

## AGENDA ITEM 6

### RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### CABINET

19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016

#### CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE CABINET IN DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILLOR GERAINT HOPKINS

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Cabinet with the Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- 2.1 Note the work of the Board and its future work priorities as outlined in its Annual report, which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

#### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Under the Leaders Scheme of Delegation (the 3A) the Corporate Parenting Board, comprising of a cross party membership was formed to take the lead in ensuring that the Council fulfils its responsibilities as corporate parent's to children who are looked after and formulate Council policy in respect of children who are looked after and children in need.

- 3.2 As part of the Board's Terms of reference, the Board must report its work to the Cabinet and it has been agreed that this will take the form of an Annual Report.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 This is the first Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board, which provides a summary of the role and work of the Board undertaken this Municipal Year. The report is attached as Appendix 1.

## **5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

The Chairman of the Board presented the report to the Corporate Parenting Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and will forward the report for information to the CSSIW.

## **7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

## **8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

The Annual Report has been developed in line with the requirements of the Leaders Scheme of Delegation (3A).

## **9 LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/ SIP**

- Keeping All Children & Young People Safe & Improving the life chances of vulnerable children.

## **10 CONCLUSION**

The Corporate Parenting Board Annual report outlines the work of the Board to date this Municipal Year and features the priority areas the Board will consider in the future ensuring that the Council provides continuous improvement to the services that it delivers for its children and young people within the Looked After System.

### **Other Information**

Scrutiny Committee - *Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee*

Background Papers - *None*

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