



Policy and Performance - Families and Wellbeing Committee

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PARTY WHIP

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

Members are reminded that they should also declare whether they are subject to a party whip in connection with any item(s) to be considered and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of the whipping arrangement.

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee held on 30 June 2015.

3. NOTICE OF MOTION - MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE (Pages 9 - 10)

At the meeting of the Council held on 6 July 2015 (minute 64 refers), the attached Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor T Anderson and seconded by Councillor L Rennie was referred by the Mayor to this Committee for consideration.

In accordance with Standing Order 7 (6), Councillors Anderson and Rennie had been invited to attend the meeting in order for them to be given an opportunity to explain the Motion.

4. UPDATE ON 'BECOMING A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COUNCIL' (Pages 11 - 14)

Notice of Motion originally debated by Committee in September 2014.

5. SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

To receive a verbal presentation from the Corporate Safeguarding Manager regarding the Safeguarding Annual Report.

6. FAMILIES AND WELLBEING DASHBOARD (INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH) (Pages 15 - 38)

7. FINANCIAL MONITORING 2014/15 END OF YEAR REPORT AND 2015/16 QUARTER 1 REPORT (Pages 39 - 56)

8. COUNCIL PLAN: DELIVERY PLAN PROPOSALS FOR PEOPLE PRIORITIES

To receive a verbal presentation regarding the Council Plan: Delivery Plan Proposals for People Priorities.

9. POLICY INFORM BRIEFING PAPER (Pages 57 - 88)

10. REPORT OF THE CHAIR FROM MEETING OF THE HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2015 (Pages 89 - 94)

11. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 95 - 100)

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE - FAMILIES AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 30 June 2015

Present: Councillor M McLaughlin (Chair)

Councillors	D Roberts	I Williams
	P Brightmore	J Williamson
	A Davies	W Clements
	T Johnson	B Berry
	T Norbury	D Burgess-Joyce
	W Smith	C Povall

Also Present:

Ms S Quinn, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust
Mr J Develing, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr P Naylor, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group

Deputies:

Councillor T Anderson (in place of Councillor P Hayes)
Councillor D Mitchell (in place of Councillor A Brighthouse)

1 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PARTY WHIP

Councillor A Davies declared a Personal Interest in Item 5 – Families and Wellbeing Dashboard Report by virtue of her employment at Cheshire and Wirral Partnership.

2 CHAIRS WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all Members and members of the public to the meeting, in particularly those Members who were new to the Committee.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That subject to addition of Councillor D Roberts to the attendance list and Councillor T Johnson to the apologies for absence , the Minutes of the Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee held on 23 March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

4 **MINUTES OF THE ATTAINMENT SUB COMMITTEE- 4 MARCH 2015**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Attainment Sub-Committee held on 4 March 2015 be noted.

5 **REPORT OF THE CHAIR FROM MEETINGS OF THE HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL HELD ON 1 APRIL 2015**

The Chair of the Health and Care Performance Panel introduced the report which provided feedback on the key issues arising from the meeting held on 1 April 2015.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the meeting of the Health and Care Performance Panel held on 1 April 2015 be noted.

6 **FAMILIES AND WELLBEING DASHBOARD (INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH)**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Families and Wellbeing and the Director of Public Health which provided an update in relation to the 2014/15 performance of the Families and Wellbeing and Public Health Directorate against the delivery of their Directorate Plans for 2014/15 whilst also providing an update of current performance as at Year End 2014/15.

The report translated the priorities set out in the Directorate Plans into a coherent and measurable set of performance outcome measures and targets. Members were requested to consider the details of the report and highlight any issues.

The Directorate Plan 2014/15 Performance Report set out performance against 57 outcome measures for 2014/15, 32 were rated green, 12 were rated amber and 11 were rated red whilst 2 were currently unrated. The measured 11 rated red had action plans which referred to:

- Smoking Quitters (4 weeks)

- Proportion of opiate drug users that left drug treatment successfully who do not re-present to treatment within 6 months
- Achievement gap between pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and their peers achieving at key Stage 2
- % of Looked After Children achieving KS2
- The % of LAC achieving expected levels at Key Stage 4
- Inequality of achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19 (FSM)
- Inequality of achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 (FSM)
- Timeliness of Adoptions, within 12 months of decision date
- Average monthly bed days lost due to delayed transfers of care per 100,000
- Overall satisfaction of carers with social services
- Proportion of people who use services who find it easy to find information about support

A Member asked that in relation to the target set for smoking quitters, was there a discussion to be had as to making this a more achievable target. In response, the Director of Public Health indicated that the target was set nationally however these targets were to be re-defined to reflect the impacts of e-cigarettes. She further indicated that they were currently looking to see if the services currently provided could be commissioned in a different way to reflect the increased usage of e-cigarettes; this piece of work would be brought back to Cabinet for decision in July 2015.

In relation to the target relating to the achievement gap for those children in receipt of receiving FSM (free school meals) against those who were not, the Director of Children's Services indicated that in KS2 the gap in terms of Reading and Maths had shown a reduction year on year but this was not the case with writing. The impacts since the introduction of the Pupil Premium was improving and helping the target outcomes.

In relation to the average monthly lost bed days due to delayed transfer, the Director of Adult Social Services explained that people were in hospital longer than they needed to be, however, the Council was now in a position to organise same day domiciliary care and there was also an integrated discharge team; the Department also commissioned step up/step down services and Age UK had been commissioned to support families to identify their home of choice. There was also the work on Vanguard working with health partners to support people in their own homes.

The Chair indicated that the next piece of work on the work programme was a review to look at unnecessary hospital admissions and there would be a Spotlight session on Vanguard.

In relation to the rate of LAC per 10,000, The Director of Children's Services indicated that from September 2013, the early help offer, youth offending service, intensive family support (troubled families programme), early years and youth service has been one service together under "Targeted Services" this was being continuously reviewed to ensure that working arrangements are meeting the needs of Wirral's vulnerable children and reducing the likelihood of their needs worsening.

Specialist Children's Social Care Services had also been re-organised in June 2015, and there are now four Children in Care Teams in three locations across Wirral. These new teams would focused on ensuring that children in care all have good, outcome based plans to ensure as many as possible move to live in permanent placements, such as adoption or special guardianship, where they are no longer in care. With strong approaches to early help and intervention, through work such as the troubled families programme as well as increased focus on the needs of children when they become looked after, it was projected that the number of children in care would reduce to about 450 over the next five years.

In relation to a request from a Member for information regarding the proportion of completed scheduled monitoring visits to residential homes, the Director of Adult Social Services indicated that the information was collated by the Contracts Team and agreed to share this with Members.

The Chair indicated that she had recently raised and it was discussed at the Co-ordinating Committee that Members had a training need as they wanted to better understand the information they were provided with in relation to performance reports so that they could monitor trends etc. to see if there were any improvements. The Strategic Director of Transformation and Resources was requested to develop an appropriate training and development plan for Members to help them to understand performance information and data including their analysis and evaluation.

The Strategic Director, Children and Families indicated that she was pleased that department was progressing well and the Wirral Plan – Vision 2020 had been recently published, its focus being on outcomes.

In relation to smoking quitters using e-cigarettes and in response to a Member, the Director of Public Health indicated that exact data could not be captured on this, only an estimate could be provided based on the number of people accessing the services provided by the Council using e-cigarettes as their chosen method to quit smoking.

RESOLVED:

The 2014/16 Families and Wellbeing Directorate Plan Performance Management Report be noted.

7 **DISABILITY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN: BUDGET OPTION - PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Children's Services updating on the children with disabilities budget option, a saving of £600,000, as part of a move towards an "All Age Disability Service". The report specifically dealt with the first two strands set out within the report, namely, proposals to make changes to the operational arrangements at Willow Tree short break unit for children and young people with disabilities and reviewing how support was provided to children with disabilities and their families.

It was anticipated that subject to consultation with families using the services and staff members that savings could be made through greater efficiencies with minimal impact on families. This would be achieved by amalgamating services, adjusting management capacity, reducing the overall number of staff required and making changes to contracts and grades.

The principles of providing early help and support and working in partnership with children and families would continue to guide this work.

In relation to the savings outlined within the report, the Director of Children's Services indicated that the vacant Transitional Managers post was included within the savings in error and should not be included as there was no cost associated with the post in this budget option.

In response to a Member, the Director of Children's Services indicated that the timeline for remaining savings of £350k was expected to be achieved within the next financial year for the full year effect. She explained that the specific timeline in relation to this was still being drafted but would be happy to share this with Members upon its completion.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

8 **PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee considered a presentation from the Director of Public Health introducing the Public Health Annual Report 2014 which focused on improving the public's health in Wirral.

The report focused on shaping the way services work together to ensure that people were able to care for themselves and one another and enjoy healthy and rewarding lives.

The Director of Public Health indicated that last year's annual report focus on social isolation encouraged huge engagement from all parties; she thanked all those involved who had helped in some way to make a contribution to alleviate social isolation.

The Director of Public Health also thanked Ms Helen Armitage, Public Health Team for the work she had done on the Annual Report.

