

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL CABINET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 18th July, 2017 at 2pm at the Council Headquarters, Clydach Vale.

County Borough Councillors – Cabinet Members in attendance:-

A Morgan M Webber M Norris

R Bevan R Lewis A Crimmings G Hopkins

J Rosser C Leyshon

Other County Borough Councillors in attendance

J Bonetto S Bradwick S Rees-Owen M Weaver

Officers in attendance

Mr C Bradshaw – Chief Executive

Mr C Jones – Director, Legal & Democratic Services

Mr C Hanagan – Director, Cabinet & Public Relations (Secretary to the Cabinet)

Mr C Lee – Group Director, Corporate & Frontline Services

Mr G Isingrini – Group Director, Community & Children's Services

Ms E Thomas – Temporary Director, Education & Lifelong Learning

Mr T Wilkins – Director, Human Resources

Mr N Jones – Service Director, Operational Finance

Ms A Batley – Service Director, Children's Services

Ms Z Lancelott – Head of Engagement & Participation

Mr P Griffiths – Service Director, Performance & Improvement

Mr N Jones – Service Director, Operational Finance

Ms D Hanney – Community Asset Development Officer

Ms H Reid – Property Manager

Ms A Richards – Head of 21st Century Schools

Ms D Humphries – Senior Project Manager, 21st Century Schools

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

9. MINUTES

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 22nd June, 2017 as accurate reflections of the meeting.

10. SECTION 3A - LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS 2017/18

The Secretary to the Cabinet provided Cabinet Members with an update on the Leader's Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions for the ensuing municipal year, following the 2017 local elections and Council Annual General Meeting.

The officer referred Cabinet Members to the website link contained within the report and explained that although it wasn't a formal requirement to present the Leader's Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet, it was good practice.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- a) To note the contents of the [Leader's Scheme of Delegation](#)
- b) To note that the Leader of the Council is able to amend the Scheme of Delegation relating to executive functions at any time during the year; and that an update of the 3A will be presented to Members at the next meeting of the Cabinet.

11. THE RHONDDA CYNON TAF RESILIENT FAMILIES PROGRAMME: DELIVERING INTEGRATED FAMILY SUPPORT AND EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES IN RHONDDA CYNON TAF

The Service Director, Children's Services and Head of Engagement & Participation provided the Cabinet with a presentation (attached) in respect of the benefits of developing a new Resilient Families Service in consultation with key partners to deliver an improved Team Around the Family (TAF) model that would enable the Council to respond to the needs of families swiftly and effectively.

The officers began the presentation by providing background information on the current service provision. It was explained that during the financial year 2015-2016, RCT CBC spent a total of £82.1M meeting the needs of individual children, with data showing an increasing level of identified needs, with the number of children and young people requiring statutory intervention growing year on year. It was added that the expenditure required to meet the need

was also growing despite the significant financial pressures faced by the Council.

The officers went on to outline an opportunity to create a Resilient Families Programme as a single overarching approach which would govern the delivery of services and would shape how national policy related to supporting families is implemented in RCT.

It was explained that although there were a wide range of family support interventions delivered in RCT by both public and third sector services, the provision was not co-ordinated effectively due to the lack of a single approach.

Cabinet Members were advised that the current delivery approach was for individual providers to address specific issues faced by individual members of the family rather than acknowledging the multiple issues that exist within the family and the impact this complexity has on family life.

The officer proposed the new Resilient Families Programme, explaining that the vision would be: *'To have a multi-agency approach in place in Rhondda Cynon Taf that governs the integrated delivery of appropriate, timely, practical and effective support to families known to be facing multiple and/or complex issues in order to reduce the number of families requiring statutory intervention from Children's Services in the future.'*

It was explained that the programme's aims would be to:

- Reduce the number of families requiring statutory intervention
- Reduce the number of children on the CPR
- Reduce the number of children looked after

The officer referred to a slide which outlined the current timescales of the TAF provision in respect of the referral to contact stage, assessment stage, intervention and review stage, explaining that should a new problem be identified in the assessment stage, the process would begin again resulting in detrimental effects on the family unit. The officer then compared these timescales with those in the Resilient Families Service proposal, with the results indicating that the process could be more than halved for the benefit of the families.

The Cabinet Members were provided with a case study and a 'brick wall' metaphor which provided a clearer understanding of the multitude of problems faced by individual families. The officer explained that a 'whole family' approach was needed and would provide effective early intervention services by improving the structural integrity of the whole wall (the bigger issue), by better understanding the relationship between the bricks (the small issues).

The Cabinet Members were referred to section 9 of the report where the Integrated Family Support Framework was outlined. The officer explained that work was underway to establish and implement an Integrated Family Support Framework to co-ordinate effective specialist early intervention and prevention services and deliver integrated support for families across the County Borough.

The Group Director, Community & Children's Services added the creation of the programme would not only act as a single overarching approach that governs the delivery of services, but was an innovative opportunity which would result in better outcomes for young people, whilst maximising their educational opportunities.

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Children and Young People praised the officers for their report, commenting that it was pleasing to see that the proposed new direction would reduce the number of Children Looked After and focus on the resilience of the family as a whole, not simply the individual.

The Cabinet Member for Adult & Children's Community Services agreed that it was pleasing to note the aim to reduce the levels of Children Looked After, and questioned how the performance would be monitored. The officer explained that there would be one management information system which would fulfil the grant criteria and monitor the impact on families.

Following further discussions, it was **RESOLVED:**

- a) To consider the findings of the Team Around the Family (TAF) Review alongside the findings of the Vulnerability Profiling and Children's Services Project as set out in sections 6 and 7 of this report.
- b) To agree to the development of a Resilient Families Service in consultation with key partners to deliver an improved Team Around the Family (TAF) model that enables us to respond to the needs of families swiftly and effectively.
- c) To receive a further report on the options considered and recommended model of delivery for the Resilient Families Service in September 2017.
- d) To agree to the Resilient Families Programme being the prevailing arrangement that shapes how national policy related to supporting families is implemented in RCT.

12. THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE REPORT - 31ST MARCH 2017 (YEAR END)

The Service Director, Performance & Improvement provided Cabinet Members with an overview of the Council's performance, both from a financial and operational perspective, for the financial year ended 31st March 2017.

Cabinet Members were referred to Appendix 1 of the report, where they were given the opportunity to access more detailed information in respect of each service area and its performance.

The officer provided short summaries in relation to each of the Corporate Plan priorities – Economy, Place and People with positive progress made in each. The officer advised that the report demonstrated strong financial and operational performance results for 2016/17 that was consistent with the quarterly updates reported during the year.

