MEETING OF THE CROSS-CUTTING RESOURCES AND BUSINESS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
Held on Thursday, 13 September 2018 at 2.30pm
In the Committee Rooms 2 & 3, Civic Centre, Hanbury Road, Pontypool, NP4 6YB

MINUTES

1. **Attendance: Members of the Committee**

Councillors:

Stuart Ashley (Chair)	Peter Jones
Glyn Caron	Raymond Mills
Kathy Evans	Jason O'Connell
Steven Evans	Richard Overton
Stuart Evans	Norma Parrish
Joanne Gauden	Jessica Powell
Jon Horlor	Kelly Preston
Fay Jones	Rose Seabourne
Janet Jones	Raymond Williams
Nicholas Jones	

Officers:

Helen Deakin (Senior Corporate Improvement & Scrutiny Officer)
Rebecca Fahey-Jones, Corporate Scrutiny & Democratic Services Officer
Sue Goddard, Group Manager, Social Care & Housing
Delyth Harries, Monitoring Officer
Rachel Jowitt, Chief Officer Neighbourhoods, Planning & Public
Dermot McChrystal, Chief Officer Education
Gill Pratlett, Head of Adult Services, Social Care & Housing
Tom Roberts, Senior Corporate Improvement & Scrutiny Officer
Liann Skellett, Senior Corporate Improvement & Scrutiny Officer
Lynne Williams, Head of Business Support & Intelligence

Apologies - Councillors:

Ron Burnett, Leonard Constance, Giles Davies, Elizabeth Haynes, Gaynor James, Sue Malson, Alan Slade, Chris Tew, Colette Thomas and Dave Thomas

Mr John Sheridan

	Action
2 Declarations of Interest	
2.1 Councillor Jason O'Connell declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 4 'Delivering The Corporate Plan (CPS) – Progress Update on Delivering the Council's 2017/18 Improvement Objectives', as his wife is a teacher in Torfaen.	

3 Confirmation of Minutes 6.6.2018

3.1 The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4 Delivering The Corporate Plan (CP3) - Progress Update on Delivering The Council's 2017/18 Improvement Objectives

4.1 Members were invited to consider the information contained in the appendices to this report to assess whether service areas have made sufficient progress in delivering the three improvement objectives as published in its 2017/18 Improvement Plan. Additionally members considered the overall progress made over the last 2 years in delivering the aspirations of Corporate Plan 3.

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N/A

Raising Educational Attainment

N/A

Support for Torfaen's Most Vulnerable Residents

Recommendation 1:- Provide a clearer explanation regarding the % of looked after children returned home from care, differentiating those returned to parents but still under local authority care.

Recommendation 2:- Ensure the column "2020 CP3 targets" is completed for all improvement objectives.

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Recommendation 3:- Investigate whether drone technology could be used as a deterrent against fly-tipping in Torfaen.

Recommendation 4:- Widen the use of technology to improve how issues of cleanliness are reported directly to teams and ensuring where a technological solution is employed it is reliable and easy to use.

Recommendation 5:- Although members were largely satisfied with the progress made in the actions and measures, relating to cleanliness, in future the committee believe we should:

- Look to improve how we co-ordinate streetscene / cleanliness operations with Bron Afon to ensure they are effectively carried out to the satisfaction of all residents no matter where the issues are within the Borough (1.1),
- Continue to encourage more communities to get involved in the

annual Spring Clean (1.2), and
- Develop a better understanding within communities of the work the Council does to maintain open spaces (1.3)

Raising Educational Attainment

Recommendation 6:- Review whether the language used for performance measures could be made less technical in future and therefore easier to read for members of the public.

Recommendation 7:- In future years, consideration should be given to the inclusion of measures for attendance and exclusions (as these are important contributors to attainment), to help support progression of the corporate plan.

Recommendation 8:- A piece of work to be undertaken by Education to identify key measures for reporting performance to scrutiny, that can be effectively benchmarked against others and demonstrate progress year on year.

Recommendation 9:- Carry out an investigation as to whether teacher assessments are being carried out consistently across schools in Torfaen.

Support for Torfaen's Most Vulnerable Residents

Recommendation 10:- The local authority should continue to lobby Welsh Government with regards to the wording of performance measures to ensure they are outcome focussed, clear and understandable to all.

Recommendation 11:- Future plans and their updates should give greater emphasis on how we are working collaboratively and preventatively to:
1. Assess whether people are ready to be discharged from hospital.
2. Develop services for young people and their families.

Whilst the committee felt able to support all activities, measures and targets as set out within the report, individual workshop tables also agreed to making the following comments for consideration by cabinet, corporate plan sponsors and individual scrutiny committees:

Green and Clean

1. Happy with progress made regarding recycling participation rates, however due to changes in the definition of the recycling/composting measure, members were keen to investigate further (**through the Cleaner O&S Committee in January**), how can we ensure we are able to meet future targets and avoid fines.
2. The Council should look to communicate with residents their responsibilities regarding fly-tipping and highlight the impact it has on the environment and the council's budget.