A Member congratulated the Director on her Annual Report in particular the emphasis on helping parents gain good long term employment, highlighting that some people in poverty were actually in employment.

In relation to the effect on the public health budget as a result of government cuts, the Director of Public Health indicated that the announcement from a national level wasn't yet known but it was estimated that the budget reduction would be approximately around 2.3 million a year but it was unknown as to which services would be impacted. The Director of Public Health indicated that the assumption had been made that the budget would be reduced; therefore, the Department had planned for a reduction in funding.

RESOLVED:

That the Director of Public Health and her team be thanked and congratulated on their excellent work regarding the Public Health Annual Report.

9 HEALTH AND CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL - ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Families and Wellbeing which sought approval for the terms of reference and nomination for the membership to the Health and Care Performance Panel for the 2015/16 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the terms of reference for the Health and Care Performance Panel be approved;**
- (2) the following nominations for members to the Health and Care Performance Panel be agreed as follows:- M. McLaughlin, D. Roberts, T. Johnson, Brightmore, W. Clements, D. Burgess-Joyce and A. Brighthouse.**

10 **CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE - ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Families and Wellbeing which sought approval for the terms of reference and nomination for the membership to the Children Sub-Committee (formerly the Attainment Sub-Committee) for the 2015/16 municipal year.

The Strategic Director of Families and Wellbeing introduced the report indicating that upon reflection on the progress of the Attainment Sub-Committee since its introduction, the Chair and Spokespersons and in consultation with officers had reviewed the priorities; it was now proposed that the Sub-Committee should re-focus its priorities to ensure that the key outcomes for children, as detailed in the Departmental Plan 2015/16 were scrutinised effectively.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the terms of reference for the Children Sub-Committee be approved;**
- (2) the following nominations for members to the Children Sub-Committee be agreed as follows:- M. McLaughlin, W. Smith, A. Davies, T. Norbury, W. Clements, P.Hayes and A. Brighthouse.**

11 **DRAFT PROTOCOL TO PROMOTE MORE EFFECTIVE JOINT WORKING BETWEEN HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD, HEALTHWATCH AND HEALTH SCRUTINY**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Families and Wellbeing seeking approval for an agreement which was aimed at strengthening joint working arrangements between Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board, Wirral Healthwatch and health scrutiny.

The agreement was attached as an appendix to the report.

The Chair indicated that the Manager of Healthwatch would be invited to attend future meetings of the Committee and also the Health and Care Performance Panel. She further thanked all those officers who attended the working party.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed agreement for joint working between Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch Wirral and Wirral Health Scrutiny be approved.

12 POLICY INFORM BRIEFING PAPER

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director, Families and Wellbeing presenting Members with the July Policy Briefing papers which included an overview of ongoing and recent national legislation, bills presented to Parliament and emerging policies.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the Policy Briefing papers be noted.

13 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the report of the Chair of the Committee, updating on the progress and the activity proposed for this Committee in relation to its agreed Work Programme.

The Chair updated the Committee on the following:

- Safeguarding Review – was near completion
- Budget Options – There would be a gap added to the work programme to allow scrutiny of the Budget Options
- Next review – Avoiding Hospital Admissions
- Future Review – Early Years
- Spotlight Session – Arranged for 20 July 2015 regarding the Vanguard Project.

RESOLVED:

That the Work Programme be noted.

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE *(the Civic Mayor to refer to the Policy and Performance - Families and Wellbeing Committee)*

Proposed by Councillor Tom Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Lesley Rennie

Council notes that:

- (1) mental health is becoming an increasing concern, with one in five people having a mental health condition at any one time.
- (2) only a quarter of people with a mental health condition receive any treatment for it.
- (3) mental ill-health has economic and social cost of £105bn a year, accounting for 28% of the total burden of disease but only 13% of NHS spending.
- (4) mental health provision is not just about supporting those with the most severe conditions but providing an integrated and holistic support to the community.

Furthermore, Council notes the excellent initiative of several leading mental health charities in developing the “Mental Health Challenge” and the resources they are giving to local authorities.

Council therefore resolves to take on the mental health organisations challenge by:

- (a) Appoint an elected member as ‘mental health champion’ across the Council.
- (b) Identify a lead officer for mental health to link in with colleagues across the Council.
- (c) Follow the implementation framework for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the Council’s work and local needs.
- (d) Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.
- (e) Work with the NHS to integrate health and social care support.
- (f) Promote wellbeing and initiate and support action on public mental health for example through our joint health and wellbeing strategy.
- (g) Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.
- (h) Encourage positive mental health in our schools, colleges and workplaces.
- (i) Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.
- (j) Sign up to the Time to Change pledge.

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Briefing Note	
Title:	Becoming a Dementia Friendly Council
Date:	8 September 2015
To:	Families & Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee
From:	Graham Hodgkinson, Director of Adult Social Services

Background

In December 2014, Wirral Council resolved to support the Dementia Friends initiative. This included encouraging staff and elected members to become dementia friends and to consider whether they may wish to become dementia champions. In response to subsequent debate in Council about the progress of this resolution, there was a request for the Chief Exec to ensure the following actions were implemented;

- a) Encourage Council staff to become Dementia Friends (and to undertake relevant training as soon as practicably possible).
- b) Write to the Alzheimer's Society requesting advice on how best to assist them in rolling out training across Wirral.
- c) Allow for Council property, where suitable, feasible and within reason, to be used free of charge by those delivering Dementia Friends Training.
- d) Encourage all Elected Members to become a 'Dementia Friend'.
- e) Invite key Council staff members to become 'Dementia Friend Champions' thereby enabling the roll out of Dementia Friends Training referred to.

Update in relation to actions

- A briefing note to be developed and sent to Members in August 2015 outlining the aim of the Dementia Friends project and how to access training via the internet link.
- In addition the Alzheimer's Society is currently running local Dementia Friends training sessions with venues already set up. These dates will be circulated to Elected Members in August 2015 via agreement of the Members Development Steering Group.
- The Research in Practice briefing for Councillors on 'Maximising Independence for People with Dementia' to be circulated to Members in August. Some of the questions raised by this briefing include whether there is any work occurring in constituencies around dementia friendly communities, whether councillors have signed up to become a Dementia Friend, and whether there is a local Dementia Action Alliance that members could make contact with and become a member of?
- Additional regional training is available for people interested in becoming Dementia Champions and details of this and available training will be sent to Members in September 2015.

- An action plan has been developed to roll out the Dementia Friend briefing across the Council departments with details of how to access the internet and face to face training. The plan for this is: -
 - August 2105 - Message in Exec View of our intention to become a Dementia Friendly Council (Completed 21/8/15)
 - August 2015 - Development of an intranet page to promote the dementia friends initiative with link to the Alzheimer's dementia friends training page. Survey Monkey link established to capture take up of training (Completed 21/8/15)
 - September 2015 - Follow up article about Dementia Friends initiative in One Brief and Council wide promotion of the initiative via screen saver
 - September 2015 - Constituency Managers briefing
 - October 2015 - Comms to provide a mini brief to Heads of Department for front facing services on how the initiative relates to their area of service.
 - October/November 2015 departments to target people who have undertaken Dementia Friends training to encourage take up of training as Dementia Champions
- Via the DASS contacting team a briefing note about the Dementia Friends scheme has been sent to all domiciliary and residential support providers. Completed August 2015
- Via the DASS commissioning team the briefing has been disseminated to the Voluntary and Faith sector. Completed August 2015
- It is planned that the Dementia Friends programme will be flagged to partners via the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board. Completed September 2015

Additional Actions undertaken by the Clinical Commissioning Group

- Each of the CCG's three main commissioned health providers (WUTH, CT, CWP) have an action plan in place regarding trust-wide dementia training – this is at a higher level than the dementia friends training.
- GPs have to attend annual dementia training
- Dementia friendly training has been rolled out to GP reception staff and administrators
- Staff within the CCG received dementia friendly training last year
- Work has been taking place in Heswall as Councillors supported the initiative to make Heswall a Dementia friendly community in 2015. The CCG have been working with community groups to gather support and seek how we can make this a community-driven project. A letter has been sent to all of the Heswall businesses to offer training and to ask them to make a pledge to make their business more dementia friendly (letter attached but only two replies so far).
- There is a tender out for Wirral South which will include a requirement to drive forward the dementia friendly agenda and therefore will pick up what has been started in Heswall.



letter to heswall
businesses re dfc June

Recommendations

In addition, the following actions are also suggested

- That the Dementia Friends initiative should become a standing item on local Constituency Committees to help support and drive the initiative with local communities and businesses.
- That Heads of all Council Departments accept responsibility for the roll out of the Dementia Friends initiative within their own workforce and identify Dementia Champions to take this action forward.
- That the initiative is linked with the Vanguard work on early help and targeted services.