The Deputy Leader thanked the officer for the report, commenting that it was pleasing to see that the Council remains committed to investment despite times of austerity. The Cabinet Member added that she had previously met with the Director, HR to tackle the issue of absenteeism within the Council.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services commented that the contents of the report were pleasing and that the format was clear, allowing the option to delve into as much information as possible, without it cluttering the report. The Cabinet Member recommended that the development of the Council's performance indicators be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration to which the Secretary to the Cabinet agreed to write to the Chair request if this matter could form part of their future work programme.

Following further discussions, it was **RESOLVED:**

Revenue

- a) To note and agree the General Fund revenue position of the Council as at the 31st March 2017 (Section 2 of the Executive Summary).

Capital

- b) To note the capital outturn position of the Council as at 31st March 2017 (Sections 3a – f of the Executive Summary).
- c) To note the details of the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators as at the 31st March 2017 (Section 3g of the Executive Summary).

Corporate Plan Priorities

- d) To note the year end position regarding progress made against the agreed Corporate Plan priorities (Sections 5 a – d of the Executive Summary).
- e) That the report would be presented to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration

13. THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Service Director, Performance & Improvement provided Cabinet Members with the Council's Corporate Performance Report which contained progress for 2016/17 and plans for 2017/18 in respect of the Council's three strategic priorities.

The officer reminded Members of the Council's three key strategic priorities for 2016-2020 which were agreed in February 2016 and are set out in the Corporate Plan, ['The Way Ahead'](#).

- Economy - Building a strong economy;
- People - Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone; and
- Place - Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work.

The officer explained that 'The Way Ahead' sets a clear direction for the Council, which all staff and Managers use to work toward through their Service Delivery Plans and that progress in these priorities was reported as part of the Council's quarterly performance reports.

Cabinet Members were referred to Appendix 1 of the report where the draft Corporate Performance report for 2017/18 was outlined. It was explained that the draft report had previously been challenged by officers and was structured around the Council's Priorities of 'Economy', 'People' and 'Place'

The officer explained that Cabinet's feedback would be verbally relayed at the 19th July 2017 full Council meeting to enable Council to take this information into account as part of its deliberations. Further to a version of the Corporate Performance Report being approved, it would be made available on the Council's internet site and notified to partners and other stakeholders.

The Chair thanked the officer for the report and it was **RESOLVED:**

- a) To endorse the draft 'Corporate Performance Report 2017/18' and recommend its approval by full Council on 19th July 2017. The report would therefore be exempt from the Call-In period.

14. ADULT SOCIAL CARE CHARGES 2017/18

The Group Director, Community & Children's Services provided the report to the Cabinet, which outlined the amendments made by Welsh Government to the rules relating to Adult Social Care Charges as set out in Parts 4 and 5 of the Social Services and Well Being Act 2014 effective from 10th April 2017.

It was stated that during December 2016 and January 2017, the Welsh Government held a public consultation in respect of a number of proposed changes to adult social care charges. The outcome of the consultation was that the following amendments to the rules relating to adults social care charges should be implemented with effect from 10th April 2017:

- (a) The amount of money people can keep without having to use it to pay for residential social care would increase from £24,000 to £30,000.
- (b) Financial assessments for charging for care and support would require a full disregard of War Disablement Pension.

- (c) The minimum amount a person in residential social care can keep from their income to spend as they wish increases from £26.50 to £27.50 a week.
- (d) A rise in the maximum charge for non-residential care and support to £70 a week

The Cabinet Members were referred to section 4 of the report where the current provisions and proposed changes in respect of hourly rates and weekly rates were outlined.

The officer added that to enable the appropriate re-assessment of the financial circumstances of all service users in line with the Council's means tested assessment for non-residential care services, it was proposed that implementation of the revised maximum charge for non-residential care and support to increase from £60 to £70 would be effective from the 1st October 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Adult & Children Community Services thanked the officers for the joint report, commenting that it was pleasing to see the results of the Welsh Government consultation. The Cabinet Member spoke positively regarding the increase in the amount of money people can keep and the disregard of the War Disablement Pension.

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED**:

- a) To note the amendments made by Welsh Government to the rules relating to adult social care charges effective from 10th April 2017
- b) That there be no increase to the hourly charge rate for costs of non-residential care services provided to individuals in receipt of adult social care services
- c) To approve the proposed revised weekly maximum charge for non-residential care services of £70 per week, in line with the revised limit determined by Welsh Government for 2017/18 financial year, with the implementation of the revised maximum charge taking effect from the 1st October 2017.
- d) To approve the transfer of the additional income generated for 2017/18 to the Medium Term Financial Planning and Service Transformation Reserve (transition funding)
- e) To approve implementation of any future year increases to the maximum charge for non-residential care services in line with any future year amendments made to Welsh Government guidance
- f) To initiate a consultation on withdrawing the additional discretionary disregard currently applied in respect of Disability Related Expenditure from the 1st April 2018
- g) To receive a further report detailing the results and feedback from the proposed consultation process (including the results of an Equality Impact Assessment undertaken) – in order for Cabinet to determine whether and how it wishes to progress with the proposal referred to in paragraph 2.6.

15. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

In accordance with statutory guidance, the Group Director, Community & Children's Services referred Members to his draft annual report which reported on the delivery, performance, risks and planned improvements of the Social Services function in the Council.

The Cabinet Members were advised that in accordance with statutory requirements a consultation on the draft report was required to be taken forward, involving scrutiny by staff, service users and carers, partner agencies, partnerships and the Scrutiny Committees covering Social Services. Following the consultation a final report would be presented for inspection to the Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW).

The officer advised that overall, the 2016/17 annual report was positive and was inclusive of details of the extent to which the authority had acted in accordance with relevant requirements of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. The officer added that the Council had a committed work force and that in moving forward, the preventative agenda needed to be multiagency.

The Cabinet Member for Adult & Children's Community Services stated that there was a huge challenge facing the Social Care sector at a National level but that the Council was committed to its transformation and delivering outcomes for Cwm Taf. The Cabinet Member referred to the ageing population and stressed the need for residents, with or without disabilities, to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible and for the growing awareness needed in respect of mental health issues.

The Deputy Leader took the opportunity to pay tribute to the carers in the community and their imperative role in ensuring the residents have the professional and personal care they deserve.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- a) To note the draft Rhondda Cynon Taf Director of Social Services Annual Report
- b) To note the final report will be presented to Cabinet following consideration by relevant Scrutiny committees and wider consultation.

