



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **People Policy Development Committee**

Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 19 February 2020 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor C R Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

S J Gallagher
M B Lewis

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
T M White

Councillor(s)

Y V Jardine

Officer(s)

Chris Francis

Principal Business Development and Commissioning Lead

Lindsay Haywood

Planning Officer

Simon Jones

Social Services Strategy and Performance Improvement Officer

Allison Lowe

Democratic Services Officer

Lisa Thomas

Senior Lawyer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C Anderson, M Sykes and G J Tanner

32 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

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

33 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the People Policy Development Committee held on 15 January 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

34 Strategic Approach to Commissioning Models - New Models of Care & Support. (Verbal)

The Chair stated that Jane Whitmore and Lisa Banks would provide feedback on the work undertaken at the workshop on 15 January 2020 at the next meeting scheduled for 18 March 2020.

Resolved that the verbal update be noted.

35 Transition for Children and Young People with a Disability. (Verbal)

Chris Francis, Principal Business Development and Commissioning Lead provided a verbal update as follows:

The Committee would consider the Draft Transition Policy in more detail in the workshop immediately following the Committee. He stated that there were other considerations that would be required to be taken into account such as:

- Welsh Government Code of Practice;
- Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Act – awaiting final guidance;
- Continuing Care – awaiting final version;
- Welsh Government Transition handover guidance for Health - published on 27 January 2020, consultation closes 20 April 2020.

A meeting had been arranged for 20 March 2020 led by Swansea's Director of Social Services, together with Neath Port Talbot Council and representatives from the Health Board. It was hoped that it would be established at that meeting whether partners would be in a position to "sign off" the Draft Transition Policy at that stage, however it was possible that partners would want to await the outcome of the other consultation documents to ensure they were aligned with our Draft Transition Policy.

The Principal Business Development and Commissioning Lead went on to say that as the aforementioned consultation documents contained broadly the same content as our Draft Transition Policy and he did not expect them to change too dramatically. On that basis he would be suggesting that Swansea Council sign up to a high level policy document, though it was unclear whether Partners would agree. He stated that the Policy would include appendices and it was those appendices that would be amended (should any relevant changes arise) rather than the Policy itself.

The Committee expressed concern to the ongoing delay in presenting this Draft Transition Policy to Cabinet. They acknowledged that the delay was due to the aforementioned factors and suggested the Principal Business Development and Commissioning Lead provide a risk assessment of what could happen if the policy were delayed any further. He was also asked to establish at the 20 March meeting when the People PDC would be in a position to present the Draft Transition Policy to Cabinet.

The Chair stated that they would discuss these issues further in the workshop being held immediately following the Committee.

Resolved that the verbal update be noted.

36 Work Plan 2019-2020.

The Chair presented the Work Plan for 2019-2020.

Resolved that the Work Plan be noted.

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The meeting ended at 4.15 pm

Chair