

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

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

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

**Agenda Item No 5**

**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 or whether they wish to consider other options.

**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 at the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

- 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 (Councillor Bradwick) to take the issue forward. Whilst officers in attendance at the scrutiny committees may be in a position to answer some questions, for example Ellis Williams is the Chair of the Fframwaith Partnership Board, the Partnership includes a range of organisations including Health and the voluntary sector and it may well be that any detailed information would need to be obtained from these partner organisations.
- 3.5 At the meeting, the of the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012 it was commented that perhaps alternative approaches to reporting the work of the Fframwaith Board could be found. The matter was subsequently discussed at a meeting of the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs with a view to bringing a report to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. However, following consideration of the issue, and not wishing to introduce an overly bureaucratic duplicative process, it was felt that at that time, given the Strategic Partnership Review underway and development of the Single Integrated Plan that there might be future opportunities to further scrutinise the operation of Fframwaith through existing mechanisms eg the LSB Scrutiny Working Group once these new processes had time to 'bed in'.
- 3.6 It has been noted that questions have arisen at recent meetings of the Education & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee in relation to the scrutiny of Fframwaith and Members may wish to re-consider the current system.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972**  
**as amended by**  
**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**  
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**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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