review of higher education provision in the area | Engagement with an important review with a view to influencing future provision of higher education in North East Wales | Mark Dixon | March 2012 |
| | 2. Community Safety Partnership [Crime and Disorder Scrutiny] | To detail the Partnership's progress in delivering its 2011/12 action plan and discuss its action plan for 2012/13 | Effective monitoring of the CSP's delivery of its action plan for 2011/12 and its draft action plan for 2012/13 will ensure that the CSP delivers the services which the Council and local residents require | Siân Taylor | By SCVCG April 2012 |
| 8 November | | | | | |
| Nov? Possible Joint Meeting with Conwy CBC (tbc) | 1. <i>Review of Joint Adoption Panel ? (request from Conwy)</i> | | | <i>Tbc [check with Leighton Rees]</i> | <i>January 2012</i> |
| | 2. <i>Planning and Public Protection (tbc)</i> | <i>The Committee to scope the purpose and expected outcomes</i> | | <i>Wyn Jones/ Graham Boase</i> | <i>May 11</i> |
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| 20 December | | | | | |
| 31 January 2013 | | | | | |
| 14 March | | | | | |
| 25 March | | | | | |
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Future Issues

| Item (description / title) | Purpose of report | Expected Outcomes | Author | Date Entered |
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| <i>Potential for Collaborative Domiciliary Care provision with respect to rural areas of the county</i> | <i>To outline the pressures encountered in the County's rural areas with respect to the provision of domiciliary care services and the potential for establishing a collaborative domiciliary care service (including services for people with learning disabilities) with other North Wales local authorities</i> | <i>The delivery of better quality services to residents in a more effective and efficient manner</i> | <i>Phil Gilroy/Anne Hughes-Jones</i> | <i>April 2012</i> |
| Challenging Behaviour and its impact on Council services [could possibly be an issue for Partnerships as joint working with BCU involved] <i>(transferred from Communities Scrutiny Committee)</i> [education] | An analysis of the impact of children's challenging behaviour on the Council's education and social services' functions | Identification of measures, or other Council services, which may assist education and social services to address challenging behaviour and ease budget and resource pressures in the long-term | Leighton Rees/Karen I Evans | March 11 |

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| Children and Adolescent Mental Health Progress (CAMHS) (Dr Peter Gore-Rees from BCU to be invited) | To consider the progress achieved in addressing CAMHS assessment delays and further progress in relation to CAHMS services | Early intervention and preventative work will ease pressures on the Council's education and social services in the long-term | BCUHB | March 11 (rescheduled January 2012) |
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Future Issues for Joint Scrutiny

| Item (description / title) | Purpose of report | Expected Outcomes | Author | Date Entered |
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| <i>Street Lighting</i> | <i>The Committee to scope the purpose and expected outcomes</i> | | <i>Stuart Davies/Andy Clark</i> | <i>May 11</i> |

For future years

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Information/Consultation Reports

| Information / Consultation | Item (description / title) | Purpose of report | Author | Date Entered |
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| Information | POVA Case Study Update | To inform Members of the conclusions of the CSSIW's investigation into the case of a nursing home resident and any recommendations and actions resulting from the review | Alaw Pierce | October 2010 |
| Information | North Wales Procurement Arrangements | Information on the progress in developing regional procurement arrangements | Arwel Staples | May 11 |

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Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

| Meeting | Deadline | Meeting | Deadline | Meeting | Deadline |
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| 12 July | 28 June | 27 September | 13 September | 8 November | 25 October |
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| PROPOSAL FORM FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES | | | | | |
|---|---|--|------------------------------|---------------|--|
| NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | | | | | |
| DATE OF MEETING / TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION | | | | | |
| TITLE OF REPORT | | | | | |
| PURPOSE | 1. Why is the report being proposed? (see also the checklist overleaf) | | | | |
| | 2. What issues are to be scrutinised? | | | | |
| | 3. Is it necessary/desirable for witnesses to attend e.g. lead members, officers/external experts? | | | | |
| | 4. What will the committee achieve by considering the report? | | | | |
| | 5. Score the topic from 0 – 4 on aims & priorities and impact (see overleaf)* | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Aims & Priorities</th> <th>Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Aims & Priorities | Impact | |
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| ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | | | | | |
| REPORTING PATH – what is the next step? Are Scrutiny’s recommendations to be reported elsewhere? | | | | | |
| AUTHOR | | | | | |

Please complete the following checklist:

| | Yes | No |
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| Is the topic already being addressed satisfactorily? | | |
| Is Scrutiny likely to result in service improvements or other measurable benefits? | | |
| Does the topic concern a poor performing service or a high budgetary commitment? | | |
| Are there adequate resources / realistic possibility of adequate resources to achieve the objective(s)? | | |
| Is the Scrutiny activity timely, i.e. will scrutiny be able to recommend changes to the service delivery, policy, strategy, etc? | | |
| Is the topic linked to corporate or scrutiny aims and priorities? | | |
| Has the topic been identified as a risk in the Corporate Risk Register or is it the subject of an adverse internal audit or external regulator report? | | |

