

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER**

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**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR S. THOMAS (CHAIR)**

Councillors K. Rowson (Vice-Chair)  
D. Bevan  
G. A. Davies  
P. Edwards  
L. Elias  
K. Hayden  
J. Holt  
M. Moore  
G. Paulsen  
T. Sharrem  
B. Summers  
T. Smith

**WITH:** Corporate Director of Social Services  
Head of Children's Services  
Head of Adult Services  
Service Manager for Development & Commissioning  
Communications & Policy Officer  
Democratic Officer / Advisor

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>No. 1</b>	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	

<p><b>No. 2</b></p>	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G. Collier.</p>	
<p><b>No. 3</b></p>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.</p>	
<p><b>No. 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u></b></p> <p>The Committee AGREED that future meetings be held at 10.00 a.m.</p>	
<p><b>No. 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 13th February, 2020 were submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<p><b>No. 6</b></p>	<p><b><u>ACTION SHEET - 13TH FEBRUARY 2020</u></b></p> <p>The action sheet arising from the meeting of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on 13th February, 2020 was submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted.</p>	
<p><b>No. 7</b></p>	<p><b><u>PROPOSED SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Chair of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the report be accepted and endorse Option 1; namely that the Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2020-21 be approved.</p>	
<p><b>No. 8</b></p>	<p><b><u>SOCIAL SERVICES RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Social Services which was presented to provide Members with information on how the Social Services Directorate has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic over the last 4 months.</p>	

<p>The Committee AGREED to recommend that the report be accepted and endorse Option 2; namely that the report be accepted as provided.</p>	
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