

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

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

**5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2014**

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

**Agenda Item No 6**

**FFRAMWAITH CHILDREN & YOUNG  
PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES  
OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
MEETING - 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

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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 the minutes of the meeting of the Fframwaith Children & Young People's Partnership Board held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that: Members

- (i) Note the minutes attached;
- (ii) Consider whether they wish to undertake any additional scrutiny or receive further information in relation to any of the issues highlighted within the minutes of the Fframwaith Board meeting.

**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. Following recent discussions at meetings of both service scrutiny committees Members were clear that they wished to continue to receive the minutes of the Fframwaith Partnership Board meetings as opposed to the minutes being presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.4 Attached to this covering report are the minutes of the Fframwaith Partnership Board meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013. In an attempt to provide more context to the information provided within the minutes, the agenda and reports can be accessed from the Fframwaith website via the following link: Members may find that this website is also a useful way of keeping abreast of the activities undertaken by the Partnership
- [http://www.fframwaith.org/ffram-approved.php?WEBYEP\\_DI=7](http://www.fframwaith.org/ffram-approved.php?WEBYEP_DI=7)
- 3.5 As Fframwaith is a multi agency partnership, Members are reminded that in order to provide any additional information for Members or to arrange the attendance at Committee of appropriate officers who might be from outside the Council, that the scrutiny officers be advised in advance of meetings of any particular areas of interest or concern. If necessary, this may mean the topic being placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972**

**as amended by**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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Minutes of the Fframwaith Children & Young People's Partnership

**List of Background Papers**

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

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**Fframwaith Members Present:**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Ellis Williams (Chair) | Chair – Fframwaith Partnership<br>Group Director, Community and Children's Services |
| Simon James            | Chief Executive, Interlink  |
| Andrew Gwynn           | Service Director Children's Services  |
| Ben Greenaway          | Chwarae Plant   |
| Angela Jones           | Wales NHS   |
| Margaret Jervis        | Valleys Kids  |
| Neil Elliot            | Service Director, Community & Children's Services                                   |
| Nicola Davies          | Assistant Director - Partnerships<br>Cwm Taf LHB                                    |

**In attendance:**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Carryn Williams | Head of Planning & Commissioning, Fframwaith              |
| Sarah Mills     | Commissioning Manager Fframwaith Support Team             |
| Gill Moule      | Policy & Quality Manager Fframwaith                       |
| Emma Rees       | Workforce Development Manager, Fframwaith<br>Support Team |
| Derek James     | Services for Young People                                 |

**Apologies:**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Amanda Taylor  | Careers Wales  |
| Andrew Lycett  | RCT Homes  |
| Annette Davies | Councillor   |
| Chris Bradshaw | Director Education and Lifelong Learning                                   |
| Eleanor Jones  | CV Crime Prevention  |
| Esther Thomas  | Education and Lifelong Learning  |
| Kevin Morgan   | Job Centre Plus  |
| Maria James    | Children and Young people's Partnership<br>Development Officer, Fframwaith |
| Strinda Davies | Cultural Services RCT  |
| Sue Phillips   | Participation and Involvement Officer, Fframwaith                          |

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies as above.

**2. Minutes of the meeting of April 12th and matters arising**

The Partnership agreed that the minutes and papers of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 could be made available on the Fframwaith website.

**Matters Arising**

Page 3: Building the Future Together a Welsh Government strategy for Early Years, due to pressure of time the full plan will be discussed full at the next meeting.

Page 4: Fframwaith Champion and Challenge Role, the meeting to agree a way forward has been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Due to Families First being discussed on the agenda, all partners declared an interest.

**4. Viewpoint Survey Results**

Derek James from Services for Young People gave an overview of

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the results from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Viewpoint Survey which surveyed 8836 young people during 2012/13.

There was a great deal of discussion around some of the results and comments and concerns were expressed around the following points.

- The % of Children and Young People who have difficulty with literacy and numeracy.
- The % of young people being able to access the work experience they wanted. It was noted that this highlighted the lack of career pathways and co-ordination, which is currently being looked at by the Supporting Education, Employment and Training group who were currently setting up a pilot at Pontypridd High School to investigate the potential impact of piloting a piece of work with an identified cohort of young people who are on the cusp of being excluded or disengaging from education in year 11 (KS4) and looking at extending work placement, vocational course and short training opportunities to offer to this group as they near the end of their statutory education.
- It was also noted that if it was not possible to provide a requested work experience, a question which establishes if the work experience provided had been a positive and meaningful experience.
- The question was asked whether there was an opportunity to compare the figures across other Local Authorities in Wales and England. DJ responded that RCT was the only authority who carried out such an indepth survey and as such would be difficult to provide a comparison.
- AG reported that the work carried out via the Youth Justice Bureau on early intervention work has been a huge success with no young people being in custody at the moment for the first time in 14 years.
- DJ raised the issued of how the viewpoint survey is used by partners. Survey has many questions requested by partners but is now too long and young people are becoming disinterested. EW asked if a more co-ordinated approach to planning the questions could be organised to ensure questions are relevant but not too burdensome to young people. EW asked DJ to liaise with CW in reviewing the survey.
- The survey is used by the Canopi Locality Partnerships to

