

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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**COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S
SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

4 DECEMBER 2013

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Agenda Item No. 3

**THE WELSH GOVERNMENT'S WHITE
PAPER – THE FUTURE OF REGULATION
& INSPECTION OF CARE & SUPPORT IN
WALES**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this agenda item is to inform Members of the development of Welsh Government legislation relation to the Future of Regulation & Inspection of Care & Support in Wales and provide the Committee with the opportunity to discuss the issues with the Chief Executive of the Care Council (Wales).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members consider and discuss the draft proposals.

**3. WELSH GOVERNMENT'S WHITE PAPER – THE FUTURE OF
REGULATION & INSPECTION OF CARE & SUPPORT IN WALES**

- 3.1 The Welsh Government has recently published its White Paper 'The Future of Regulation & Inspection of Care & Support in Wales' for public consultation.
- 3.2 The White Paper focuses on the regulation and inspection of the workforce and services that deliver care and support, as described within the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill, currently undergoing scrutiny in the National Assembly for Wales.
- 3.3 At present, regulation of care and support in Wales is largely undertaken by two organisations, the Care Council for Wales (CCW) is responsible for regulation of the workforce, and the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) acts as the service regulator.
- 3.4 The Welsh Government proposes to strengthen the requirements for openness and transparency by service providers, including the publication of annual reports. These reports could contain information on complaints received and actions taken, as well as staff development. These reports will be available to all people to look at alongside the reports from the regulator of that service.
- 3.5 The key proposals are as follows:

- an outcomes based inspection regime;
- a service based regulatory regime;
- a national institute of care and support.
- requiring the service regulator to evidence the involvement of citizens in their work;
- requiring providers to produce an annual report on their services and making it an offence to provide false or misleading information in these;
- strengthening the Responsible Individual requirements for providers of care and support services; and
- taking powers to extend registration to encompass new areas of the workforce.

3.6 The full consultation document can be accessed via the Wales Government website through the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/support/?lang=en>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

**Wales Government – Consultation Document - White Paper on the Future of
Regulation and Inspection of Care and Support in Wales 30th September 2013**

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