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

COMMITTEE

8TH SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT:	2015/16 QUARTER 1 DIRECTORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	CLARE FISH (STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF FAMILIES AND WELLBEING)
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	CLLR CHRIS JONES (ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH) CLLR TONY SMITH (CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE) CLLR CHRIS MEADEN (LEISURE, SPORT AND CULTURE)
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

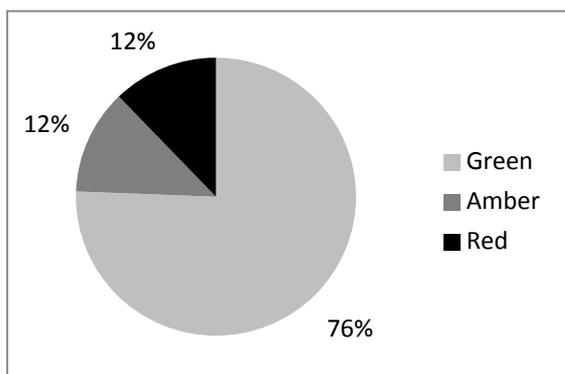
- 1.1 This report sets out Quarter 1 (April – June 2015) performance against delivery of the Families and Wellbeing Directorate Plan. The Directorate Plan was reported to this committee on 23 March 2015. The performance report is attached as Appendix 1 and sets out progress against a suite of agreed key performance indicators.
- 1.2 The report also sets out a series of amendments to the Families & Wellbeing Directorate Plan 2015/16. These are as a result of the impact of the final 2014/15 year-end performance data and the development of the technical specification for the performance measures within the plan. These amendments are set out as Appendix 2.
- 1.3 Whilst the Corporate Plan 2015/16 (and supporting Directorate Plans) have been superseded by the Wirral Council Plan 2020 Vision, they still form the basis of the in-year performance management framework. A new Performance Management Framework will be developed for the Council Plan once the associated delivery plan has been finalised.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

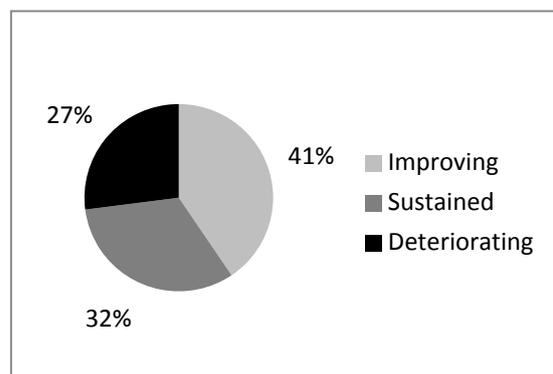
- 1.4 The Families and Wellbeing Directorate Plan performance is reported through a set of agreed performance measures aligned to priorities identified in the plan. Performance is monitored against the targets set at the start of the year.
- 1.5 For each measure, a Red, Amber or Green (RAG) rating is assigned depending on the performance level against the target. A number of measures

are annual, and these will only be reported when the data is available. The report (Appendix 1) also shows the direction of travel for each measure to illustrate whether performance is improving, deteriorating or sustained.

- 1.6 Of the 44 reportable indicators, 31 are rated Green, 5 are rated Amber and 5 are rated Red. For indicators rated Amber and Red, the responsible officer has indicated the corrective action being put in place to get performance back on track. Of the 27 measures where it is possible to indicate the Direction of Travel, 15 are improving, 10 are deteriorating and 12 are showing performance being sustained. The charts below show the breakdown in terms of the RAG and Direction of Travel ratings:



RAG Rating Breakdown



Direction of Travel Breakdown

- 1.7 The Appendix 1 report has been re-designed to streamline performance reporting to make it both more user-friendly for those receiving reports and more efficient to produce in terms of officer time.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 The performance management framework is aligned to the Council's risk management strategy and has been considered as part of the Directorate planning process.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 N/A

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 N/A

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

- 6.1 There are none relating to this report.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 8.1 There are none arising from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none arising from this report.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The report is for information to Members and there are no direct equalities implications at this stage.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are none arising from this report.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report and highlight any areas requiring further clarification or action.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 To ensure Members have the opportunity to review delivery of the Families and Wellbeing Directorate Plan.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Directorate Plan Performance Report Quarter 1 (Apr – Jun) 2015/16

Appendix 2 – Amendments to Families & Wellbeing Directorate Plan 2015/16

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	9 July 2013
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	9 September 2013
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	28 January 2014
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	8 April 2014
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	8 July 2014
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	9 September 2014
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	2 February 2015
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	23 March 2015
Families & Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee	30 June 2015

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2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
CSC001	Rate of Referrals to Children's Social Care	575.0	575.0	784.7	Red	739.2	↓ There has been significant review of the front door Central Advice and Duty Team (CADT) service since April and an identified Multi agency Gateway is ready for roll out in the Autumn. This is a robust process to assist with contacts being moved away from Specialist services where they do not meet threshold. Referrals as at the end of June - 1356.	
CSC003	Rate of Children in Need (CIN) per 10,000	350.2	407.3	414.1	Green	350.2	↑ <i>Rate of Children in need is dropping as we review all current CIN cases and step down and close those cases that do not meet threshold. We anticipate with revised threshold and the Gateway in place the number of assessments will reduce. The number of CIN as at the end of June - 2799</i>	
CSC004	Rate of Child Protection (CP) Plans per 10,000 (0-17) cumulative	44.4	37.7	41.7	Green	44.4	↑ <i>The increased Child Protection (CP) Plans is through the current children in need reviews in the service which commenced in June 2015. This predicted that as we review our Children in Need population as per our service plan there will be a slight increase in CP Plans proportionate to the risk identified to the child, but it is forecast that the year end target will be met. The number of CP referrals as at the end of June - 282</i>	
CSC008	Rate of Looked After Children per 10,000	96.2	99.1	99.3	Green	96.2	↔ <i>Continued work since April 2015 has resulted in a clear strategy to reduce our Children looked after (CLA) population where safe to do so. There are a number of reviews of children placed at home on orders and other care arrangements that are being looked at. The number of CLA as at the end of June - 671</i>	

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
CSC010	Percentage of Children in Care having 3 or more placements	<10.0%	<10.0%	4.6%	Green	5.0%	↓	<i>This is stable due to a high number in Kinship placements.</i>
CSC011	Percentage of Children in Care in placement for 2 years or more	73.0%	73.0%	75.2%	Green	73.0%	↔	<i>The population shows stability due to the high number of children in kinship care arrangements and the percentage of our Children in care in house.</i>
CSC009 Page 20	Average time (days) between child entering care and moving in with adoptive family, for children who have been adopted	425.0	425.0	455.3	Amber	425.0	↓	<i>This average has increased significantly due to 3 of the children who were adopted were older, or had protracted proceedings, making matching more difficult. It is expected that these 'historical' placements will be less significant in determining averages over a full year.</i>
CSC014	Family Intervention Service engagement with families	600	60	76	Green	600	N/A New PI for 2015/16	<i>The start of the formal consultation and review of Family Intervention was delayed for several months. This means that Family Intervention Teams will not be established until September 2015.</i>
CSC015	Percentage of Children leaving care through Special Guardianship Order (SGO) and Adoption	35.0%	35.0%	43.5%	Green	35.0%	↔	

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
CSC016	Family Intervention Service positive outcomes with families	400	0	3	Green	400	N/A New PI for 2015/16	<i>Due to the nature of the Payment by Results terms the majority of outcomes cannot be claimed until 12 months post identification.</i>
CSC017	Number of specialist targeted services early help assessment and intervention	1000	250	276	Green	1000	N/A New PI for 2015/16	<i>Early help and preventative work reduces the need for high cost interventions. This measure is designed to improve demand management.</i>
EDU014	16-18 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training	4.5%	4.2%	3.8%	Green	4.0%	↑	
			(May 15)					
EDU015	Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training	49.0%	56.0%	58.0%	Green	52.0%	N/A	<i>Cohort widened to include care leavers aged 19-21.</i>
CSC018	% of families with an under 5 living in the most 0- 20% most deprived SOA's that are registered with a Children's Centre	90%	81%	80%	Green	90%	↔	

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
CSC019	% of families with an under 5 living in the 0-20% most deprived SOA's who have sustained contact with a Children's Centre	50%	20%	27%	Green	50%	↔	The level of sustained contact has dropped slightly across the quarter (28% in April) due to data cleansing exercise.
CSC020	Take up of 2 year old offer by eligible families as identified by the DWP	85%	75%	70%	Amber	85%	↔	The process for contacting eligible families has been revised which will enable increased takeup of the offer with more targeted outreach to those families that have not accessed funding.
CSC021	Increase take-up of Children's Centre services for Children Looked After, Children in Need and Children subject to a Child Protection Plan	95%	75%	81%	Green	95%	↔	
CSC022	% children's social work staff receiving monthly supervision	85%	85%	85%	Green	85%+	↑	Target reduced from 95% to 85% to ensure it takes into consideration the changes in the redesign of the teams. However it is anticipated this indicator will be exceeded through regular audits / management meetings.
EDU017	% uptake of Universal infant free school meals	85%	85%	87%	Green	85%	↑	