Improving Educational Attainment

N/A

Supporting Vulnerable People

3. Circulate to members a schedule of costs of for low cost adaptations (up to £5,000) e.g. stair-lifts.
4. Circulate to members information outlining how the service area intends to capture carers views in the future.

Tom Roberts, Senior Corporate Improvement & Scrutiny Officer - Democratic Services, 1.10.18

CYFARFOD PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU ADNODDAU A MATERION TRAWSBYNCIOL CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL TORFAEN
A gynhaliwyd ar ddydd Iau 13 Medi 2018 am 2.30pm
Yn Ystafelloedd Pwyllgor 2 a 3, Y Ganolfan Ddinesig, Hanbury Road, Pont-y-pŵl, NP4 6YB

COFNODION

1. **Yn Bresennol: Aelodau'r Pwyllgor**

Cynghorwyr:

Stuart Ashley (Cadeirydd)
Glyn Caron
Kathy Evans
Steven Evans
Stuart Evans
Joanne Gauden
Jon Horlor
Fay Jones
Janet Jones
Nicholas Jones
Peter Jones
Raymond Mills
Jason O'Connell
Richard Overton
Norma Parrish
Jessica Powell
Kelly Preston
Rose Seabourne
Raymond Williams

Swyddogion:

Helen Deakin (Uwch Swyddog Gwella a Chraffu Corfforaethol)
Rebecca Fahey-Jones, Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a Chraffu Corfforaethol
Sue Goddard, Rheolwr Grŵp, Gofal Cymdeithasol a Thai
Delyth Harries, Swyddog Monitro
Rachel Jowitt, Prif Swyddog Cymdogaethau, Cynllunio a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd
Dermot McChrystal, Prif Swyddog Addysg
Gill Pratlett, Pennaeth Gwasanaethau i Oedolion, Gofal Cymdeithasol a Thai
Tom Roberts, Uwch Swyddog Gwella a Chraffu Corfforaethol
Liann Skellett, Uwch Swyddog Gwella a Chraffu Corfforaethol
Lynne Williams, Pennaeth Cymorth a Gwybodaeth Busnes

Ymddiheuriadau - Cynghorwyr:

Ron Burnett, Leonard Constance, Giles Davies, Elizabeth Haynes, Gaynor James, Sue Malson, Alan Slade, Chris Tew, Colette Thomas a Dave Thomas

Mr John Sheridan

Gweithred

2 Datganiadau o Fuddiant

2.1 Fe wnaeth y Cynghorydd Jason O'Connell datgan buddiant personol mewn

perthynas ag eitem 4 ar yr agenda 'Cyflawni'r Cynllun Corfforaethol (CPS) - Y Diweddaraf ar Gynnydd o ran Cyflawni Amcanion Gwella'r Cyngor ar gyfer 2017/18', gan fod ei wraig yn athrawes yn Nhorfaen.

3 Cymeradwyo Cofnodion 6.6.2018

3.1 Cadarnhawyd bod cofnodion y cyfarfod hwn yn gywir.

4 Cyflawni'r Cynllun Corfforaethol (CC3) – Y Diweddaraf ar Gynnydd o ran Cyflawni Amcanion Gwella'r Cyngor ar gyfer 2017/18

4.1 Gwahoddwyd yr aelodau i ystyried y wybodaeth a oedd wedi'i chynnwys yn yr atodiadau i'r adroddiad hwn i asesu a yw meysydd gwasanaeth wedi gwneud cynnydd digonol o ran cyflawni'r tri amcan gwella a gyhoeddwyd yn ei Gynllun Gwella ar gyfer 2017/18. Yn ogystal, ystyriodd aelodau'r cynnydd cyffredinol a wnaed dros y ddwy flynedd ddiwethaf o ran cyflawni dyheadau'r 3ydd Cynllun Corfforaethol.

Torfaen Sy'n Lân ac yn Wyrdd

AMH

Codi Cyrhaeddiad Addysgol

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Darparu Cefnogaeth i Drigolion Mwyaf Bregus Torfaen

Argymhelliad 1:- Rhoi esboniad cliriach ynglŷn â % y plant sy'n derbyn gofal a ddychwelwyd adref, gan wahaniaethu'r rheini a ddychwelwyd i rieni ond sydd dal i fod yng ngofal yr awdurdod lleol.

Argymhelliad 2:- Sicrhau bod y golofn "targedau CP3 2020" wedi'i lenwi ar gyfer yr holl amcanion gwella.

Torfaen Sy'n Lân ac yn Wyrdd

Argymhelliad 3:- Ymchwilio i weld a byddai modd defnyddio technoleg 'drôn' fel rhwystr yn erbyn tipio anghyfreithlon yn Nhorfaen.

