

## CABINET

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2016
<b>Report Subject</b>	Annual Council Reporting Framework
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Social Services
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Social Services)
<b>Type of Report</b>	Strategic

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the final version of the ACRF for approval prior to publication.

This report provides a brief summary of purpose of the Annual Council Reporting Framework (ACRF).

The report underlines that this is the fifth and final Annual Report, with reporting methods changing in 2017 to reflect the new Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

This report was presented at the Health and Social Care Overview Scrutiny on the 27 June, 2016. For review and received approval.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Cabinet accept the Annual Council Reporting Framework report.
2	Cabinet approve publication of the Annual Council Reporting Framework ahead of the deadline of the 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2016.

## **REPORT DETAILS**

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE ANNUAL COUNCIL REPORTING FRAMEWORK</b>
1.01	The ACRF delivers the Statutory Director of Social Services' own assessment of performance in respect of their social services responsibilities and is focused on strategic objectives and improvement priorities across the department (SSIA, 2015).
1.02	The ACRF was introduced in 2009/2010 and required the Director of Social Services to produce an annual report reflecting the delivery, performance and priorities for social services in their authority area. The guidance stipulates that the ACRF must be a recognisable picture of social services in the Authority area.
1.03	The report is written in accessible language and is aimed to serve a number of informed audiences. The report also feeds into the annual assessment from CSSIW.
1.04	CSSIW's judgement also informs the Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report for the whole Council.
1.05	The ACRF guidance requires that we provide detail and evidence, but balance that with the intent that it be a public document. The report should take into account our responses to the challenges Social Services face whilst also capturing the strengths of current arrangements.
1.06	In 2015 Double Click, our then mental health services design and print service, redesigned the format of the report and the report has kept this revised format for the final year.
1.07	Double Click has created a visually attractive and electronically compatible design which allows readers to access the report on PCs, tablets and other mobile devices.
1.08	The report is divided into chapters aligned to the themes from the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, these include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Well Governed and High Performing Council</li><li>• More Say and More Control</li><li>• Smarter Commissioning</li><li>• Well-being and Independence</li><li>• Workforce</li><li>• Stronger Safeguarding</li><li>• Evidencing our Improvement</li></ul>
1.09	We have much to celebrate in Flintshire including evidence of continued person centred service delivery within Adult Services, high rates of adult being supported in the community, low rates of delayed transfer of care for social care reasons, a strong relationship with the local voluntary and community sector and a proactive approach to working with commissioned services. Within Children's services the in-house fostering team is well regarded, the first stage of integrating early intervention services has been

	achieved through the Targeted Support Team and the establishment of the Adolescent Strategy Team to prevent escalation.
1.10	Corporate ownership of the social care agenda is strong as evidenced through the collective response to the concerns for the Care Sector in Flintshire and across the UK. There is a shared ownership of Safeguarding across services and attentive and supportive politicians working with the authority to create solutions.
1.11	The new Social Services Team structure is in place and has a strong emphasis on supporting families and delivering personal outcomes for vulnerable people.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	The priorities of the ACRF are aimed at delivering service improvements, improved outcomes and meeting local needs within the continued context of achieving challenging financial efficiencies and value for money.
2.02	The priorities identified within the ACRF will be delivered within existing resources.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	Following a Health and Social Care Overview Scrutiny Committee Member's Workshop, held on the 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016, the comments raised relating to content and design were incorporated into the final version of the ACRF.
3.02	The final report was presented to Members of the Health and Social Care Overview Scrutiny Committee for final approval ahead of submission to Cabinet.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	The ACRF is required to be published by the authority no later than the 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2016.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix 1 - Annual Council Reporting Framework

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	<p>None.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Jane Davies Senior Manager Safeguarding and Commissioning</p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702503</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:jane.m.davies@flintshire.gov.uk">jane.m.davies@flintshire.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	<p><u>SSIA</u> Social Services Improvement Agency is a specialist team dedicated to supporting improvement and transformational change within the social care system of Wales.</p>
7.02	<p><u>CSSIW</u> Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales ensure that services meet the standards the public expect. They regulate and inspect services to improve standards of care in Wales.</p>