

<b>Report to</b>	Governance & Audit Committee
<b>Date of meeting</b>	24 November 2021
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	<b>Lead Member for Wellbeing and Independence &amp; Lead Member for Education, Children’s Services and Public Engagement / Corporate Director Communities</b>
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<b>Title</b>	Care Inspectorate Wales – Assurance Check 2021

## **1. What is the report about?**

1.1. This report summarises the findings of the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) assurance check of Denbighshire County Council undertaken 28 June to 2 July 2021. The purpose of the assurance check was to review how well local authority social services continue to help and support adults and children with a focus on safety and well-being.

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1. To ensure that the Committee is aware of this evaluation of social services and how well the local authority did in discharging its statutory functions to keep people who need care and support and carers who need support, safe and promote their well-being during the pandemic.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

3.1. That the Committee considers the CIW assurance check, the summary of findings and priorities for improvement; and consider whether any further scrutiny is required.

## **4. Report details**

- 4.1. This CIW Assurance Check provides information on how the local authority performed in discharging its statutory functions to keep people who need care and support and carers who need support, safe and promote their well-being during the pandemic.
- 4.2. The letter provides a summary of findings and priorities for improvement. Areas identified as requiring improvement are in line with the Director of Social Services' Annual Report and will be embedded within Service Business Plans.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

- 5.1. This Assurance Check provides an external perspective of the Council's performance in relation to social services.

## **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

- 6.1. The response to delivering improvement actions will be integrated into the Service Business Plans. The delivery of these plans will be managed within existing financial resources.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1. A well-being impact assessment is not required because this report does not ask for a decision that will result in any change for staff or the wider community. WBIA's will be completed on individual priorities if they require projects to commence and/or decisions to be taken.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

- 8.1. Scheduled engagement meetings take place with the Corporate Director, Heads of Service and CIW which help inform this evaluation as well as assess progress in delivering improvement.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. There are no direct financial consequences of this report as the service has committed to the delivery of these plans within existing financial resources. Any additional requirements that may be identified in the future can be brought forward as part of the service pressure element of the annual budget process.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1. There are no risks associated with implementing the recommendations of this report.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. There is no decision being asked in this report.