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PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
EDU018	Schools % take up of Education Quality (EQ) Standard Package services	88%	88%	81%	Amber	81%	↓ The buyback rate for the school improvement traded service EQ Standard Package has decreased. Measures are being put in place to mitigate this in the future: schools will be contacted; the revised 15/16 budget to take account of reduced income and increase other income opportunities and a new more flexible offer being developed for 16/17.	
CSC028	Reduction in the number of hospital admissions as a result of self-harm (10-24 yrs)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	This is a new measure, the design of which is being developed with key partners in line with Vision 2018 objectives.	
Adult Social Services								
ADDP02	Increase the number of apprenticeships / traineeships available within the company	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	<i>Progress anticipated from August 2015 in line with the introduction of the Wirral Evolutions.</i>	
ADDP03	Increase the number of people with learning disabilities who have access to employment and training opportunities	4	3.1	3.5	Green	4	↑ <i>A total of 30 people with a Learning Disability who are in receipt of Long Term Support are currently in paid employment. Wirral Evolutions remain on course to create four new apprenticeships/traineeships during 2015/16 which will support achievement of the year end target. This measure will be reviewed and broadened as part of the 2020 Council Plan Outcome Framework</i>	

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
ADDP04	Increase access to services to include non-Fair Access to Care Service eligible customers	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	25		<i>This measure is not due to report until Quarter 2. Wirral Evolutions is looking to attract non-Wirral Local Authority funded service-users from September 2015. The Business Plan is currently under development which will provide details of planned activity in 2015/16.</i>
ADDP05	Proportion of adults with a learning disability who live in their own home or with their family	88%	86.6%	83%	Green	88%	↔	<i>The backlog of downward change in circumstances claims need to be cleared so that new claims can be considered in timely manner, helping to ensure that the full grant income is achieved. Measures, including targeting of resources, use of agency staff and the recruitment and training of new staff have been put in place or are being implemented to tackle the backlog and improve processing times.</i>
ADDP06	Permanent Admissions of younger adults (18-64) to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population	15.4	15.4	8	Green	15.4	↓	<i>A total of 4 permanent admissions to care homes have been made for people aged 18-64. 2 of these placements were for people with a Learning Disability and 2 for people with a Physical Disability. A further 18% of permanent care home admissions are due to people who were previously self funding having now fallen below the capital threshold. This is an increase against the 13% in 2014/15.</i>
ADCP07	Permanent Admissions of older people (65+) to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population	696.9	736.9	617.2	Green	696.9	↑	<i>A total of 102 placements have been made to date (34 per month) against a monthly target of 41. 51% of permanent care home admissions can be traced back to a hospital discharge which is a reduction from 57% in 2014/15.</i>

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
ADDP08	Average monthly bed days lost due to delayed transfers of care per 100,000 population	75	75	85.3	Red	75	↓	May 2015 update: The new commission for IMC / transitional beds is due to commence from 1st September which will see existing bed capacity increase by 40 (57%).
ADCP11	Proportion of new requests for support resolved by advice and information	50%	50%	55%	Green	50%	↑	<i>The Department is currently reviewing the content of the Adult Social Care pages on the Wirral website and is also in the process of implementing the Liquidlogic 'autonomy' suite which includes public facing portals which will support people to access advice and information and also undertake online self assessments (Eligibility and Financial). The portals are due to go-live later this year.</i>
ADDP12	Proportion of new requests for support resulting in long term services	10%	10%	4.1%	Green	10%	↑	<i>71% of requests for support do not result in a service, 17% result in a period of reablement or intermediate care with only 4% requiring long term support. The remaining requests result in other short term services such as respite care.</i>

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
ADDP13	Improving people's experience of integrated care (service user experience questionnaire)	95%	95%	78.6%	Red	95%	<p>↓</p> <p>The process for issuing and collecting completed questionnaires will be reviewed to ensure response rates are maximised. Consideration to be given to issuing the questionnaire to people discharged from transitional care beds which would significantly widen the pool of potential respondents.</p> <p>Further work is required to understand why 6 people felt that staff didn't work as well together as potentially they could have done, this may in part be due to issues pertaining to communication issues and staff/therapy shortages which may have caused negative feedback.</p> <p>Further work will be undertaken on a provider by provider basis working in conjunction with the relevant Multi Disciplinary Teams.</p>	
ADDP14	Reduction in unplanned admissions	3.5%	3.5%	4.6%	Green	3.5%	<p>↑</p> <p><i>The total number of non-elective admissions in April and May equated to 7,501 which is 6% lower than targets within the CCG operational plan.</i></p>	
ADDP15	Number of people referred to the ICCTs with integrated care recorded	95%	95%	-		-	<i>Performance data not yet available</i>	

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
ADCP16	Proportion of people who have received short term services to maximise independence requiring no ongoing support	75%	75%	75%	Green	75%	↔	<i>A total of 539 completed a period of STAR reablement during Q1 with 61% of people being fully independent. A further 10% of people self fund an ongoing care package.</i>
ADDP17	Percentage of people discharged from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation still at home after 91 days (Annual)	90%	90%	88%	Green	90%	↔	<i>150 people out of a total of 170 remained at home 91 days post discharge into the STAR reablement service. Of the 20 who did not remain at home a total of 11 had passed away, 3 were re-admitted to hospital and 6 were admitted to residential / nursing care.</i>
ADDP18	Number of episodes of Reablement /intermediate care intervention for clients aged 65 and over, per 10,000	480	456.7	450.1	Green	450.1	↔	

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
Public Health								
PHCP01	Rate of attendance at A&E for injury and assault where alcohol was a factor. PHOF 2.18: Alcohol-related admissions	820	820	764.76	Green	820	↑ <i>Performance Continues on a positive downward trajectory, one that it has generally sustained for the last two years. This is to be welcomed, but some work to be commenced in September to try to get a better understanding of the factors that may be driving this downward, so that this can be sustained.</i>	
Page 28 PHCP02	NHS Health Check programme by those eligible – Health Check offered (PHOF 2.22i)	20%	5%	6.9%	Green	20%	↑ In terms of numbers of invitations issued by practices, performance is on target, however in terms of uptake of invitations offered, this is a disappointing start to yearly performance. Improving performance for this programme continues to be a challenge. Factors that are likely to have contributed to this dip in performance are as follows: -Approx 15 practices made the switch over to EMIS (data holding) systems during Q1. This has caused some disruption to interrogation of activity data. -Core group of practices remain generally resistant to the NHS health check programme. Actions to address performance issues include: -A pilot testing out the potential impact of Point of Care testing (POCT) -Update training for frontline staff delivering health checks -Re-issuing comparative performance profiles - New publicity materials (posters, flyers, video)	
PHCP03	NHS Health Check programme by those eligible – Health Check take up (PHOF 2.22ii)	55%	55%	27.7%	Red	55%	↓	

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
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	PHCP05	Proportion of non-opiate drug users that left drug treatment successfully who do not re-present to treatment within 6 months	53%	53%	50.8% Amber	53%	↓	Reporting period, Dec 13 - Nov 14 (completions), Dec 14-May 15 (representations) The performance of this indicator has shown another small reduction from 51.9% to 50.8% but is still way above the national average of 38.9% and is rated as green in the national RAG rating. As above, this performance will continue to be affected by transitional factors for several more months.

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			
PHDP06	% of women who smoke at time of delivery: per 100 deliveries	11.50%	11.70%	10.2%	Green	11.50%	↑	<i>This indicator achieved a sustained improvement in performance throughout 2014/15 and has now achieved a green rating. Public Health is developing a whole system approach to support women at the time of delivery to give up smoking. A group of local providers from across the sectors have attended national training 'Behavioural Support for Pregnant Smokers'. From this, a more integrated and streamlined approach will be taken to encourage more pregnant women to engage with Stop Smoking Services. A pilot supporting sustained quits two months following childbirth is to be mobilised in September 2015.</i>
PHDP07	Smoking quitters (4 weeks)	1285	318	190	Red	1285	↓	A paper was presented to Cabinet in July 2015 seeking permission to re-tender this service. This action was agreed and re-procurement will commence in September. For 2015-16, this target has been recalculated based on NICE guidance which recommends that a specialist service helps 5% of smokers to stop smoking. In line with this recommendation the target for 2015/16 has been set at 1,285.
Public Health Financial Management	Projected net expenditure for 2015-16 as a Proportion of the 2015-2016 net budget for Adult Social Services	£30,812,200	£6,460,558	£6,246,514	Green	£30,015,225	↔	<i>Currently on target to meet our current plans. Forecast year end underspend £760,975</i>

2015-16 Families & Wellbeing Performance Indicators		Year End Target 2015/16	April - June (Q1)			Year End Forecast	DoT	Corrective Action (Red or Amber) Context (Green/where provided)
PI Ref	PI Title		Target	Actual	RAG			

Direction of Travel (DoT)

 Performance Improving

 Performance Deteriorating

 Performance sustained



Appendix 2 - Amendments to Families & Wellbeing Directorate Plan 2015/16

The amendments set out below are as a result of the impact of final 2014/15 year-end performance data and the development of the technical specifications for the performance measures in the plan.

