

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNCIL
13 July 2016

REPORT AUTHOR: Amanda Lewis, Strategic Director - People

SUBJECT: Annual Council Reporting Framework

REPORT FOR: Decision

Summary

All local authorities in Wales are subject to a performance reporting framework known as the Annual Council Reporting Framework (ACRF). This programme of work continues to provide an alternative system of assessment to the previous annual performance evaluation and Joint Review processes and sees performance management accountability resting with Council Members, the Chief Executive, managers and officers. The Director of Social Services is responsible for this approach which includes reporting annually to the Council on the delivery, performance and risks as well as plans for improvement on the full range of Social Services functions.

The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) will undertake a review and analysis of the evidence underpinning the annual report which will result in an individual inspection and review plan for the Council. They will look for the approach to be citizen focussed and will encourage improvement, consistency and innovation. As a minimum, the Council will be subject to an annual fieldwork visit from CSSIW along with our regulatory inspections and contribution to thematic inspections.

Proposal

The purpose of this report is to introduce the seventh annual report (Appendix 1) of the Statutory Director of Social Services for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

It is intended that the report presents a recognisable picture of the services provided and delivered by social services to the citizens of Powys, Council Members and other stakeholders.

Powys One Plan

The annual report links directly to the Powys One Plan and strategic objectives. The report informs the citizens of Powys, and other key stakeholders, about the performance of social services in the county. The framework for the report is supported by analysis and evidence which has enabled the Director to provide a full and accurate report detailing priorities for improvement.

Options Considered/Available

The Annual Council Reporting Framework is not optional, it is a statutory requirement for the Council to comply with the requirements.

Preferred Choice and Reasons

The Annual Council Reporting Framework is not optional; it is a statutory requirement for the Council to comply with the requirements.

The report has been presented to People Scrutiny Joint Childrens and Adults Working Groups on 17 May 2016, and Cabinet on 14 June 2016, following which the report received a final edit.

The final stage will be to move to full publication following translation and design before the end of September 2016.

Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc

There is a requirement placed on the Council to provide good quality services for the individuals who reside in Powys. These services have to be sustainable and flexible to meet the future need of the individuals who require these services. Promotion of health and well-being, choice and flexibility is also essential by placing the 'citizen' at the centre of service provision. In these terms, the Annual Council Reporting Framework will cut across both Powys County Council policies as well as those from the Welsh Assembly Government.

Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Children's Services have been fully engaged in the overall process. Key stakeholders, including the Children and Young People's Partnership have been consulted with and engaged in challenge events.

Local Member(s)

This reporting framework is countywide and applies to all electoral divisions.

Other Front Line Services

As part of the process, key stakeholders have been consulted with and have been engaged in challenge events.

Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, BPU)

All support services are involved in providing support to Social Services and continue to be involved regularly.

Finance – the Finance Business Partner can confirm that ACRF is a statutory requirement and Corporate Finance are part of the 'whole system' approach to ensure the effective delivery of Social Services functions.

Legal – The recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view.

Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

As part of the process, key stakeholders have been consulted with and have been engaged in challenge events.

Corporate Communications

The Communications Officer has been fully involved in supporting the drafting of the report, and will assist in publishing the final version on the Council’s website.

Statutory Officers

The Strategic Director Resources (S151 Officer) notes the comments made by finance.

The view of the Monitoring Officer – “I have nothing to add to the report”

Members’ Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
That Council endorse the report in Appendix 1 for full publication by end of September 2016.	To comply with the statutory requirements of the Director of Social Services to produce an annual report

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Strategic Director People
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	As soon as possible after Full Council on 13th July 2016

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Appendix 1 - Seventh annual report of the Statutory Director of Social Services for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.