

## Progress Report – Current Scrutiny Panels and Working Groups

### 1. Inquiry Panels:

#### a) Social Care at Home (convenor: Cllr Uta Clay)

Key Question: How can Swansea Council and its partners support elderly people to enable them to remain in their own homes?

Progress Bar:

Planning	Evidence Gathering	Draft Final Report

The panel's final report was presented to Cabinet on 20 January. A response to the recommendations by Cabinet is scheduled for Cabinet meeting on 20 August.

#### b) Corporate Culture (convener: Cllr Andrew Jones)

Key Question: How can the City and County of Swansea ensure that service delivery is always supported by a can do culture?

Progress Bar:

Planning	Evidence Gathering	Draft Final Report

The Panel's final report is being presented to Cabinet on 20 August.

#### c) Education Inclusion (convenor: Cllr Cheryl Philpott)

Key Question: How can the Council improve education for those children who are other than at school?

Progress Bar:

Planning	Evidence Gathering	Draft Final Report

The Panel on the 6 August will start concluding the inquiry by looking at their findings.

Projected End Date: September 2015

#### d) School Governance (convener: Cllr Fiona Gordon)

Key Question: How can the Council ensure that school governors provide effective challenge for their schools?

Progress Bar:

Planning				Evidence Gathering				Draft Final Report			

The Panel has completed its planning and has begun collecting evidence. The first evidence gathering sessions have taken place (governors' organisations and feedback from a recent governors' conference) and the Panel is due to hear from Estyn on the 30 July.

Projected End Date: December 2015

## 2. Pre-Inquiry Working Groups:

a) **Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services** (convener: Hazel Morris)

The Working Group was postponed and will now be held September. Sian Harrop-Griffiths, Director of Strategy, ABMU, and Dr. Claire Ball, Clinical Director, CAMHS, Cwm Taff Health Board will present a report on the current arrangements for the planning and provision of services for children and young people with emotional and mental health needs in the ABMU area.

## 3. Follow Up on Completed Inquiries:

Follow-ups of inquiries will consider both the implementation of scrutiny recommendations and wider impact / difference made. Inquiry Panels are reconvened between 6-12 months after cabinet decision on Inquiry reports.

Inquiry	Cabinet Decision	Recommendations			Follow Up Panel Meeting
		Agreed	Partly	Rejected	
Services for Looked After Children	17 Sep 2013	14	1	0	15 Jul 2014 (Follow up complete)
Public Transport	12 Nov 2013	13	1	0	20 Oct 2014 (Follow up complete)
Affordable Housing	3 Dec 2013	7	2	4	3 Dec 2014 (Follow up complete)
Tourism	14 Jan 2014	14	0	0	17 Nov 2014 (Follow up complete)
Economic Inactivity	3 Jun 2014	7	0	0	24 Jun 2015 (Follow up complete)
Attainment & Wellbeing	1 Jul 2014	11	0	0	11 Jun 2015 (Follow up complete)

Inward investment	20 Jan 2015	10	0	2	14 Jul 2015
Public Engagement	17 Feb 2015	15	1	0	25 Sept 2015
Streetscene	14 April 2015	14	4	3	Nov 2015

#### 4. Performance Panels:

##### a) Service Improvement & Finance (convener: Cllr Chris Holley)

The Service Improvement & Finance Panel will at their next meeting on 12 August have Q & A sessions with Cllr Clive Lloyd and Cllr Mark Child. Cllrs Lloyd and Child will discuss the impact and implementation of budget decisions within their portfolios before taking questions from the Panel.

##### b) Schools Performance (convener: Cllr Fiona Gordon)

The Schools Performance Panel will at their next meeting on 13 August meet with the Chief Education Officer to discuss implications of the Special Educational Needs /Alternative Learning Needs reform. Following that on the 10 September they will look at the educational performance and support for children that are looked after and also children from traveller communities.

##### c) Local Service Board (convener: Cllr Mary Jones)

The Panel on 27 July met with Euros Owen who presented an overview of the Older People's Independence priority. Chris Sivers, Director of People also attended the meeting and answered questions from the Panel. The Panel will consider the next steps for its work plan and how it will move forward to explore the work of the Local Service Board within this topic. The Panel agreed to move from bi-monthly to monthly meetings from September onwards.

##### d) Child & Family Services (convener: Paxton Hood-Williams)

See separate report - item 6 of the agenda.

#### 5. Other Panels / Working Groups:

A number of topics have been identified which will be dealt with through one-off Panels / Working Groups.

##### a) Transformation of Adult Social Services (convener: Bob Clay)

The panel met on 27<sup>th</sup> July to discuss Network Hubs. The panel was due to meet with partners from ABMU but they were unable to attend due to the re-structure of the health board. The panel was informed that Jan Worthing will no longer be the locality director and will be replaced by Hilary Dover (Primary and Community Services Director).

The panel agreed to move the session on Network Hubs to the meeting on August 24th so that Hilary Dover, Sharon Miller and Karen Gronhert can all attend. The panel did however receive a verbal briefing from the Head of Adult Services on the purpose of Network Hubs, where they are located and how they operate.

The panel also heard feedback from the members who attended the Domiciliary Care Commissioning Review workshop held on 17<sup>th</sup> July. The panel discussed the most appropriate way for scrutiny to engage with this review to ensure it added value and that its views were considered. The panel agreed that it was appropriate to be involved at the gateway stages and workshop meetings. The Cabinet Member agreed to examine how other commissioning reviews have engaged with scrutiny.

b) **Local Flood Risk Management** (convener: Cllr Susan Jones)

The Scrutiny Programme Committee has agreed that an additional meeting of this working group can take place to participate in the consultation process draft Flood Risk Management Plan for Swansea. The relevant officers have been contacted to arrange a suitable meeting date.

NOTE: Other Working Groups are to be agreed by the committee taking into account previously identified topics and new topics suggested. These will be convened in the future as time and resources allow, in the order of priority agreed by the committee.