Section	Amendment	Reason
3.1 Delivery Plan • Target Changes	CSC003 – Rate of Children in Need per 10,000 • 360.0 to 350.2	Rate reduced due to introduction of revised threshold and Gateway resulting in reduction of the number of assessments.
	CSC004 – Rate of Child Protection Plans per 10,000 • 36.0 to 44.4	Rate increased to take account of commencement of children in need reviews in June 2015, which is expected to result in a slight increase in CP Plans.
	CSC008 – Rate of Looked After Children per 10,000 • 93.0 to 96.2	Rate increased to reflect work carried out since April 2015, that has resulted in a clear strategy to reduce our Children looked after population where it is safe to do so.
	EDU014 - 16-18 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training • 4.9% to 4.5%	Percentage decreased to reflect the positive impact of the strategic service changes made in 2014/15.
	EDU015 - Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training • 68.0% to 49.0%	Percentage decreased to reflect the wider cohort now in the count (now incorporates care leavers at age 19, 20 and 21).
	CSC022 - % children’s social work staff receiving monthly supervision • 95% to 85%	Percentage reduced to ensure it takes into consideration the changes in the redesign of the teams.
3.1 Delivery Plan • Target Confirmations	PHCP01 - Rate of attendance at A&E for injury and assault where alcohol was a factor. PHOF 2.18: Alcohol-related admissions to hospital • Target – 820	Confirmation of targets, which were being negotiated when the plan was issued.
	PHDP07 - Smoking quitters (4 weeks) • Target - 1285	
	PHCP04 - Proportion of opiate drug users that left drug treatment successfully who do not re-present to treatment within 6 months • Target – 10%	
	PHCP05 - Proportion of non-opiate drug users that left drug treatment successfully who do not re-present to treatment within 6 months • Target – 53%	
	PHDP06 - % of women who smoke at time of delivery: per 100 deliveries • Target - 11.50%	
3.1 Delivery Plan • Measure Deletion	% YP transferring from children’s to adult services report satisfaction with the transition process	There is not a reporting process in place to enable the recording and monitoring of this measure
	CSC028 - Reduction in the number of hospital admissions as a result of self-harm (10-24 yrs)	This is being developed with key partners in line with Vision 2018 objectives.
	SLCP01 - Development of a new delivery model for Leisure Services SLDP02 - Delivery of a new facility at West Kirby Marine Lake SLDP03 - Golf Review – New delivery mechanism to reduce annual subsidy.	These measures have been removed from the DP on the basis that this activity will now be reported as part of the new 2020 Council Plan delivery framework

<p>3.1 Delivery Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure Replacement 	<p>CSC012 – Days between becoming looked after to adoption, replaced with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSC029 - Average time (days) between child entering care and moving in with adoptive family, for children who have been adopted (Target 425.0) 	<p>Replacement with a better measure which forms part of the Adoption Scorecard</p>
<p>3.1 Delivery Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title amendment 	<p>CSC010 - Percentage of Children in Foster Care having 3 or more placements to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSC010 - Percentage of Children in Care having 3 or more placements <p>CSC011 - Percentage of Children in Foster Care in placement for 2 years or more</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSC010 - Percentage of Children in Care in placement for 2 years or more 	<p>To reflect that the measure includes all children in care</p>
<p>3.1 Delivery Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference amendment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDU005 - Key Stage 2 L4+ Reading, Writing and Maths 	<p>Reference amended from EDU007, to rectify typographical error</p>

WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

8 SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT	FINANCIAL MONITORING 2014/15 2014/15 OUTTURN
WARD/S AFFECTED	ALL
REPORT OF	ACTING SECTION 151 OFFICER

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the financial monitoring information for this Committee in a format consistent across the Policy and Performance Committees. The report aims to give Members sufficient detail to scrutinise budget performance for the Directorate. Financial information for the outturn 2014/15 which was reported to Cabinet on 13 July is included.

2 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Throughout the financial year Cabinet have received updates in respect of Revenue and Capital Monitoring with these reports having been submitted monthly. After the significant changes the Council went through during 2012/13 and 2013/14, 2014/15 has seen an increasingly stable and positive position being reported. These reports have then been used to provide a basis for reports to Policy & Performance Committees.
- 2.2 The last monitoring report, for Month 10, considered by Cabinet on 12 March 2015, projected a General Fund overspend of £0.8 million. The overspending was principally due to slippage or non-delivery of in-year savings and demand pressures in particular services. It was mitigated by underspending in certain Directorates and the implementation of a number of management actions and mitigation to help compensate and limit the adverse variances.
- 2.3 The actual Out-turn was an underspend of £0.5 million. The improvement was essentially due to the underspends within Regeneration & Environment, in respect of staffing and increased income, and Transformation & Resources, with further savings identified from treasury management activities. These more than offset the slippage on the delivery of the Re-modelling savings which were initially to be met from the Re-modelling Reserve.

3 REPORTING TO POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEES

- 3.1 The relevant sections from the most recent revenue and capital outturn reports reported to Cabinet are summarised into a bespoke report for each Policy and Performance Committee. This will include the following:
- Performance against revenue budget
 - Performance against capital budget

3.2 The following sections have been extracted from the Financial Monitoring outturn reports presented to Cabinet on 13 July 2015.

4 PERFORMANCE AGAINST REVENUE BUDGETS 2014/15 OUTTURN

CHANGES TO THE AGREED BUDGET

4.1 2014/15 Original & Revised Net Budget £000's

	Original Net Budget	Budget Changes	Revised Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000
FWB - Adult Social Services	74,667	-759	73,908
FWB - Children & Young People, Schools & Safeguarding	82,877	1,510	84,387
FWB – Sports and Recreation	8,502	-1,019	7,483
Net Cost of Services	166,046	-268	165,778

4.11 The Budget 2014/15 was agreed by Council on 25 February 2014 with any increase in the Budget agreed by full Council. Changes to the Budget since it was set are summarised in the table (4.1) and comprise: variations approved by Cabinet / Council including approved virements; budget realignments reflecting changes to the Directorate structure and responsibilities; the allocation of savings to Directorates; any technical accounting adjustments.

4.2 VARIATIONS

4.2.1 The report uses RAGBY ratings to highlight under and overspends and place them into 'risk bands'. The 'risk band' classification is:

- Extreme: Overspends - **Red** (over +£301k), Underspend **Yellow** (over - £301k)
- Acceptable: Amber (+£141k to +£300k), Green (range from +£140k to - £140k); Blue (-£141k to -£300k)

4.2.2 2014/15 Budget variations £000's

Directorates	Revised Budget	Outturn	(Under) Overspend	RAGBY Class	Change from prev
FWB - Adult Social Services	73,908	76,365	2,457	R	-288
FWB – Children & Young People, Schools & Safeguarding	84,387	84,736	349	R	153
FWB - Sports and Recreation	7,483	7,483	0	G	-259
TOTAL	165,778	168,584	2,806		-394

4.2.3 Within the Budget for 2014/15 was £36.2 million of efficiencies. The Revenue Monitoring reports throughout the year highlighted the potential overspending areas which included slippage in the delivery of some of the savings to be delivered. This reflected timing delays in implementation mainly within Families & Wellbeing – Adult Social Services.

4.2.4 Analysis of the Directorate Variations

The table below shows the main areas of budget to actual variations within the Families & Wellbeing Directorate. There are over/under spends that make up the total overspend of £2.8 million.

Directorate	Description	Over £m	Under £m
FWB - Adult Social Services	Additional Care including packages	5.4	
	Employees and other costs		1.3
	Additional Income and funding		1.7
FWB – Children & YP, Schools & Safeguarding	Additional Residential Care costs	0.8	
	Transport overspend	0.4	
	Connexions Service		0.3
	Reduced staffing & retirement costs		0.5
Total		6.6	3.8
Grand Total		2.8	

5 PERFORMANCE AGAINST CAPITAL BUDGETS OUTTURN 2014/15

5.1 Capital Programme 2014/15 Outturn

5.1.1 The capital spend for the year on the accruals basis amounted to £11.1 million compared to the Revised Programme of £13.2 million which was reported in January (Month 10). This is summarised the table below.

	Original Approval	Revised January	Actual Out-turn
	£000	£000	£000
Families – Children	10,998	8,405	8,400
Families – Adults	3,611	2,623	1,557
Families – Sport & Rec	1,000	2,157	1,122
Total Programme	15,609	13,185	11,079

5.2 Families and Wellbeing - Children

This includes investment in Schools which is essentially funded by Government Grant with announcements confirmed annually and just prior to the financial year. Works are undertaken in conjunction with the schools and mindful of the impact upon the service are largely arranged for completion outside of term-times. These factors impact upon the timing of the actual spend with frequent revisions to be accommodated.

The new Foxfield School was completed (£1,072,000) and the major phase of works undertaken at Somerville Primary School (£984,000) completed.

Woodslee Primary School scheme (£550,000) commenced replacing nursery and creating a library/resource area.

Fender Primary School scheme to create two additional classrooms and internal remodelling (£600,000) commenced.

Works to classrooms at both Hoylake Holy Trinity School (£340,000) and Woodchurch Road. Primary School (£680,000) were completed.

Stanley Special School scheme (£750,000) to further develop two further classrooms and external remodelling to enable the school to receive additional pupils places to be ready for September 2016 was also begun.

Following announcements in late 2013 to introduce a new entitlement to free school meals for all pupils in years 1 and 2, £870,000 was invested towards meeting these requirements.