16. CWM TAF CARER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

The Group Director, Community & Children's Services presented the Cwm Taf Carer's Annual Report 2016/17 to the Cabinet of this report is to approve for submission to Welsh Government the Annual Report for 2016/17 in relation to Carers. The officer explained that under the Welsh Government's Carer's Measure, University Health Boards were given a lead role to work with partners to submit an Annual Report providing an overview of the activities undertaken as part of the previously implemented Carers Measure.

It was explained that although the Carers Measure had been repealed, there was still a requirement for the report.

The officer firstly took the opportunity to express his thanks to colleagues at the Health Board for drafting the report.

It was explained that the Annual Report was an opportunity to reflect on the progress made to date and to look at the challenges and opportunities presented in 2017/18.

Cabinet Members were referred to section 4.5 of the report where the key areas of work were included:

- The continued recruitment and support of over 400 Carers Champions throughout Health and Social Care and the third sector, ensuring Caring Awareness is embedded into various departments and organisations;
- The provision of Carer Aware training (both via e learning and face to face) to further expand the knowledge of both Carers Champions and staff throughout the Cwm Taf region;
- The sharing of best practice at an annual Carers Champion conference held in May 2017 to coincide with Dementia Awareness Week;
- Engagement with Carers to inform the development of the Population Assessment for Carers required under Part 2 of the SSWB Act;
- Launch of the new Cwm Taf Carers Strategy and associated annual Action Plan;
- Creation of a new Cwm Taf Partnership Group to oversee implementation of the Strategy, reporting to the SSWB Partnership Board and;
- Production of a DVD involving Carers to raise awareness and be used in training.

It was explained that there were no direct financial implications aligned to the report, as the Cwm Taf Carers Partnership oversees the use of the Welsh Government transitional funding.

The Cabinet Member for Adult & Children's Community Services thanked the carers, commenting that there was a need to provide them with support. The Cabinet Member spoke highly of the Regional Strategy, adding that he looked forward to seeing the work plan.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- a) To note the contents of this report and that the Annual report is also being submitted for approval by the Cabinet in Merthyr Tydfil and the Cwm Taf University Health Board.
- b) To note the Annual Report was due in Welsh Government at the end of June 2017. However, in line with previous practice which has been acceptable to Welsh Government, as the timeline of Cabinets in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Councils and UHB Board

meetings did not neatly fit, a draft report will be submitted, with the final version sent to Welsh Government following approval by all three partners.

- c) To approve the Annual Report attached as Annex 1 for submission to Welsh Government.
- d) To note that work relating to Carers is being taken forward as part of the Regional Plan for the implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014, specifically through implementation of the Cwm Taf Carers Strategy 2016-19 approved by partners in July 2016.

17. AGE CONNECTS MORGANNWG PROPOSAL FOR THE BIG LOTTERY FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF AND COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER OF ST. MAIRS DAY CENTRE, ABERDARE

The Group Director, Community & Children's Services provided Cabinet Members with an update on the community asset transfer process and funding timelines for Age Connects Morgannwg along with service area considerations required to inform a decision on a 99 year lease and the potential relocation of the current Meals on Wheels provision.

The officer advised that there was an opportunity for the Council to enhance its existing service provision at St Mair's Day Centre through working in partnership with Age Connects Morgannwg and enable Age Connects Morgannwg to significantly renovate and improve the facilities for the local community, at little cost to the Council.

The Cabinet Members were referred to section 5 of the report where the proposal was outlined. It was explained that ACM proposed to develop an intergenerational community hub whilst sustaining existing services. It was explained that ACM would submit their Stage 2 application for £1.1m to Big Lottery CAT 2 Fund by 26th September 2017, with a decision expected by 7th February 2018 and if successful, the project commenced by June / August 2018.

The officer assured Cabinet Members that, although there may be implications involved, this was an opportunity to enhance current provision for the benefit of the local community, with no financial implications currently aligned to the Council.

The Deputy Leader referred to the word 'intergenerational', commenting that it was an opportunity to bring the community together and promote enhanced facilities.

The Cabinet Member for Adult & Children's Community Services was pleased with the recommendations contained within the report, adding that it ties in with the Council's modernisation agenda. The Cabinet Member added that the

RCT Together programme was an excellent provision for providing better community services through partnership work with third sector organisations.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services added that partnership is the way forward in benefitting the local communities.

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Wellbeing commented that the proposal was an exciting opportunity for RCT, representing a vision for the future. The Member added that it was pleasing to see the Community Enabling Fund contributing to excellent projects in RCT.

The Secretary to the Cabinet informed Members that should they agree to the recommendations, the Mayor's consent had been given to exempt the report from the Call-In period to ensure ACM could undertake the appropriate consultation in sufficient timescales.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- a) To authorise Age Connects Morgannwg to undertake the necessary consultation and the development of a Big Lottery Bid to develop a intergenerational community hub at St Mair's Day Centre;
- b) That a subsequent report is presented to Cabinet in September 2017 once the consultation has been completed and Age Connects Morgannwg's funding application has been completed.
- c) To consider at the Cabinet meeting in September 2017 whether a 99 year lease for St Mair's Day Centre is granted to Age Connects Morgannwg, subject to a Big Lottery Funding approval.

18. CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY UPDATE 2017

The Temporary Director, Education & Lifelong Learning provided Cabinet Members with the draft 2017 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (the '2017 CSA report') for consideration.

The officer reminded Members that it was the Council's statutory duty to conduct a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment to examine childcare supply and demand. The Cabinet Members were referred to Appendix 1 of the report where the draft 2017 CSA report was outlined, and told that consultation had been sought, including questionnaires and the views of neighbouring Local Authorities, Childcare Umbrella Organisations, Family Information Service, Early Years & Family Support Services, Planning, Job Centre Plus, Schools and children.

Cabinet Members were pleased to see that Rhondda Cynon Taf continued to be well placed with its existing childcare provision to meet the current needs of most working parents and that development work continued to be

undertaken in response to parental demand and in areas where there is an identified need.

The officer referred to section 5.8 of the report where the key priorities for the coming year, following parental consultation and the Welsh Government 30 hour education/childcare offer, were outlined. The officer explained that the priorities highlighted the Council's aims to enhance the quality of the current provision as well as the quantity and that the implantation of the 2017 CSA would address those identified

The Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning thanked the officer for the report, stating that it was pleasing to note that the priorities highlighted the responses from the consultation.

