

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013-2014**

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

28TH JANUARY, 2014

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

Agenda Item No 6

**FFRAMWAITH CHILDREN & YOUNG
PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP – REPORTING
MECHANISM FOR SCRUTINY**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an opportunity to consider an appropriate reporting mechanism between the Fframwaith Children & Young People's Partnership and scrutiny.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that: Members

- (i) Note the information provided;
- (ii) Consider whether they are content to continue with the present system of reporting the minutes of the Fframwaith Children and Young People's Partnership Board meetings to both the Community & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee independently or whether the minutes should be considered solely by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will recall that during the 2011/12 Municipal Year, a joint working group was formed between Members of the Community & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee mainly to review the effectiveness of the Fframwaith Partnership and to consider the governance arrangements in place.
- 3.2 The Working Group made a number of recommendations, one of which was that the minutes of the Fframwaith Partnership Board should be reported to the scrutiny committees and another that an additional elected Member should sit on the Fframwaith Partnership Board in a non-executive capacity. Councillor S Bradwick is the current scrutiny

representative on this Board having been appointed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

- 3.3 Minutes from the meetings of the Fframwaith Partnership Board, which are held every two months (usually on the last Friday of the month), once approved are added to the agendas of both the Community & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
- 3.4 These minutes are placed on the scrutiny agendas for noting only and the covering report which accompanied the first set of minutes to go forward to scrutiny in October 2012 indicated that should Members have any particular concerns or would like further information in respect of any issue that they approach the Scrutiny Officers with their request, who will then liaise with the scrutiny representative on the Board to take the issue forward.
- 3.5 Following recent queries of the Fframwaith minutes at the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny, in particular, a question in relation to the minutes of the Fframwaith Board meeting held on 27th September 2013 the matter was considered at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 18th December, 2013, to try to establish a more effective reporting mechanism.
(**Note:** The minutes of the 27th September 2013 are attached to today's agenda. Due to the fact that the last meeting of this Committee held on 4th December 2013, was a week earlier than the December meeting of the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee, the minutes were not available for discussion at that time.)
- 3.6 Members considered the possibility of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee solely receiving the Fframwaith minutes, as a more efficient and streamlined process. This process would avoid potential duplication as the Committee membership includes both the Chairs and Vice Chairs from the Community & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee along with the scrutiny Fframwaith Board representative, Cllr Bradwick.
- 3.7 Following discussions at the meeting, the Committee resolved that that a report be presented to both the Community & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee in consideration of whether the minutes of the Fframwaith Partnership Board meetings should be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee rather than the two service scrutiny committees.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

as amended by

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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List of Background Papers

Draft Minute 20 – Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting – 18.12.13

Report of the Joint Community & Children's Services and Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committees Working - Fframwaith April 2012

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