5.3 Families and Wellbeing - Adults

The Integrated I.T. Scheme (Liquidlogic) went live during September 2014. The next phase of the project sees the procurement and implementation of the additional modules relating to the citizen and provider portals which will support the delivery of some Care Act duties from April 2015.

With the Transformation of Day Services, and creation of the new company, ongoing the capital works were deferred until 2015/16.

The Extra Care Housing scheme was reprofiled to 2015/16 and to 2016/17.

5.4 Families and Wellbeing – Sport and Recreation

The new 3G football pitches at Guinea Gap opened in February and are proving a popular facility and although severe winter weather delayed some of the building work, the new fitness suite facility opened in March and is immensely popular.

West Kirby Concourse phase 1 works were undertaken during the year.

6 RELEVANT RISKS

6.1 There are none relating to this report.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 Any option to improve the monitoring and budget accuracy will be considered.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 No consultation has been carried out in relation to this report.

9 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

9.1 There is an ongoing requirement to identify during the financial year necessary actions to mitigate any forecast overspend.

10 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

10.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

11 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL, IT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

11.1 In respect of the Revenue Budget the Families and Wellbeing Directorate outturn for 2014/14 was a £2.8m overspend.

12 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

13 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The report is for information and there are no direct equalities implications at this stage.

14 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

15 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

15.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

15 RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 Members are requested to review the information presented to determine if they have any specific questions relating to the budget for the Families and Wellbeing Directorate.

16 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

16.1 To ensure Members have the appropriate information to review the budget performance of the directorate.

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APPENDICES

SUBJECT HISTORY

Council Meeting	Date
Monthly financial monitoring reports for Revenue and Capital have been presented to Cabinet since September 2012.	

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FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

8 SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT	FINANCIAL MONITORING 2015/16 QUARTER 1 (APRIL - JUNE 2015)
WARD/S AFFECTED	ALL
REPORT OF	ACTING SECTION 151 OFFICER

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the financial monitoring information for Families and Wellbeing in a format consistent across the Policy and Performance Committees. The report aims to give Members the detail to scrutinise budget performance for the Directorate. The financial information is for Quarter 1 (April-June 2015) and was reported to Cabinet on 27 July.

2 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Members of the Policy and Performance Committees have previously requested that financial monitoring information is provided as a standard item at each Committee.

2.2 Since September 2012 regular revenue and capital monitoring reports have been submitted to Cabinet as a means of providing, detailed updates on budget performance.

2.3 The Coordinating Committee has agreed that in order to fulfil its corporate and strategic scrutiny role, it will continue to review the full versions of the most up to date monitor reports at its scheduled meetings.

2.4 The relevant sections from the most recent revenue and capital monitoring reports reported to Cabinet are summarised into a bespoke report for each Policy and Performance Committee and include the following:

- Performance against the revenue budget
- Performance against in year efficiency targets
- Performance against the capital budget

3 PERFORMANCE AGAINST REVENUE BUDGETS QUARTER 1 (APRIL-JUNE 2015)

3.1 Changes to the agreed Families and Wellbeing Budget for 2015-16

	Original Net Budget	Approved Budget Changes Prior Mths	Approved Budget Changes Quarter 1	Proposed Budget Changes Quarter 1	Revised Net Budget
FWB - Adult Social Care	68,305	-	134	2800	71,239
FWB – Children & Young People,	67,964	-	141	4400	72,505
FWB - Further Areas: Safeguarding, Schools, Leisure, Public Health	7,956	-	431	400	8,787
Net Cost of Services	144,225	-	-	7600	151,825

3.1.1 The approved budget changes take account of the following adjustments:

- the completion of remodelling and restructuring of Council services
- adjustments between Children & Young People and Regeneration & Environment
- the allocation of Corporate Growth, Savings and Grant budgets
- the implementation of the Social Worker Progression Framework.

3.1.2 The Proposed Budget changes of £7.6m relate to the review of the savings programme within Families and Wellbeing and a realistic assessment of the deliverability of the savings totalling £22m in the current financial year. These are described later in the report.

3.1.3 The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced on 4 June 2015 a series of in year savings to Government Department budgets. Whilst the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2015/16 remains unchanged there are reductions in other areas, the details and any implications of which are still awaited. It is estimated that the reduction in the Department of Health resources may result in an in-year reduction in Wirral's Public Health Grant of up to £2.4 million.

4.2 BUDGET VARIATIONS

4.2.1 The report will use RAGBY ratings that highlight under and overspends and place them into 'risk bands'. The 'risk band' classification is:

- Extreme: Overspends - **Red** (over +£301k), Underspend **Yellow** (over - £301k)
- Acceptable: Amber (+£141k to +£300k), Green (range from +£140k to - £140k); Blue (-£141k to -£300k)

4.2.2 2015/16 Projected Budget variations £000's

Directorates	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	(Under)	RAGBY Class	Change from prev
			Overspend Quarter 1		
FWB - Adult Social Care	71,239	73,670	2,431	R	
FWB – Children & Young People	72,505	74,505	2,000	R	-
FWB - Further Areas: Safeguarding, Schools, Leisure, Public Health	8,787	8,787	0	G	
TOTAL	152,531	156,962	4,431		-

4.2.3 Adult Social Services

There are demand pressures of £2.4 million within a number of Community Care areas. Further work is being undertaken to confirm the projection and identify mitigating actions. There is also a shortfall of £2.8 million relating to delays in the implementation of a number of savings projects which are detailed in para 5.2.

To assist with budget delivery, a number of projects are being supported by the Improvement and Transformation Team. The review of savings plans will identify any further changes or mitigation. An Implementation Board has been established to review Day Services and challenge the financial targets. Ongoing work will analyse the causes and impact of service demand pressures.

4.2.4 Children and Young People

There are demand pressures of £2.9 million relating to commissioned services for Children Looked After, increased foster care allowances and agency staff costs. These have partly been offset by £0.9 million of reductions in other service budgets. The shortfall of £4.4 million against agreed budget savings are described in para 5.2.

The Budget, and the progress on delivery of change, is reviewed at Directorate Senior Leadership Team meetings. With the Social Worker Progression Framework now implemented there is a rolling programme of recruitment to Social Work positions. Agency costs and placements have been reviewed and are reducing following the implementation of the new framework. A Project Group meets to review numbers and plans for Children Looked After, initiatives to develop work with adolescents and to reduce agency fostering / residential care.

4.2.5 Leisure Services

A budget variation of £0.4 million is currently forecast relating to slippage against the leisure review saving. Further areas to offset this shortfall are being investigated.

4.2.6 Public Health

Following the recent budget announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it is likely that there will be an in year reduction in the Health Budget which could see a reduction of up to £2.4 million in the Public Health grant. Officers are currently identifying mitigating actions to compensate for this reduction.

5 IMPLEMENTATION OF SAVINGS

- 5.1 The delivery of agreed savings is key to the Council's financial health and is tracked at both Council and Directorate level. The Budget for 2015/16 included £38 million of efficiency measures. It was recognised that the delivery of savings, particularly within Adults and Children's Services was challenging being more of a transformational / change nature. In determining the level of General Fund balances the risk of slippage / non-delivery was assessed at £7.2 million.

Budget Implementation Plan 2015/16 (£000's)

BRAG	Number of Options	Approved Budget Reduction	Amount Delivered at Q1	To be Delivered
B - delivered	6	6,785	6,785	0
G – on track	7	2,770	1,730	1,040
A - concerns	9	8,359	160	8,199
R - high risk/ not achieved	6	4,011	0	4,011
Total at Quarter 1 2015-16	28	21,925	8,675	13,250

- 5.2 The savings tracker contains an assessment of the 2015/16 savings. The forecast position includes overspends from the red rated savings. Within the amber rated projects a number will be delivered by the end of 2015/16 but will not fully deliver in year. Overall the latest projections indicate that over £14.3 million of the planned £21.9m savings will be achieved with a £7.6 million shortfall.

