



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Social Care & Tackling Poverty Service Transformation Committee**

Multi-Location Meeting - Lilian Hopkin Room, Guildhall / MS

Teams

Monday, 24 February 2025 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor V M Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

M Baker
A J Jeffery

Councillor(s)

P N Bentu
B J Rowlands

Councillor(s)

C R Evans
L V Walton

Officer(s)

Amy Hawkins
Allison Lowe
Simon Jones

Director of Social Services
Democratic Services Officer
Social Services Strategy and Performance Improvement
Officer

Julie Davies
Matthew Joyce-Brown
Chris Griffiths

Head of Child & Family Services
Lawyer
Principal Officer - Residential Support

Also present

L S Gibbard Cabinet Member for Care Services

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): A J O'Connor

32 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

Councillor C R Evans declared a personal interest in minute 34 "Placement Sufficiency & Sustainability".

33 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the Social Care & Tackling Poverty Service Transformation Committee held on 13 January 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to apologies from Councillor P N Bentu being included.

34 Placement Sufficiency & Sustainability.

The Head of Child & Family Services and Principal Officer for Residential Support provided a “for information” report which provided the Social Care & Tackling Poverty Service Transformation Committee with an update and overview of placement sufficiency within Child and Family Services for children who require residential and supported accommodation.

The report outlined the current arrangements around sufficiency of provision to include fostering but also the wider provision (residential supported accommodation) and how this meets the need and promotes better outcomes for our care experienced children and young people.

The Committee asked various questions, which the officers responded to accordingly.

The Chair thanked the officers for the update / overview.

35 Work Plan 2024-2025.

The Chair presented the work plan for 2024-2025.

Resolved that the Work Plan be noted subject to the following amendments to the agenda items for 7 April 2025:

Remove – Update on work carried out in relation to Substance Misuse. Item deferred to May / June 2025.

Add – Update on – Poverty Truth Commission, Adult Services Early Help Approach and Tackling Poverty Strategy.

The meeting ended at 4.38 pm

Chair