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HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote meeting, 9th November 2021.

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Present: Councillor S.J. Griffiths (Chair); Councillor N.C. Thomas (Vice-Chair);
Councillors J. Aviet, J.E. Charles, T.H. Jarvie, R. Nugent-Finn and J.W. Thomas.

Also present: Councillor B.T. Gray (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor O. Griffiths.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. VALE, VALLEYS AND CARDIFF REGIONAL ADOPTION COLLABORATIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Collaborative Annual Report 2020-21 and the work of the Collaborative undertaken to date be noted.

(2) T H A T Committee continues to receive annual reports in line with the requirements of the Legal Agreement which underpins the Collaborative.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report in order to exercise scrutiny of the key statutory function.

(2) To ensure that Committee maintains close scrutiny of the regional service on a regular basis.

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AGENDA ITEM 5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES ANNUAL PLACEMENT REVIEW (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the Children and Young People Services Annual Placements Review Report, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
- (2) T H A T Scrutiny Committee receives a further Annual Placement Review report in October 2022.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for recommendations

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the report to provide Members with an opportunity to exercise oversight of the key statutory function.

AGENDA ITEM 6. DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the continued implications of the Cheshire West judgement in respect of arrangements for Safeguarding adults who were unable to consent to their care and accommodation needs be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for consideration.
- (3) T H A T a letter be sent to the relevant contact within Welsh Government on behalf of the Committee, signed by the Committee Chair, requesting the timely receipt of the Liberty Protection Safeguards Codes of Practice.

Reasons for Recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report which set out the continued implications of the Cheshire West judgement in respect of arrangements for Safeguarding adults who were unable to consent to their accommodation and care and support arrangements and the risk to the Council of legal challenge where statutory timescales were not met.
- (2) To update Members of the Governance and Audit Committee on the progress made with the backlog of applications and the expected legislative changes.
- (3) To provide the Council with as much time as possible to make the necessary operational and strategic changes, especially those relating to essential staff training and budget implications, to align with the Local Protection Safeguards framework to be implemented in April 2022.