Shortfall against the 2015/16 target

Adult Social Services Savings	Reasons for Delay	£m
Extra Care Housing	A key housing provider withdrew and the department is now looking for alternative providers and potential sites. This delay also links to slippage in Capital Programme. The full saving will slip in to 2016/17.	1.3
Girtrell Court shared service	Working with a partner provider to agree a service specification prior to implementing the capital works	0.3

	(included in the Capital Programme). The scheme will slip in to 2016/17.	
Cost of Care	Care service projected expenditure exceeds the budget, meaning the proposed saving will not be delivered in 2015/16. Work by the Directorate to address the pressures and deliver the savings for 2016/17 is on-going.	0.5
Day Services	The new company has been established during 2015/16. It is anticipated that 50% of day service savings are deliverable in year with the balance in 2016/17.	0.5
Continuing Health Care Appeals	This process involves negotiations on individual cases. Although progress has been made it is not as anticipated. The saving is only partially deliverable in 2015/16.	0.2

Children & Young People	Reasons for Delay	£m
Specialist Services	Numbers of Children Looked After are not reducing significantly. High cost residential and foster care placements have increased. The projected overspend in these areas makes the saving unachievable in 2015/16. This should however still be deliverable over a longer timeframe given the structural changes that are now in place.	1.4
All Age Disability Service	The savings will be delivered but the timescales to implement mean the full £0.6 million will not be achieved this year.	0.4
Transport	Whilst numbers of Children & Adults receiving transport have reduced this saving will not be delivered without a full strategic review of Transport.	1.0
Children's Centres	Proposals been approved by Cabinet in July. The savings will be delivered in full from early 2016 however there will be a shortfall in year.	1.2
Central Strategic services	Proposals to amend internal structures and policies are still to be developed and will slip to 2016/17.	0.4
Leisure Review	Work continues on options to deliver the £1 million saving for 2015/16 including alternative provision. There is a projected shortfall this year.	0.4

Total Savings Slippage	7.6
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5.3 Recommended actions to cover the shortfall in 2015/16

Use of	£m
Families & Wellbeing Reserve Established from the early delivery of savings by the Directorate in 2013/14 and held to meet potential shortfalls in delivery in future years	3.4
General Fund balances Balances included £7.2 million against a risk of non-delivery of savings, part of this sum will be used to meet the balance of the shortfall	4.2
Total	7.6

5.4 The Directorates will work to identify compensatory savings which will be reported to Cabinet as part of future monitoring reports. Any savings will be used to replenish General Fund balances.

6 PERFORMANCE AGAINST CAPITAL BUDGETS QUARTER 1 (APRIL-JUNE 2015)

6.1 Capital Programme 2015/16 at end of Quarter 1 (30 June)

	Capital Strategy	Revisions Since Budget Cabinet	Revised Capital Programme	Actual Spend June 2015
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Families – Children	8,517	2,337	10,854	1,054
Families – Adults	8,263	-2,446	5,817	213
Families – Sport & Rec	1,865	1,725	3,590	581
Total expenditure	18,645	1,616	20,261	1,848

6.2 Children and Young People

This area of the Programme includes investment in Schools which is mainly funded by Government Grant. Grant announcements have been made for the period 2015 - 2018. This 3 year allocation will assist in the programming of school projects.

Building works are planned alongside schools and where possible arranged outside term-times. This will impact the phasing of spend and often requires programme revisions to be made.

A design framework is being developed to allow the use of external architects, mechanical and electrical engineers and cost surveyors. This will enable schemes to progress in partnership with the LA design team and Asset Management.

The progress on specific schemes is as follows:

Woodslee Primary School scheme [£550,000] is nearing completion replacing the nursery and creating a new library/resource area.

Fender Primary School scheme to create two additional classrooms and internal remodelling [£600,000] is now on site and progressing well, with anticipated completion October 2015.

Stanley Special School scheme [£750,000] to further develop two classrooms and external remodelling to enable the school to receive additional pupils places to be ready for September 2016.

Legal documentation has been drafted between OnSide Youth Zones and Hill Dickenson and competitive tendering undertaken for the building works in respect of the Youth Zone. A planning application has been made. To date approximately £5m of the overall £6m funding required has been secured. The Council's contribution to the scheme is more likely to be drawn down during 2016/17.

6.3 Adult Social Services

The Integrated Case Management System (Liquidlogic) went live during September 2014. The next phase of the project will see the procurement and implementation of additional modules relating to the citizen and provider portals. Implementation will support the delivery of some Care Act responsibilities this year. £500,000 has been committed in the year to date. Additional modules and implementation costs may increase the committed spend.

Transformation of Day Services is ongoing. Plans for implementation have been delayed slightly resulting in some of the capital works slipping to next year.

6.4 Sport and Recreation

The programme for the year involves £3.6 million of investment across a range of Leisure facilities.

West Kirby Concourse – phase 1 – creation of the new fitness suite is complete and open to all user groups. There are some delays with phase 2, which includes remodelling of other areas of the building and completion is now expected during September.

7 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none relating to this report.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 All options to improve the monitoring and accuracy of budgets will be considered.

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 No consultation has been necessary in relation to this report.

10 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

10.1 There is an ongoing requirement to identify actions to mitigate the forecast overspend.

11 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

11.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

12 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL, IT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

12.1 In respect of the Revenue Budget the Families and Wellbeing Directorate is projecting a £4.4m over spend as at the 30 June 2015.

13 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

14 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

14.1 The report is for information and there are no direct equalities implications at this stage.

15 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

15.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

16 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

16.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

17 RECOMMENDATIONS

17.1 Members are requested to review the information presented to determine if they have any specific questions relating to the budget for the Families and Wellbeing Directorate.

18 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

18.1 To ensure Members have the appropriate information to review the budget performance of the directorate.

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APPENDICES

Extracted from the Capital Monitoring report to Cabinet on 27 July 2015:-
Annex 1 Revised Capital Programme and Funding 2015/16

SUBJECT HISTORY

Council Meeting	Date
Monthly financial monitoring reports for Revenue and Capital have been presented to Cabinet since September 2012.	

Annex 1 Revised Capital Programme

<i>Families and Wellbeing - CYP</i>	Revised Programme £000	Spend to Date £000	Council Resources £000	Revenue/Reserves £000	Grants £000	Total Funding £000
Elleray Park Special School redevelopment	850	198	850	-	-	850
School remodelling and additional classrooms (Primary Places)	2,050		1,800	-	250	2,050
Condition/Modernisation	4,658	397	-	-	4,658	4,658
Basic Need allocation	1,897	66	-	-	1,897	1,897
PFI	150	-	-	150	-	150
Children's centres	53	-	-	-	53	53
Aiming Higher	24	53	-	-	24	24
South Capital	149		98	-	51	149
Birkenhead High Girls Academy	80	157	-	69	11	80
Funding for 2 year olds	18	-	-	-	18	18
Universal Free School Meals	209	-	-	-	209	209
Somerville Mobile Replacement	366	134	366	-	-	366
Family Support Scheme	200	49	200	-	-	200
Stanley Special School - additional classrooms, medical/hygiene provision	150	-	150	-	-	150
	10,854	1,054	3,464	219	7,171	10,854

Families and Wellbeing - DASS	Revised Programme £000	Spend to Date £000	Council Resources £000	Revenue/ Reserves £000	Grants £000	Total Funding £000
Citizen and Provider Portal for Social and Health Services	617	-	-	-	617	617
Transformation of Day Service	1,115	90	500	-	615	1,115
Integrated IT	1,085	123	1,000	-	85	1,085
Community Intermediate Care Services	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Integrated Social Care and Health Learning Disability Service - Girtrell Court	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
	5,817	213	3,500	-	2,317	5,817

Families and Wellbeing - Sports & Recreation	Revised Programme £000	Spend to Date £000	Council Resources £000	Revenue/ Reserves £000	Grants £000	Total Funding £000
West Kirby Concourse Fitness Suite	112	-	112	-	-	112
Guinea Gap 3G Football pitches	99	-	99	-	-	99
West Kirby/Guinea Gap/Europa Pools	2,024	581	2,024	-	-	2,024
Refurb of Artificial Turf Pitch & perimeter fence repairs at the Tennis & Sports Centre	240	-	240	-	-	240
West Kirby Marine Lake – Integrated accommodation and service delivery	690	-	690	-	-	690
Bidston Tennis Centre re-roofing	425	-	425	-	-	425
	3,590	581	3,590	-	-	3,590

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

8TH SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT:	POLICY INFORM BRIEFING PAPER – SEPTEMBER 2015
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR FAMILIES AND WELLBEING
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	GOVERNANCE, COMMISSIONING & IMPROVEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents Committee Members with the September Policy Inform Briefing paper which includes an overview of ongoing and recent national legislation, potential implications for the Council and emerging policies.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The policy briefing papers are intended to provide Members with the latest position on emerging policy and legislative developments to support the committees work programme and future scrutiny work.

2.2 During the course of the 2015-16 municipal years, the Council's Policy and Strategy team will prepare four policy briefing papers which will be reported to the Policy and Performance Committees for consideration. The following table outlines the timetable for the preparation and reporting of policy briefing papers:

Policy & Performance Committee Briefings	
July 2015	The first policy briefing will focus predominately on the Queen's Speech, which will establish the Government's legislative programme for the parliamentary year ahead.
September 2015	The second policy briefing will be produced in September and will focus on the Chancellor's July 2015 Budget Statement. The policy briefing will provide an update on policy and legislation and will

	consider relevant implications for Wirral.
January 2016	The third policy briefing will focus on the local government finance settlement which informs the annual determination of funding to local government. The policy briefing will provide an update on policy and legislation and will consider relevant implications for Wirral.
March 2016	The fourth policy briefing will focus upon the 2016 Chancellor of Exchequers Budget. The policy briefing will provide an update on policy and legislation and will consider relevant implications for Wirral.

2.3 The September Policy Inform briefing outlines the key features of the Chancellor of Exchequers Budget Statement, which was announced on the 8th July 2015. The Policy Inform briefing also alludes to any potential implications for Wirral Council, and elaborates on any legislation or policy updates that have been implemented, or developed since the last policy briefing in July. It is expected that the January Briefing Paper will focus on the local government finance settlement which informs the annual determination of funding to local government.

