



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

21st MARCH, 2019

PRE SCRUTINY – PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERIM HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND THE GROUP DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CABINET MEMBER COUNCILLOR T LEYSHON.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Members on the Play Sufficiency Assessment following Pre-scrutiny by the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 13TH March, 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the comments and observations of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee referenced in section 5 of the report.
- 2.2 Subject to any further comment by Cabinet Members, endorse the recommendations outlined within the Play Sufficiency Assessment report as attached as Appendix B of the report (and for ease of reference as listed below):
- i. Consider the PSA for 2019-20 and the supporting action plan.
 - ii. Endorse the PSA and action plan and agree for it to be submitted to Welsh Government.
- 2.3 Subject to agreement to 2.2, to endorse the publication of the play sufficiency to the Welsh Government by the 31st March, 2019.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The need for Members to be aware of the comments and observations of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee prior to their consideration of the Assessment as attached as Appendix B.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In February 2017 the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee considered the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan following a national workshop.
- 4.2 Following the meeting it was deemed appropriate and a form of good practice to undertake pre-scrutiny on any future assessments prior to Cabinet consideration.
- 4.3 The Scrutiny Committee met on the 13th March to pre-scrutinise the Assessment and the main comments highlighted by the Committee are outlined below.

5. PRE-SCRUTINY OF THE STRATEGY

- 5.1 At the meeting of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Members discussed the Assessment and provided comments in respect of:
- Highways Issues in respect of parking at play areas
 - Importance of play area developments within the LDP
 - Raising Awareness of play schemes within School holidays
 - To receive a progress review in a twelve month time

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The report contained within appendix B has been presented to scrutiny for pre scrutiny before consideration by Cabinet.

8 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 Any financial implications are outlined within Appendix B of the report.

9 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 Non applicable – the report is identifying the scrutiny arrangements that have taken place.

10 LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 10.1 Making Best Use of Our Budget – Pre scrutiny can improve cost effectiveness.

11 CONCLUSION

- 11.1 It is recognised that scrutiny is a vital component of good governance and improves Councils' decision making, service provision and cost effectiveness.
- 11.2 The undertaking of pre-scrutiny by the Children & Young People Committee in this area will strength accountability and assist Cabinet Members in taking any future decisions on these matters.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

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AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

Children & Young People – 13th March, 2019.

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