



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

21ST NOVEMBER 2018

CWM TAF REGIONAL STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

REPORT OF GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR C LEYSHON

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present to Cabinet for consideration and endorsement the final draft of the Cwm Taf Regional Statement of Intent for Supporting Children and Young People.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Consider and endorse the Cwm Taf Regional Statement of Intent for Supporting Children and Young People.
- 2.2 Agree the outlined next steps.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that Cabinet are fully aware of The Cwm Taf Regional Statement of Intent for Supporting Children and Young People and Families and for Members to have an opportunity to question and challenge the contents before endorsing the final document.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The establishment of the Regional Partnership Board and completion of the Population Needs Assessment have led to the development of a Regional Partnership Statement of Intent for children, young people and their families
- 4.2 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and Cwm Taf University Health Board, together with a range of

stakeholders, worked together to produce the first draft of the shared regional statement of intent. The initial draft document was presented to Cabinet in November 2017. It set out a shared commitment to deliver services jointly under the Social Services and Well Being Act (Wales) 2014.

5. THE STATEMENT OF INTENT

- 5.1 The final document (see Appendix 1) sets out the shared vision, principles and objectives which will direct the work of all partners when addressing Welsh Government legislation. It will, where necessary, ensure high quality accessible and integrated services to help children, young people, families and communities effectively.
- 5.2 To arrive at the finalised draft Statement of Intent it needed to be subject to an engagement strategy to ensure that it matched the shared needs and expectations of colleagues, partners, organisations and local citizens. The engagement process was developed and implemented at the beginning of 2018 and a report outlining the feedback from the engagement is attached. (See Appendix 2)
- 5.3 Unfortunately, the level of response received from the engagement was very low (28 responses). The responses received were overall positive but reflected the need for more detailed information to be provided in order for participants in further engagement to understand how the Statement of Intent will make a difference and be implemented.
- 5.4 A meeting held with partner agencies concluded that nothing further would be achieved by extending the engagement process, however, it was acknowledged that a continuous engagement and co-productive approach would be important in the ongoing work to deliver the objectives within the Statement of Intent.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 Whilst the Regional Partnership Board has agreed to this final draft, formal sign off is needed from Cabinet in Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr Tydfil and Cwm Taf University Health Board. Once this is achieved the next step will be to set up a Children and Young People's Delivery Group which will be a sub group of the Transformational Leadership Group that reports to the Regional Partnership Board. This group will be responsible for developing an implementation plan that will focus on:
 - Shaping service improvement and developments across the region so that they meet the aims and objectives of the Statement of Intent.
 - Taking responsibility for designing and testing new initiatives to ensure they address the shared priorities of partners.
 - Reviewing intelligence about performance by partners in any new initiatives that support children and young people across the region.

- Advising on major initiatives across the region of relevance to children and young people such as, for example, Together for Mental Health, Community Zones, Primary Care.
- Making recommendations to the RPB about the most appropriate ways to use emerging grants from Welsh Government or elsewhere to ensure they are of value to children and young people in the region.

6.2 The implementation plan will be brought back to Cabinet for sign off once completed.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 A comprehensive Equality Impact Assessment, undertaken during the development and engagement of the Statement of Intent, is attached. (See Appendix 3).

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 The outcome of the consultation on the Statement of Intent can be found at Appendix 2.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

9.1 There are no direct financial implications aligned to this report for the Council

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

10.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 is the significant influence for this report. The fundamental principles of the Act of note are:

- People - Putting an individual and their needs at the centre of their care and giving them voice in, and control over reaching the outcomes that help them achieve well-being.
- Wellbeing - Supporting people to achieve their own well-being and measuring the success of care and support.
- Earlier intervention - Increasing preventative services within the community to minimise the escalation of critical need.
- Collaboration - Strong partnership working between all agencies and organisations.

11. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

11.1 The Statement of Intent will complement the Council's corporate priorities to promote independence and positive lives for everyone by ensuring:

- Health and social care services will be personalised and integrated with more people supported to live longer in their own homes.
- Rhondda Cynon Taf's children and young people will receive a great start in life.

12. CONCLUSION

12.1 The Statement of Intent sets out a shared vision, principles and objectives for children and young people that are resident in Cwm Taf. Each partner agency in Cwm Taf provides a wide range of activities and services across the region that respond to vulnerable children, young people and their families. Each partner is committed to promoting high quality, responsive services but recognise that in order to do this they have to work together to transform services to meet the challenges ahead.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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