The Cabinet Member also noted the amendment made by Welsh Government in that Local Authorities were now required to produce a full CSA report every five years as oppose to the previous requirement of every three years.

Following further discussions, Cabinet Members **RESOLVED:**

- a) To note the contents of the report
- b) To agree the 2017 CSA report

19. WELSH GOVERNMENT CHILDCARE OFFER PILOT UPDATE

The Temporary Director, Education & Lifelong Learning provided Cabinet Members with an update on the progress to implement the Welsh Government Childcare Offer pilot for eligible 3 and 4 year olds in RCT.

The officer reminded Members that Welsh Government had committed to provide 30 hours per week of free early education and childcare for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds, for 48 weeks of the year and that RCT was one of the seven Local Authorities in Wales selected to pilot the offer.

The officer explained that the offer was complex and that there were still many aspects to be agreed but reassured the Cabinet Members that RCT were co-constructing with Welsh Government, with officers attending monthly meetings to discuss arrangements.

Cabinet Members were referred to section 4 of the report, where the current progress was outlined. It was explained that a pilot group had been established to oversee the pilot, engagement and Headteacher meetings had taken place and an online eligibility checker for parents and an online application form had been developed. The officer explained that, to date, 45 applications had been received in RCT which was fewer than Welsh Government's initial prediction.

The Cabinet Members recognised that the offer was complex and thanked officers for their collaborative work with Welsh Government.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning was pleased to see that there had been a number of engagement events which had been positively received.

The Cabinet Member for Adult & Children's Community Services queried the number of applications received in other pilot areas across Wales and whether there was a correlation with those received in RCT. The Senior Project Manager advised that other pilot areas had received a similar amount of applications as RCT and that if these remained low, there was a possibility that Welsh Government would extend the offer further.

Discussions ensued around the low take up with the Leader questioning whether those eligible for the offer could be identified with a letter sent directly to them advising them of the pilot. The officer agreed that there may be room for the Council to target the individuals eligible, explaining that one neighbouring authority has written to all those who had applied for school places in September, 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services stressed that it was important to identify the reason for the current low take up of the offer, commenting that some families may have already paid for the coming year, and may be apprehensive about the scheme as it's a pilot.

The Deputy Leader queried when the Local Authorities would be advised if the offer could be extended and was informed that this would potentially be around the time of October Half Term.

The Cabinet Members **RESOLVED:**

a) To note the contents of the report

N.B- Following this item, Leader of the Council, Councillor Andrew Morgan arrived and took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

20. 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME: SUBMISSION OF THE STRATEGIC OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR BAND B

The Temporary Director, Education & Lifelong Learning presented the report to Cabinet setting out the Council's draft 21st Century Schools Band B Strategic Outline Programme prior to its submission to Welsh Government by 31st July 2017.

After the success of the £160million funding awarded to the Council under Band A of the 21st Century Schools Programme, the officer explained that Band B had been launched by Welsh Government, which would run from 2019-2024 and comprises of £1.1billion of both capital and revenue funding.

Cabinet Members were referred to section 4.9 of the report where the proposed list of Band B schemes to be delivered in 2019-2024 was outlined. It was explained that the Strategic Outline Programme was effectively applying for a maximum “funding envelope” of £160million, which would be assessed by Welsh Government against the proposals submitted by the other 21 councils and the relevant funding criteria.

The officer explained that it was a continuation of the Council’s ambitious strategic investment programme to raise standards of educational performance in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The Cabinet Member for Education & Lifelong Learning was pleased with the report, commenting that it was ambitious and ties in with the Council’s School Modernisation programme. The Cabinet Member added that it was important not to name potential school projects at this time, to ensure aspirations aren’t raised.

The Deputy Leader praised the work undertaken by officers working on the 21st Century Schools projects, using Aberdare School as an example of the successful outcomes.

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Wellbeing queried whether the Welsh Government announcement to achieve 1million Welsh Speakers by 2050 would overlap with the school programmes. The officer explained that the Welsh in Education Strategic Programme (WESP) ties the projects together and that there were plans to increase places in Welsh Medium schools in the future.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- a) To consider the information in the report
- b) To authorise the Director of Education to submit the required draft Strategic Outline Programme by 31st July 2017

21. 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME: NAMING OF THE NEW SCHOOLS

The Temporary Director, Education & Lifelong Learning provided the Cabinet with the report containing recommendations made by the temporary governing bodies/governing body of the schools in respect of the names to be chosen for their schools.

Cabinet Members were referred to section 4 of the report where the two new 3–16 ‘all through’ schools at Tonypandy and Porth, the 3–19 ‘all through’ school at Tonyrefail and Ysgol Gyfun y Cymer proposals were outlined.

The officer advised that after extensive consultation, the Tonypandy 3-16 School had proposed the name ‘Ysgol Nantgwyn’. The origin of this name is

that it is the name of the colliery that formerly stood on the school site; it is also the name of a stream that runs adjacent to the school site.

The Porth 3-16 School had endorsed the name 'Porth Community School' following responses received from parents.

The Tonyrefail 3-19 School proposed the unanimous recommendation of 'Tonyrefail Community School'.

The officer explained that Ysgol Gyfun y Cymer had also been consulting, as the only Welsh Medium Secondary School serving RCT and had proposed the name 'Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda'.

The Cabinet Member for Education & Lifelong Learning was pleased to see that work was progressing well within the new schools, commenting that branding could commence following the Cabinet's approval. The Cabinet Member added that although the school names were not uniform, they were representative of the areas.

The Deputy Leader added that the names were relevant but that it was the education they provide which was more important.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- a) To agree to the names put forward by the temporary governing bodies of the 'all through' 3-16 and 3-19 schools at Tonypany, Porth and Tonyrefail in respect of their new schools, which are due to open in September 2018.
- b) To agree to the further request received from the governing body of Ysgol Gyfun y Cymer to rename their school Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda, effective from 1st September 2017.

22. TREForest INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND PARC NANTGARW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER (LDO)

The Director, Regeneration & Planning provided Cabinet Members with the report seeking approval to adopt the Treforest Industrial Estate and Parc Nantgarw Local Development Order (LDO).

It was explained that the proposed LDO boundary incorporated both Treforest Industrial Estate and Parc Nantgarw ("The Estate") with a few additional areas added in the vicinity, including Upper Boat Business Park to maximise the benefits of the LDO.

It was advised that Statutory consultation had been carried out on the draft LDO under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012, including consultation with owners and tenants within the LDO boundary and consultation with other interested parties.