Argymhelliad 4:- Ehangu'r defnydd o dechnoleg i wella sut y caiff problemau o ran glendid eu hadrodd yn uniongyrchol i dimau a sicrhau, a bod ateb technolegol yn cael ei ddefnyddio, ei fod yn ddibynadwy ac yn hawdd ei ddefnyddio.

Argymhelliad 5:- Er bod yr aelodau yn fodlon ar y cyfan â'r cynnydd a wnaed yn y camau gweithredu a'r mesurau sy'n ymwneud â glendid, cred y pwyllgor y dylem, yn y dyfodol:

- Ystyried gwella sut yr ydym yn cydlynu gweithrediadau strydlun/

glendid gyda Bron Afon i sicrhau eu bod yn cael eu cyflawni'n effeithiol i foddhad yr holl drigolion, waeth ble mae'r materion o fewn y Fwrdeistref (1.1),

- Parhau i annog mwy o gymunedau i gymryd rhan yn yr Ymgyrch Gwanwyn Glân yn flynyddol (1.2), a
- Datblygu dealltwriaeth well o fewn cymunedau o'r gwaith y mae'r Cyngor yn ei wneud i gynnal mannau agored (1.3)

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Argymhelliad 6:- Adolygu i weld a fyddai modd sicrhau bod yr iaith a ddefnyddir ar gyfer mesurau perfformiad yn llai technegol yn y dyfodol ac felly'n haws i aelodau'r cyhoedd ei darllen.

Argymhelliad 7:- Yn y blynyddoedd i ddod, dylid ystyried cynnwys mesurau ar gyfer presenoldeb a gwaharddiadau (gan fod y rhain yn gyfranwyr pwysig i gyrhaeddiad), i helpu i gefnogi dilyniant y cynllun corfforaethol.

Argymhelliad 8:- Darn o waith i'w gwblhau gan yr adran Addysg i nodi mesurau allweddol i adrodd ar berfformiad i'r pwyllgor craffu, y gellir ei feincnodi'n effeithiol yn erbyn eraill a dangos cynnydd o flwyddyn i flwyddyn.

Argymhelliad 9:- Cynnal ymchwiliad i weld ag ydy asesiadau athrawon yn cael eu cynnal yn gyson ar draws ysgolion yn Nhorfaen.

Darparu Cefnogaeth i Drigolion Mwyaf Bregus Torfaen

Argymhelliad 10:- Dylai'r awdurdod lleol barhau i lobïo Llywodraeth Cymru o ran geiriad mesurau perfformiad i sicrhau eu bod yn canolbwyntio ar ganlyniadau, yn glir ac yn ddealladwy i bawb.

Argymhelliad 11:- Dylai cynlluniau yn y dyfodol a'u diweddariadau roi mwy o bwyslais ar sut yr ydym yn gweithio ar y cyd ac yn ataliol i:
1. Asesu p'un a yw pobl yn barod i gael eu rhyddhau o'r ysbyty.
2. Datblygu gwasanaethau i bobl ifanc a'u teuluoedd.

Er bod y pwyllgor yn teimlo eu bod yn gallu cefnogi'r holl weithgareddau, mesurau a thargedau fel y nodwyd hwy yn yr adroddiad, cytunodd y tablau gweithdy unigol hefyd i wneud y sylwadau canlynol i'w hystyried gan y cabinet, noddwyr y cynllun corfforaethol a phwyllgorau craffu unigol:

Glân a Gwyrdd

1. Hapus gyda'r cynnydd a wnaed ynglŷn â chyfraddau cyfranogi ailgylchu, fodd bynnag oherwydd newidiadau yn y diffiniad o'r mesur ailgylchu / compostio, roedd yr aelodau'n awyddus i ymchwilio ymhellach (**trwy'r Pwyllgor T a Ch Cymunedau Glanach ym mis Ionawr**), sut y gallwn sicrhau ein bod yn gallu cyrraedd targedau yn y dyfodol ac osgoi dirwyon.

2. Dylai'r Cyngor ystyried cyfathrebu â thrigolion ynglŷn â'u cyfrifoldebau o ran tipio anghyfreithlon ac amlygu'r effaith y mae hyn yn ei gael ar yr amgylchedd a chyllideb y cyngor

Gwella Cyrhaeddiad Addysgol

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Darparu Cefnogaeth i Bobl Fregus

3. Dosbarthu rhestr o gostau i aelodau ar gyfer addasiadau cost isel (hyd at £5,000) ee lifft grisiau.
4. Dosbarthu gwybodaeth i aelodau, yn amlinellu sut mae'r maes gwasanaeth yn bwriadu cael barn gofalwyr yn y dyfodol.

Tom Roberts, Uwch Swyddog Gwella a Chraffu Corfforaethol, Gwasanaethau Democrataidd, 1.10.18