

Minutes



Performance Scrutiny Committee - People

Date: 26 November 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Present: Councillors D Fouweather (Chair), S Marshall, D Jenkins, T Watkins, D Harvey, J Cleverly and C Townsend

In Attendance: Cllr D Davies (Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years), Cllr P Drewett (Cabinet Member for Communities and Poverty Reduction) and Cllr L Lacey (Cabinet Member for Social Services), Samantha Herritty (Scrutiny Adviser), Tanya Evans (Strategic Director Social Services), Myfanwy Moran (Head of Adult Services), Natalie Poyner (Head of Children Services), Caroline Ryan-Phillips (Head of Prevention and Inclusion), Mandy Shide (Service Manager) and Rhianydd Williams (Service Manager - Integrated Family Support)

Apologies: Councillors B Davies

1 Declarations of Interest

None.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held **1st October 2024** were agreed as a **true and accurate record**.

3 Service Area Mid Year Report 2024-25 - Social Services

The Strategic Director (SD) for Social Services introduced and the Head of Children's Services (HCS) gave an overview of the report to the Committee.

Members questioned the Officers and Cabinet Member on the content of the report – to access a full recording of the comments made please refer to the Council's YouTube channel. [Democratic meetings / Cyfarfodydd democrataidd.](#)

Comments and Recommendations:

- The Committee highlighted the importance of preventative work with children and young people.
- The Committee recommended that a briefing paper be sent to Members on the reports written regarding residential home inspections by responsible officers.
- The Committee recommended that any issues regarding training are highlighted in future reviews.

Adult Services

The Head of Adult Services (HAS) presented overview of the report to the Committee.

Members questioned the Officers and Cabinet Member on the content of the report – to access a full recording of the comments made please refer to the Council's YouTube channel. [Democratic meetings / Cyfarfodydd democrataidd.](#)

Comments and Recommendations:

- The Committee requested to be updated on assistive technology as and when new or altered provisions arise.
- The Committee recommended Officers consider complexities in Newport to ensure provision is appropriate for community needs.

Prevention and Inclusion

The Head of Prevention and Inclusion (HPI) provided overview to the Committee. Members questioned the Officers and Cabinet Member on the content of the report – to access a full recording of the comments made please refer to the Council's YouTube channel. [Democratic meetings / Cyfarfodydd democrataidd.](#)

Comments and Recommendations:

- The Committee recommended that they are made aware of any issues regarding grant funding, which could impact service provision.
- The Committee recommended exploring of the use of apps to support residents and help increase awareness, especially amongst younger service users.
- The Committee requested further information on any points highlighted/to be actioned from the Track the Act report.

4 Scrutiny Adviser Reports

a. Actions Arising

The Scrutiny Adviser informed Committee that a date for the Assistive Technology site visit is taking place on Tuesday 3rd December and the ongoing actions were now mostly longer term.

b. Forward Work Programme

The Scrutiny Adviser informed Committee that there have been no changes to the Forward Work Programme and the next meet was Tuesday 10th December for the Education Services Mid-Year Report 2024-25.

5 Meeting recording

[Please click here to watch the recording](#)

The meeting terminated at 12.15 pm