

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

NOTES OF THE SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL – CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON MONDAY,
21 AUGUST 2017
AT 10.00 AM

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

Councillor(s)

M Durke
A Pugh

Councillor(s)

P Jones
D W W Thomas

Councillor(s)

I E Mann

Officer(s)

Liz Jordan
Julie Thomas

Scrutiny Officer
Head of Child and Family

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C Anderson, K M Griffiths, M H Jones and S M Jones

1 **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

Disclosure of interests – Mike Durke and Alyson Pugh

2 **OVERVIEW OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES IN SWANSEA (INCLUDING KEY PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES AND FIRST QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT)**

Julie Thomas, Head of Child and Family, gave a presentation to the Panel (circulated separately). Owen Davies also attended for this item.

Discussion points:

- Positive that a Plan is in place with an emphasis on being more efficient leading to better outcomes
- Internal specialist services being developed but more can be done
- Reduction in number of children in care is positive.

Actions:

- Cost of senior staff salaries in C&FS to be provided to the Panel.
- Corporate Parenting Board report to be brought to the Panel annually. Add to Work Programme

Hard copies of Child and Family Services Performance Report for July 2017 were handed out to the Panel at the meeting. Owen Davies went through the Report and a number of comments were raised.

Actions:

- Report on absenteeism and vacancies and agency workers to be added to performance data set.

3 **ROLE OF THE PANEL INCLUDING TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME**

Agreed:

- Proposed Work Programme for 2017/18 agreed
- Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for 2017/18
- Timings of meetings – Panel agreed to look for an alternative time for future meetings after 4pm Monday to Thursday

Actions:

- Find new dates and times for future Panel meetings
- Send a letter to the Cabinet Member covering the main points.

4 **LETTERS**

Noted.

The meeting ended at 12.15 pm.