The officer explained that the proposed LDO was considered to be beneficial to the performance of Treforest Industrial Estate and Parc Nantgarw, and consequently economic development within the County Borough and wider City Region. It had been written to maximise these benefits, while also taking into account of the constraints in the local area.

Cabinet Members were informed that Welsh Ministers had confirmed that they did not wish to make a direction requiring submission of the LDO to them for approval and therefore the Council was able to adopt the LDO if it wishes.

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Housing commented that the location was pivotal and would have huge potential to deliver benefits for the wider City Region. The Cabinet Member added that the LDO would be the first covering an industrial area in Wales and would lead the way for other Authorities.

Following further discussions, the Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

- a) To adopt the draft LDO for Treforest Industrial Estate and Parc Nantgarw

23. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information which relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority that holds that information).

24. WRITE OFF OF IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS

The Service Director, Operational Finance provided Cabinet Members with a position statement on irrecoverable debt and identifies the requirement to write-off certain amounts in accordance with strict review criteria.

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED:**

- a) To agree to write-off the accounts set out in the attached schedule to the appropriate Bad Debt Provision contained within the Council's accounts.

The meeting closed at 3:30pm

Cllr A Morgan

Chair

The Resilient Families Programme – Delivering Integrated Family Support and Early Intervention and Prevention Services in RCT

Ann Batley – Service Director Children’s Services
Zoe Lancelott – Head of Engagement and Participation

Cabinet
6th July 2017



STRONG HERITAGE | STRONG FUTURE
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
TREFTAETH GADARN | DYFODOL SICR

Resilient Families Programme

- brings together a range of strategic work streams and priorities to provide a single focus for all partners to engage with and commit to the delivery of family-focused early intervention support services that make a difference to families in RCT.

Integrated Family Support Framework

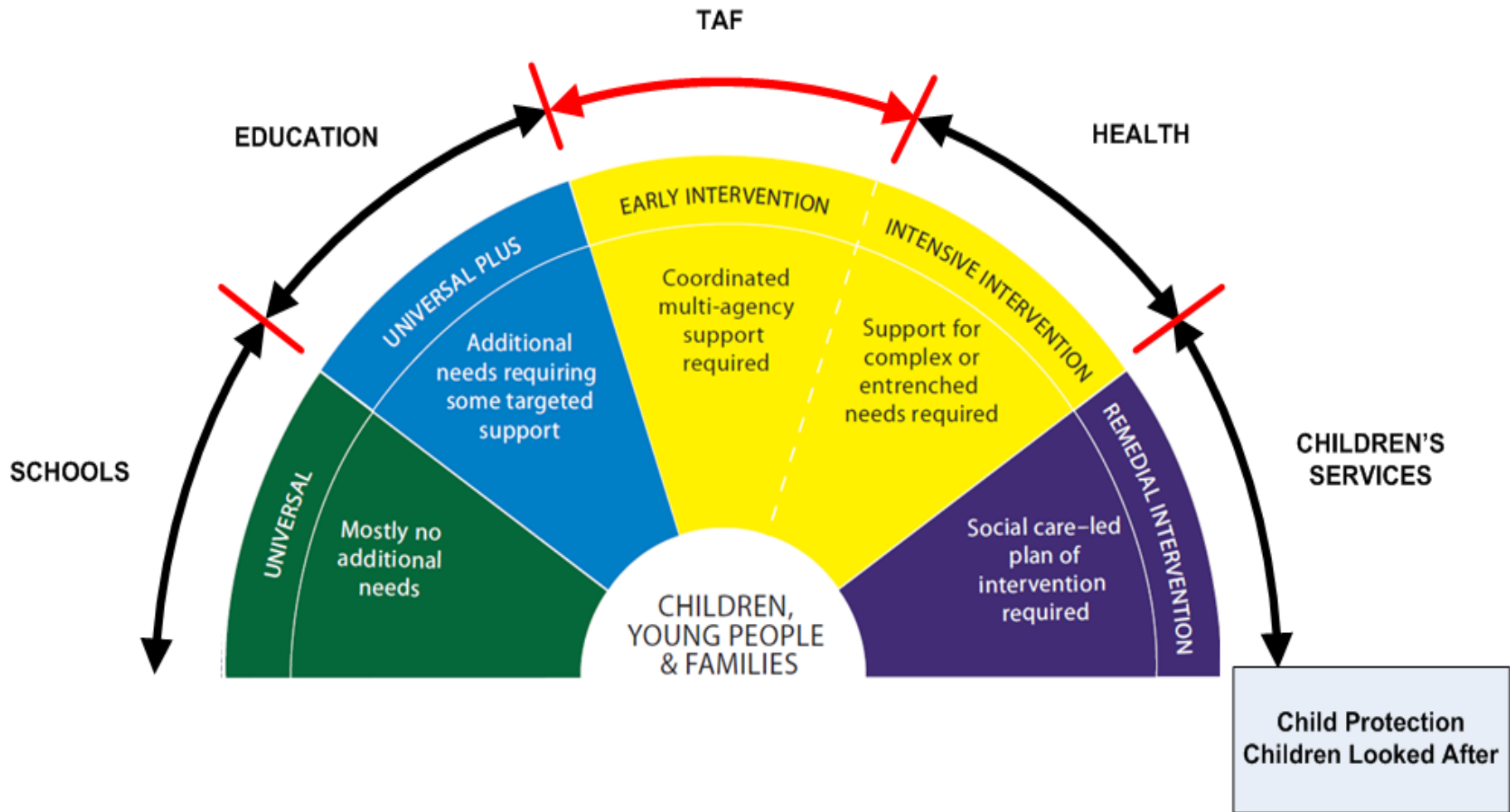
- organises the operational delivery of support services to families and identifies where different service provision fits within a continuum of family support.

