



City and County of Swansea

Notes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Child & Family Services**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Monday, 12 February 2018 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor P R Hood-Williams (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
K M Griffiths

Councillor(s)
Y V Jardine

Councillor(s)
A Pugh

Officer(s)

David Howes
Liz Jordan
Julie Thomas

Chief Social Services Officer
Scrutiny Officer
Head of Child & Family Services

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C Anderson, M Durke, P K Jones, S M Jones and I E Mann

1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Disclosure of interests – Alyson Pugh

2 Child and Family Services Draft Budget Proposals

Dave Howes, Chief Social Services Officer and Julie Thomas, Head of Child and Family Services went through the proposed budget proposals in relation to Child and Family Services highlighting the main issues and answering questions.

3 Summarising Views and Making Recommendations

The panel agreed the following views and recommendations on the budget proposals in relation Child and Family Services it would like to make to Cabinet:

- Reasonably satisfied with the budget proposed for CFS for 2018/19 and with the improvements to be increased and enhanced
- Noted the increased budget for CFS is mainly to cover inflationary increases in salaries
- The panel feels that Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) needs to be monitored closely
- The panel feels that early intervention is really important. It welcomes the forward thinking but will want to monitor this going forward.

Following on from this meeting:

Minutes of the Scrutiny Performance Panel – Child & Family Services (12.02.2018)
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The convener will feed in the views of this Panel, along with the conveners of the other panels to the Service Improvement and Finance Panel which meets on 14 February. The convener of the Service Improvement and Finance panel will then attend Cabinet on 15 February to feed in the collective views of the scrutiny performance panels and write a letter to the Cabinet member.

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm