

## **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVENTION AND SOCIAL CARE REFORM CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2015 AT 2.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor V M Evans (Chair) Presided

<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>
U C Clay A M Cook	P Lloyd R V Smith	T M White

**Officers:**

Jane Tonks – Local Area Co-ordinator Manager  
Jeremy Parkhouse – Democratic Services Officer

6 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J P Curtice, C R Doyle and E J King.

7 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

8 **MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

9 **LOCAL AREA COORDINATOR'S. (VERBAL)**

The Local Area Co-ordinator Manager provided the Committee with a verbal briefing regarding the roles of Local Area Co-ordinators (LAC's) in Swansea.

She outlined that the Authority was the first Council in Wales to employ LAC's and provided details regarding the history of the role and highlighted how the roles can support the prevention strand of work in Swansea.

At present, there are 3 LAC's employed by the Authority covering Gorseinon, Sketty and St Thomas / Bonymaen. She highlighted the role of the LAC's within these areas and explained how they support individuals within communities. She also detailed where/how the LAC's communicate with their communities and provided examples of some of the work undertaken.

Members asked a number of questions of the Officer who responded accordingly. Discussions centred around the following: -

- Maximising use of community facilities;
- Evidence based methods of LAC working;
- The need for more LAC posts to cover the population of Swansea;
- Community connectors;
- Different methods of communication with communities;
- Supporting vulnerable people;
- Approaches required by LAC's, especially in supporting individuals;
- How Councillors can support and assist LAC's;
- How to deal with the fear factor within communities when introducing vulnerable individuals to others in their area.

The Chair thanked the officer for her detailed update on the role of LAC's.

10 **SOCIAL SERVICES HUBS. (VERBAL)**

The Chair proposed that the Committee visits the three Social Services HUBS in Swansea in order to commence its research.

**RESOLVED** that visits to Social Services HUBS be added to the work plan.

11 **WORK PLAN DISCUSSIONS.**

The Workplan for the Cabinet Advisory Committee was noted.

**RESOLVED** that: -

- 1) Site visits to the three Social Services HUBS be added to the work plan;
- 2) A site visit to observe the Intake Team be added to the work plan.

The meeting ended at 3.07 pm

**CHAIR**