Resilient Families Service

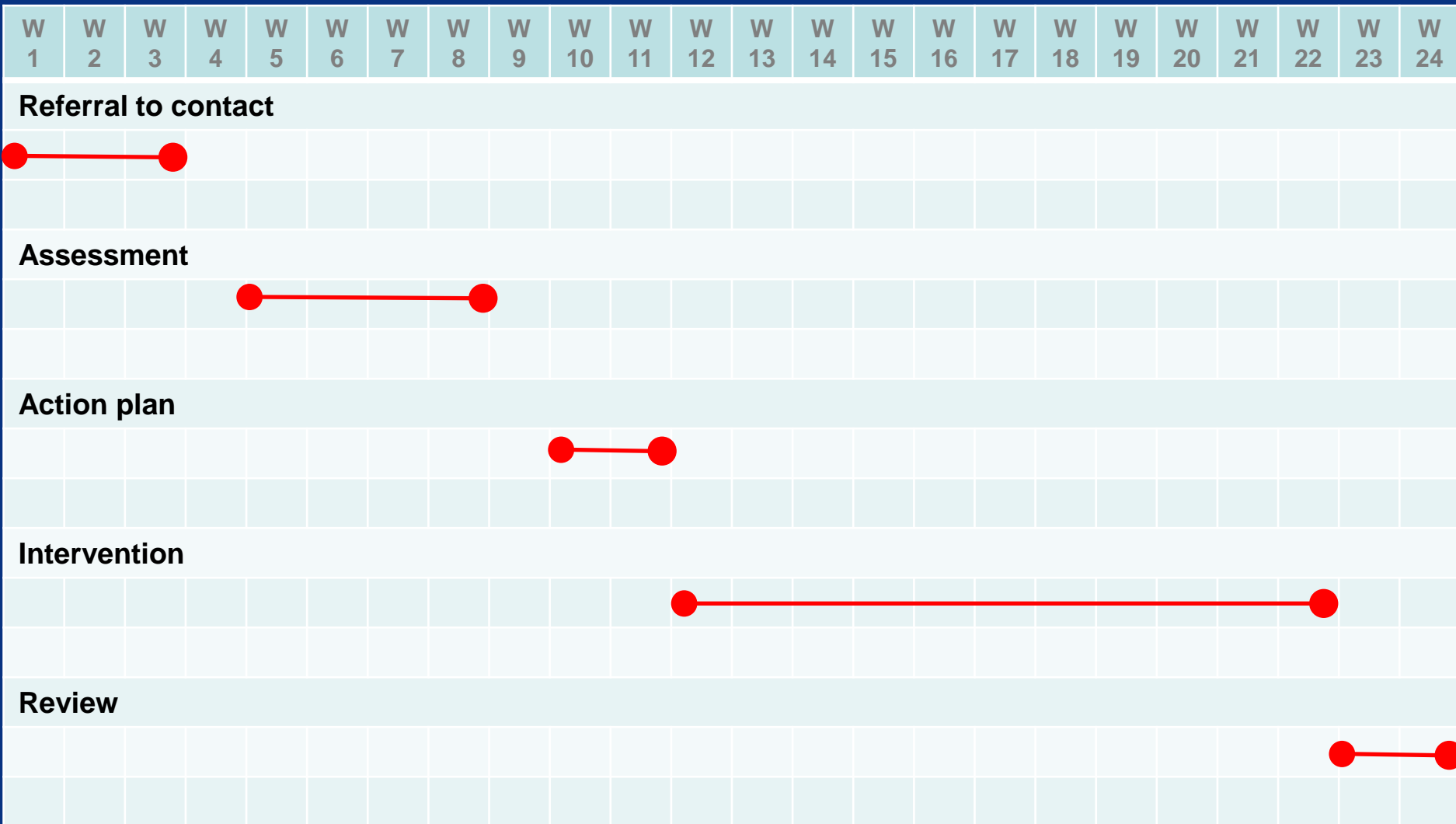
- will replace the current Team Around the Family (TAF) delivery model with a new and improved model that will enable us to respond to the needs of families swiftly and effectively.