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influence their action plans and it was noted that with the reduction in budgets in future years we will need to work more in collaboration with partners to reduce the impact as much as possible.

- DJ reported that these results were being reported to the individual schools and to the strategic partnerships and a full report of the survey would be distributed to the Fframwaith Partnership.
- DJ advised that particular reports could be generated e.g. on views of young people on free school meals, though a charge from the software supplier would be payable. Services for Young People's budget doesn't cover these reports.

EW requested that this should be further discussed at the next meeting and raised whether young people could present the feedback.

**5. Team around the Family****Memorandum of Understanding**

The Memorandum of Understanding is an agreement between Families First and non-commissioned services. The Memorandum of Agreement clarifies individual services' role within TAF. Difference services have different capacity to be involved with TAF and are involved at different stages. The Memorandum of Understanding enable services to be clear as to the extend they can be involved in TAF. It will also enable training to be provided to only those who require it and will use the training hence making better use of resources. Services will have clarification around what is expected of them and they can dictate the volume of activities they are involved in.

The Fframwaith Partnership agreed the Memorandum of Agreement with the following amendments.

- a. Equality and Diversity, this needs to be amended/deleted as appropriate.
- b. Welsh Language need to be amended to be more generic not specific to Local Authority and should state the Welsh Language Measure.

**TAF Standards**

The TAF Standards have been developed and road tested via an audit of TAF cases. The Fframwaith Partnership agreed the TAF standards.

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CW/SM presented the quarterly report on Families First. Welsh Government have introduced a new round of reporting around Families First. The report includes budgeted and actual spend with a rationale for changes.

CW explained that key areas to be reported on are:

- a. Learning Sets (Multi-authority)
- b. Ring fenced Disability strand
- c. TAF activities including the range of services involved.
- d. Results Based Accountability report cards on projects.
- e. Strategic Commissioning

It was noted that TAF numbers have improved with positive outcomes beginning to emerge. Sue Phillips is carrying out some quality work with families who have taken part in TAF to gauge the impact TAF had on their lives, the results of which will be reported back to the Fframwaith Partnership at a later date.

It was noted that the parameters required by Welsh Government were different to those required by the TAF Board. The Performance Framework for the TAF Board gives a better understanding of TAF as a whole.

A key aspect of Families First is prevention and early intervention and a piece of work is being carried out with the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on pathways into TAF and potential demand. A member of the MASH team will attend the Fframwaith Partnership meeting in the future to report on progress.

SM reported there the Families First Action Plan for 2014/15 was due to be with WG today, however, as there are no changes the 2013/14 action plan will stand with a budget reprofile.

It was agreed that Fframwaith would receive end of year reports.

**7. Review of Advice and Guidance**

A review of advice and guidance is currently underway by the Fframwaith Support Team. The Local Services Board have tasked Fframwaith to undertake a review of PSE. However, as PSE is just one way that children and young people obtain advice and guidance, PSE needed to be considered within this wider review. EW asked if the Local Service Board have been advised on this wider approach. CW confirmed she had liaised with Heledd Morgan who has reported back to the LSB.



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It was noted that there are multiple owners of PSE programs which were all vying for limited space on a school timetable. There is a need to review the whole approach. It was reported that Maria James will be undertaking this piece of work on behalf of Fframwaith. The timescale for completion of this work is 1 year.

AJ noted that work had been carried out around sex and relationships and she was keen that this work was not held up by the review.

**8. SEETS Consultation**

14 – 19 Learning Pathways Policy: the way ahead. This consultation seeks view on proposed changes to the 14 – 19 Learning Pathways policy.

GM to provide a link directly to the consultation.

**9. Any Other Business**

NE reported that Geraint Evans has been seconded into a role to review the working relationships between Families First, Communities First and Fly Start. All have different performance frameworks. GE will provide feedback to the next meeting.

**11. Next meeting details**

14<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Valleys Innovation Centre, Abercynon.  
9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.