

SOCIAL & HEALTH CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
17 JANUARY 2025

Minutes of the Social & Health Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a hybrid meeting on Thursday, 17 January 2025

PRESENT: **Councillor Sam Swash (Chair)**
Councillors: Mike Allport, Mel Buckley, Tina Claydon, Steve Copple,
Fran Lister, Dave Mackie, Gina Maddison and Billy Mullin
Substitutes: Dave Healey (for Gladys Healey) and
Anthony Wren (for Debbie Owen)

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Woolley

CONTRIBUTORS: Councillor Christine Jones (Deputy Leader of the Council and
Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing); Councillor
Richard Jones (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet
Member for Transformation and Assets); Chief Officer (Social
Services); Senior Manager - Safeguarding and Commissioning;
Strategic Performance Advisor; Responsible Individual;
Planning and Development Officer and Principal Accountant.

IN ATTENDANCE: Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator and Democratic Services
Officer

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS) ([Link to recording](#))

None.

43. MINUTES ([Link to recording](#))

RESOLVED:

That the [minutes](#) of the meeting held on 5 December 2024 be approved as a correct record.

44. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME ([Link to recording](#))

The Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator presented the current [Forward Work Programme \(agenda item number 4\)](#) for consideration, which included an update on outstanding actions. She also advised that Rota Visits Training would be circulated to Members of the Committee that had not already been trained.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Forward Work Programme be noted;
- (b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises: and

- (c) That the Committee notes the progress made in completing the outstanding actions.

45. CORPORATE RISK REGISTER ([Link to recording](#))

The Chief Officer (Social Services) gave a brief introduction and the Strategic Performance Advisor presented a [report \(agenda item number 5\)](#) to review the Council's Corporate Risk Register.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee reviewed the Council's Corporate Risk Register report, in particular risk RSS54 – Care Provision Sustainability; and
- (b) That the Committee were assured of the arrangements in place to manage risk RSS54 – Care Provision Sustainability.

46. COUNCIL PLAN (2023-28) MID YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT 2024/25 ([Link to recording](#))

The Chief Officer (Social Services) presented the [report \(agenda item number 6\)](#) for Members to review and monitor the Council's performance including actions and measures, as set out in the Council Plan (2023-28) at mid-year for 2024/25.

The Strategic Performance Advisor advised Members that a Council Plan Workshop was scheduled for all Member in April 2025. She also suggested that future plans should embed cross portfolio issues demonstrating the responsibility across portfolios e.g. procurement.

The Senior Manager – Safeguarding and Commissioning advised Members that a Special Report on the journey to Net Zero from Social Services perspective would be provided at a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee supported the levels of progress and confidence in the achievement of priorities as detailed within the Council Plan 2023/28 for delivery within 2024/25;
- (b) That The Committee supported the overall performance against Council Plan 2024/25 performance indicators/measurers; and
- (c) That the Committee were assured by explanations given for those areas of underperformance

47. IN HOUSE REGULATED SERVICES REPORT ([Link to recording](#))

The Responsible Officer presented a [report \(agenda item number 7\)](#) to inform Members of the current position of in-house services for adults in relation to regulatory requirements. He advised members that further consideration would be given to social historical projects and further opportunities to work with Theatr Clwyd in future. He also

agreed to circulate to Members the song that Marleyfield House staff recorded with an Arts and Music group on how the pandemic affected them.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee reviewed the assessment of the Responsible Individual who identified a high level of confidence in all areas of the service; and
- (b) That the Committee noted that the high standard of care was good throughout the service and that there were examples in which the care and support achieved an excellent standard.

48. UPDATE ON THE CHANGES TO THE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT AS LAID OUT BY WELSH GOVERNMENT ([Link to recording](#))

The Chief Officer (Social Services) gave a brief introduction and the Planning and Development Officer gave Members a verbal update on proposed changes to the Director's Annual Report.

The Chief Officer (Social Services) confirmed that an early draft of the Annual Report would be submitted to the March Meeting.

49. IN-YEAR OVERSPEND ACTION PLAN 2024/25 ([Link to recording](#))

The Chief Officer (Social Services) presented a [report \(agenda item number 9\)](#) for Members to consider sections of the in-year overspend Action Plan 2024/25 relevant to this Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee noted the measures within the 2024/25 action plan that were being considered for inclusion towards improving the financial position by the end of the financial year.

50. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

None.

(The meeting started at 10.00am and ended at 11.59am)

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Chair

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