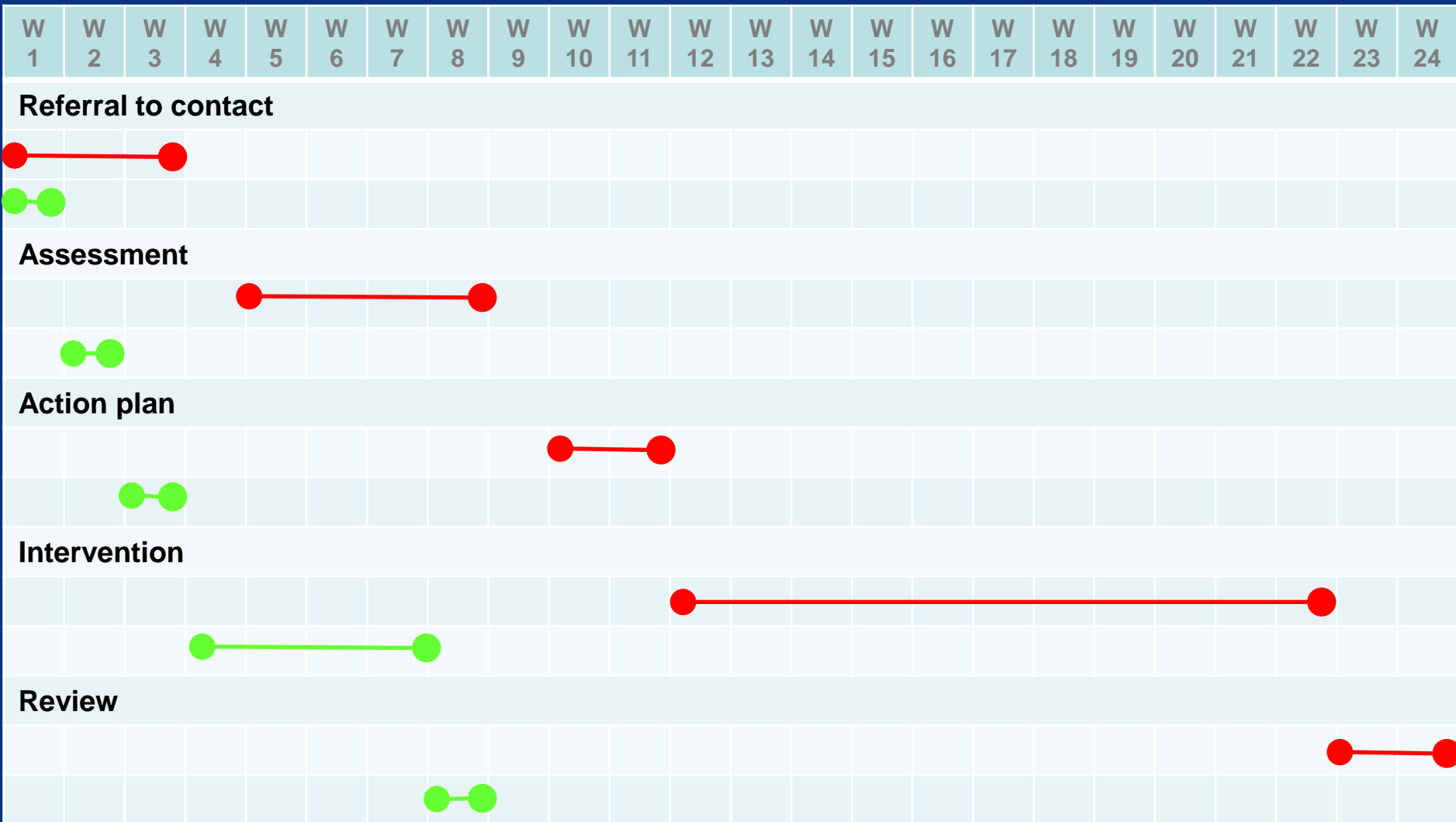
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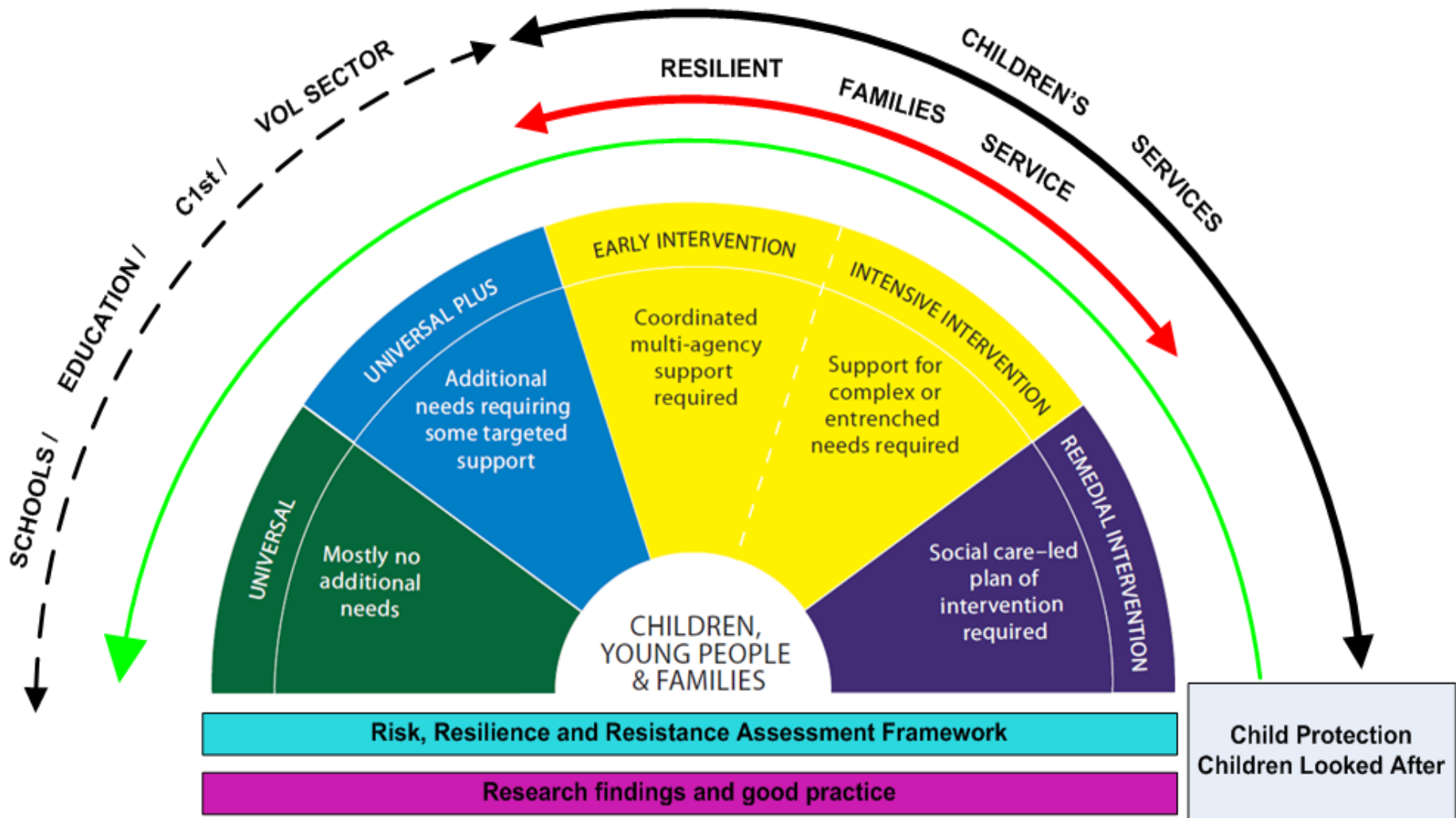
Team Around the Family



Resilient Families Service



Integrated Family Support Framework



Case Study

- Family of 5 living mortgaged property in Pontypridd
- Both parents are employed full time
- Both parents have chronic illnesses which require daily management
- All three children (12yrs male; 8yrs female; 6yrs female) have a variety of complex needs that include physical, psychological and neuro-developmental conditions
- There is no readily available support from family members and support networks are limited
- The family are in contact with 41 professionals who are currently working with individual family members (39 require referral thresholds to be met and only 2 work with the family as a unit)
- Under the current arrangements, this family is **not** eligible for TAF



EDUCATION

HEALTH

SUPPORT SERVICES

Diactic
Developmental
Psychotherapy C2

Theraplay
C3

Talk Adoption
C1

Family Therapy
ALL

Holiday Funtime
Scheme C2

Short break
respite C2

Eye 2 Eye
Counselling C1

ELSA (Emotional
Literacy Support)
C2

YEPS Youth
Worker C1

Disabled
Children's Team
C2

Post adoption
support ALL

DEWIS (direct
payments) C2

ELSA (Emotional
Literacy Support)
C1

Sensory
Processing
Activity C1

Individual
Education Plan
C1

Educational
Psychologist
C1

Educational
Psychologist
C3

Statement
of SEN C2

ELSA (Emotional
Literacy Support)
C3

Individual
Behaviour Plan
C2

SEN
Administration
Service C2

Educational
Psychologist
C2

Learning
Support / 1:1
18 hrs C2

Behaviour
Support C2

Individual
Education Plan
C3

Neuro
developmental
Service C1

Dietician
C1

Geneticist C2

CAMHS
(medic) C1

Paediatrician
C3

CAMHS
(consultant) C2

Physiotherapy
C2

Podiatry
C1

Occupational
Therapy C1

CAMHS
(groupwork) C1

Ophthalmology
C2

Occupational
Therapy C2

Paediatrician
C2

CAMHS
(specialist
nurse) C1

Optician
C2 C3

Physiotherapy
C1

Speech and
Language C2

Geneticist
C3

Stoma Clinic D

Lung Clinic
D

Rheumatoid
Clinic D

Physiotherapy D

Optician
M

Lymphoedema
Clinic M

Full time
employment M

Secondary
School
C1

Primary School
C2 & C3

Full time
employment D

Maxillofacial
Surgery D

Dentist
ALL



Family

- Practical support to keep home environment safe
- Help / advocacy to streamline appointments
- Help to build a network of support
- Have a plan in place to deal with emergencies as they arise