*The following table is to be used to guide the scores given:

| Score | Aims & Priorities | Impact |
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| 0 | No links to corporate/scrutiny aims and priorities | No potential benefits |
| 1 | No links to corporate/scrutiny aims and priorities but a subject of high public concern | Minor potential benefits affecting only one ward/customer/client group |
| 2 | Some evidence of links, but indirect | Minor benefits to two groups/moderate benefits to one |
| 3 | Good evidence linking the topic to both aims and priorities | Moderate benefits to more than one group/substantial benefits to one |
| 4 | Strong evidence linking both aims and priorities, and has a high level of public concern | Substantial community-wide benefits |

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Aims & Priorities

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| 4 | Possible topic for Scrutiny – to be timetabled appropriately | Priority topic for Scrutiny – for urgent consideration |
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| 2 | Reject topic for Scrutiny – topic to be circulated to members for information purposes | Possible topic for Scrutiny – to be timetabled appropriately |
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CABINET: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**FUTURE ISSUES**

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| 19 JUNE 2012 | |
| Regional CCTV | Lead Member / Graham Boase |
| Regional Collaboration on Economic Regeneration Purpose: Approval for the governance arrangements for priority collaborative activities | Lead Member / Mark Dixon |
| Items from Scrutiny Committees | Scrutiny Coordinator |
| Mental Health Homeless Supported Housing – Contract Award | Gary Major / Lead Member |
| Corporate Plan Q4 performance report | Ewan McWilliams / Tony Ward |
| Mental Health Measure | Lead Member / Sally Ellis |
| ABBA Floating Support Project – Contract Award | Gary Major / Lead Member |
| Regional Collaborative Committees | Lead Member / Sally Ellis / Jenny Elliot |
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| 17 JULY 2012 | |
| Regional Collaboration on Economic Development | Lead Member / Mark Dixon |
| Items from Scrutiny Committees | Scrutiny Coordinator |
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| 18 DECEMBER 2012 | |
| Welsh Housing Quality Standards | Lead Member / Peter McHugh |
| Items from Scrutiny Committees | Scrutiny Coordinator |
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Progress with Committee Resolutions

| Date of Meeting | Item number and title | Resolution | Progress |
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| 8 March 2012 | 5. Tourism | <p>RECOMMENDED that –</p> <p>(a) members' comments as detailed above be contained or addressed in the Destination Management Plan;</p> <p>(b) members' comments also be brought to the attention of the Lead Member for Regeneration and Tourism who was also the Council's representative on the Tourism Partnership North Wales, and</p> <p>(c) details of the internal Programme Board's Terms of Reference and reporting arrangements be circulated to the committee.</p> | <p>Committee's views copied to the Lead Member and relevant officers</p> <p>This will be treated as a project with the sponsor being the Head of Environment, (Steve Parker), the project manager will be Ruth Williams (Principal Regeneration Investment & Strategy Officer), and the Board members will be the Head of Planning & Public Protection (Graham Boase), the Head of Highways & Infrastructure (Stuart Davies), the Head of Communication, Marketing & Leisure (Jamie Groves) and Strategic Regeneration Manager (Mark Dixon)</p> |
| 19 April | 5. Annual Audit of Safeguarding Children in | <p>RESOLVED: - that subject to the above observations:</p> <p>(a) to note the actions undertaken to date</p> | |

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| | Education Quality Assurance Framework – | <p><i>to address cross service safeguarding issues, and endorse future actions to address the areas of weakness identified in the annual audit of schools to address cross service safeguarding issues; and</i></p> <p>(b) that school governors are requested to monitor on a regular basis that all their school staff and volunteers have current relevant safeguarding checks in place and have undertaken the safeguarding training relevant to their role</p> | <p>Resolution communicated to relevant officers</p> <p>Chairs of Governing Bodies will be asked to ensure that reports are received to meetings of the Governing Body from the Head Teacher to enable them to fulfil a monitoring role.</p> |
| | 6. Provision of Music within Schools | <p>RESOLVED: -</p> <p>(a) <i>to continue to support the ongoing work with respect to the development of music within the County;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>to support the proposals for the wider review of funding of music provision in Denbighshire; and</i></p> <p>(c) <i>that the findings of the North Wales Music Task and Finish Group be reported to the Committee in due course</i></p> | <p>No date has yet been set for the Group to finalise its work and report. The School Effectiveness Performance Officer will raise the timescale issue with the Group at its next meeting on 26 June.</p> |

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