- Single point of contact to act as advocate and give day to day support
- Family resilience assessment that identifies strengths and clear goals
- Someone to manage the professionals
- Specialist advice for impact on family of the children's additional needs

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Family



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- Professional planning and interventions include siblings
- A single bespoke plan that has achievable goals
- Contact with services is from a family perspective
- Quick response - delays as a result of referral processes removed

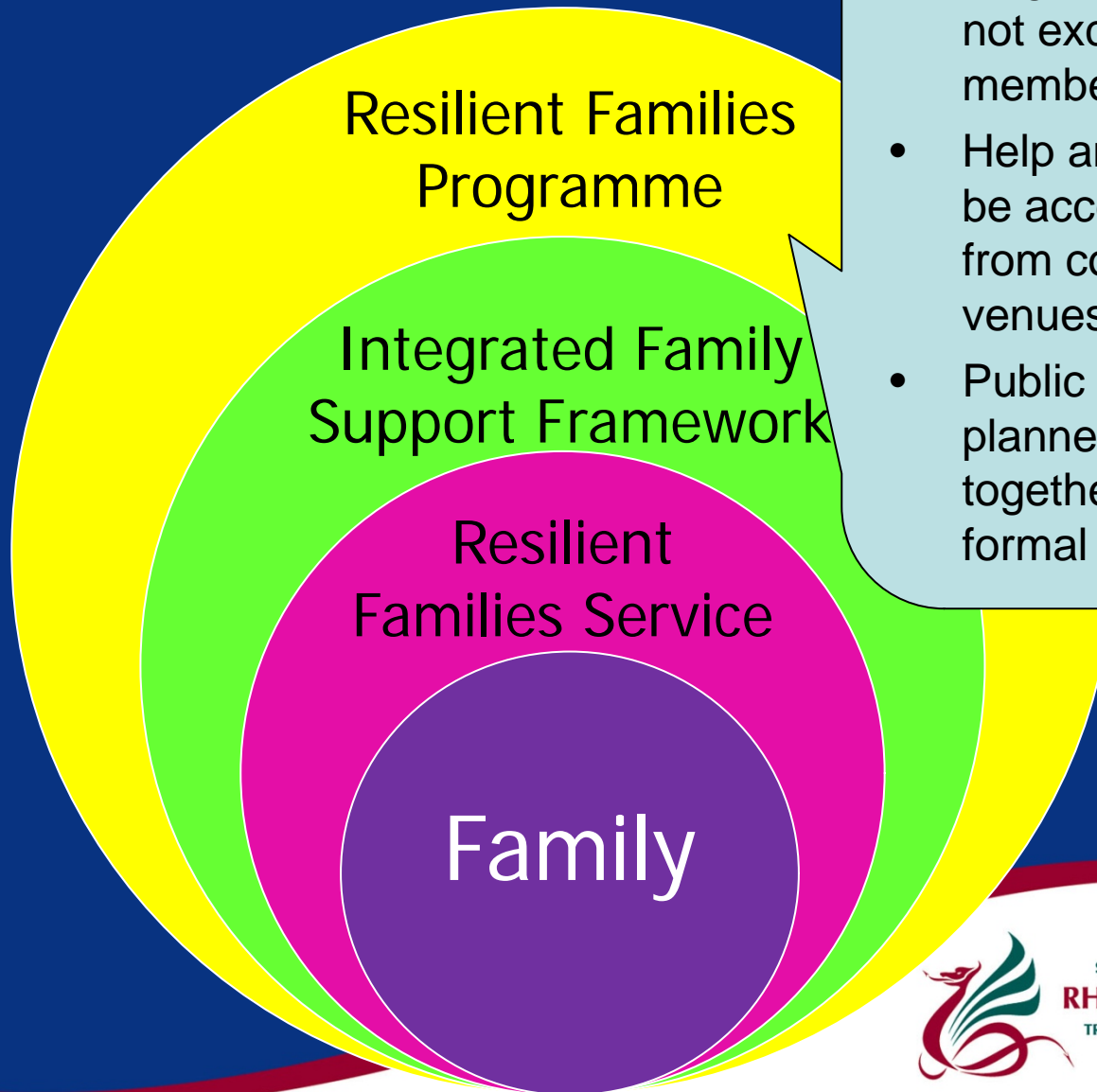
Integrated Family
Support Framework

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- Interventions are family accessible (eligibility criteria does not exclude family members)
- Help and support can be accessed easily from community venues
- Public services are planned and delivered together through formal mechanisms



Timescales

	Start date	Completion date
Phase 1 - Establish core delivery of the Early Intervention and Intensive Intervention aspects of the Integrated Family Support Framework		
Re-organise existing key provision to establish the Resilient Families Service to deliver early intervention and intensive intervention services within the Framework and the revised TAF model	April 2017	Nov 2017
Phase 2 – Complete the implementation of the full Integrated Family Support Framework		
Realign wider Council services and other commissioned services to ensure that universal plus and remedial intervention services effectively link to the Resilient Families Service to provide a continuum of support	Oct 2017	March 2018
Phase 3 – Complete the implementation of the wider Resilient Families Programme		
Inclusion of external Council partners within the Programme	April 2018	Dec 2018



Recommendations of the Report

It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- 2.1 Consider the findings of the Team Around the Family (TAF) Review alongside the findings of the Vulnerability Profiling and Children's Services Project as set out in sections 6 and 7 of the report.
- 2.2 Agree to the development of a Resilient Families Service in consultation with key partners to deliver an improved Team Around the Family (TAF) model that enables us to respond to the needs of families swiftly and effectively.
- 2.3 Receive a further report on the options considered and recommended model of delivery for the Resilient Families Service in September 2017.
- 2.4 Agree to the Resilient Families Programme being the prevailing arrangement that shapes how national policy related to supporting families is implemented in RCT.