2.4 The Committee may wish to identify specific policy areas to focus upon which are in line with the Committee's work programme. Detailed briefing papers can be prepared for these subject matters at the request of the Committee which would be in addition to the regular policy briefing papers outlined above.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 No specific risks identified.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

6.1 Not applicable.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Any implications identified in ongoing and recent national legislation and policy will require further consideration by the Council to identify the appropriate action that will be taken.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 8.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Any implications identified in ongoing and recent national legislation and policy will require further consideration by the Council to identify the appropriate action that will be taken.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Any implications identified in ongoing and recent national legislation and policy will require further consideration by the Council to identify the appropriate action that will be taken.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(c) No because of another reason which is

The policy briefing is intended to provide Committee Members with an overview of ongoing and recent national legislation, bills presented to Parliament, emerging policies and upcoming consultations.

The local implementation of any policy or legislation will require an individual equality impact assessment.

1.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Any implications identified in ongoing and recent national legislation and policy will require further consideration by the Council to identify the appropriate action that will be taken.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Any implications identified in ongoing and recent national legislation and policy will require further consideration by the Council to identify the appropriate action that will be taken.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 13.1 Committee Members are requested to note the contents of the Policy Briefing papers and identify any area of focus for further detailed policy briefings to be provided.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 14.1 To provide Committee Members with an overview of ongoing and recent national legislation and emerging policy developments.

APPENDICES

1. Policy Papers – September 2015

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Not applicable	N/A

POLICY INFORM: FAMILIES AND WELLBEING

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Introduction

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The Committee may wish to identify specific policy areas to focus upon which are in line with the Committee's work programme. Detailed briefing papers can be prepared for these subject matters at the request of the Committee which would be in addition to the regular policy briefing papers outlined above.

Chancellors Statement- 8th July 2015

On 8th July 2015, the Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne gave his Budget statement to the House of Commons. The budget set out £17bn of savings and deferred announcements on another £20bn to the autumn's Spending Review. The key announcements outlined in the statement have been divided into themes and are displayed below:

Social Housing

- The budget details plans to legislate to freeze working-age benefits, including tax credits and the Local Housing Allowances, for 4 years from 2016-17 to 2019-20. This is forecast to save £4 billion a year by 2019-20.
- Rents in social housing in England will be reduced by 1% a year for 4 years.

Welfare

- Working-age benefits, including tax credits and Local Housing Allowance, will be frozen for 4 years from 2016-17 (this doesn't include Maternity Allowance, maternity pay, paternity pay and sick pay).
- The household benefit cap will be reduced to £20,000 (£23,000 in London).
- Support through Child Tax Credit will be limited to 2 children for children born from April 2017.
- Those aged 18 to 21 who are on Universal Credit will have to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship, gain work-based skills, or go on a work placement 6 months after the start of their claim.
- From April 2017 the Budget will remove the automatic entitlement to housing support for new claims in Universal Credit from 18-21 year olds who are out of work.

Housing

- Rents for social housing will be reduced by 1% a year for 4 years.
- £800 million of funding is designated for Discretionary Housing Payments over the next 5 years.
- Social housing tenants with household incomes of £40,000 and above in London, and £30,000 and above in the rest of England, will be required to "Pay to Stay", by paying a market or near market rent for their accommodation.

Children and Education

- From the 2016-17 academic year, cash support for new students will increase by £766 to £8,200 a year. New maintenance loan support will replace student grants. Loans will be paid back only when graduates earn above £21,000 a year.
- From September 2017, the free childcare entitlement will be doubled from 15 hours to 30 hours a week for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds.
- Parents with a youngest child aged 3 or older (including lone parents) who are able to work will be expected to look for work if they are claiming Universal Credit.
- £30 million will be provided to further speed up the adoption process while paving the way for the introduction of regional adoption agencies.

Pay

- From April 2016, a new National Living Wage of £7.20 an hour for the over 25s will be introduced. This will rise to over £9 an hour by 2020.
- Public sector pay will increase by 1% a year for 4 years from 2016-17.
- The budget details plans to increase the National Insurance contributions (NICs) Employment Allowance from £2,000 to £3,000 a year.

Efficiency

- The budget supports plans to continue to pursue more efficient ways of working and further reform to public services. The government will provide funding for the Cabinet Office to explore a number of cross-cutting savings proposals. The Treasury, working with Cabinet Office, will develop specific proposals to inform the Spending Review.

Devolution

- The budget commits to transport devolution in all of the country's city regions that elect a Mayor, as well as the country's counties. This includes the rollout of Oyster-style smart and integrated ticketing systems.
- The government is working towards further devolution deals with the Sheffield City Region, Liverpool City Region, and Leeds, West Yorkshire and partner authorities, to be agreed in parallel with the Spending Review. The Budget notes that agreement will be reached based on combined authorities agreeing to an elected mayor working with local leaders to oversee any new powers devolved from ministers.
- The Budget announces further devolution of powers to Manchester, including devolving Fire Services under the control of the new directly-elected Mayor, establishing a Greater Manchester Land Commission and granting the city region more powers over planning subject to the agreement of the Cabinet member representing the district in which the power is used.
- The Budget states that it will be offering towns and counties the opportunity to agree devolution deals.

Economic Development

- The government is inviting bids for a new round of Enterprise Zones. The existing Enterprise Zones have supported the creation of over 15,000 jobs throughout England.
- To ensure that local areas have a greater say over their own economies, the government will consult on devolving powers on Sunday trading to city mayors and local authorities.
- The budget details plans to invest £23m in 6 Next Generation Digital Economy Centres over 6 sites (London, Swansea, Newcastle, Nottingham, York and Bath), leveraging £22 million of additional funding, and partnering with LEPs, regional councils, and local SMEs. These centres will exploit opportunities across sectors of the digital economy including the creative industries, finance, healthcare and education.

Queen's Speech 2015- Designation to Policy and Performance Committees

On Wednesday 27th March 2015, the Queen unveiled the Government's legislative plans for the year ahead. Below is a list of each individual Bill which will have implications for local government that were announced during the speech. The list identifies the Policy and Performance committee with whose remit the legislation most closely aligns:

Legislative Plans	Policy and Performance Committee
National Insurance Contributions Bill/ Finance Bill	Transformation and Resources
Full Employment and Welfare Benefits Bill	All Policy and Performance Committees
Trade Unions Bill	Transformation and Resources
Housing Bill	Regeneration and Environment
Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill	Regeneration and Environment
Buses Bill	Regeneration and Environment
High Speed Rail Bill	Regeneration and Environment
Childcare Bill	Families and Wellbeing
Energy Bill	Regeneration and Environment
Education and Adoption Bill	Families and Wellbeing
Enterprise Bill	Regeneration and Environment
Policing and Criminal Justice Bill	Families and Wellbeing Transformation and Resources
Draft Public Service Ombudsman Bill	Transformation and Resources
Psychoactive Substances Bill	Families and Wellbeing

Additional bills that have been announced are outlined below. These will be monitored in relation to any emerging implications for Local Government and reported to the relevant Policy and Performance Committee as appropriate.

Additional Legislative Plans
EU Referendum Bill
Scotland Bill
Immigration Bill
Extremism Bill
Investigatory Powers Bill
Charities Bill

Armed Forces Bill
Bank of England Bill
Northern Ireland (Stormont House Agreement) Bill
Wales Bill
Votes for Life Bill

The bills relevant to the Families and Wellbeing Committee are discussed in further detail below. The information provided has been sourced predominately from the LGiU, as well as SOLACE and the LGC and therefore solely represents a fact-based introduction to the bills.

Queen's Speech 2015- Developments and Implications

Childcare Bill

Synopsis and Key Points:

Synopsis:

- The purpose of the Childcare Bill is to help support working people from the start of their family life and help hard-working families with the costs of childcare and support parents in work. The changes aim to help 600,000 children a year from 2017.

Key Points:

- Deliver on the Government's election manifesto commitment of giving families where all parents are working an entitlement to 30 hours a week of free childcare for their three and four-year olds for 38 weeks of the year (equivalent of the school year).
- Require local authorities to publish information about the provision of childcare in the local authority area, and other services or facilities which might be of benefit to parents or prospective parents, or children, or young persons in their area.

Further Developments:

- The Childcare Bill was introduced in the House of Lords on 1 June 2015, and published the following day. The Second Reading of the Bill took place on Tuesday, 16 June. The Bill is likely to complete its Lords stages by the Summer recess (likely to be around 16 July), and complete the Commons Stages by the end of November with Royal Assent before the end of 2015.

The Government issued a press release on 1 June 2015 giving further information about the Bill and Government policy. Key points include:

- There will be pilots in some areas offering 30 hours a week from September 2016 (it is understood that the original plan was to introduce the new entitlement from April 2017)
- There is a promise of more money 'to increase the average childcare funding rates paid to providers (the hourly funding provided for each free place)' ... 'with a review promised before summer'.
- A new government taskforce, headed by Minister of State for Employment Priti Patel, will 'drive forward the plans and ensure not a moment is wasted in passing the benefits onto working families'.

Wirral Implications:

- Capacity to respond to additional child care places (from 15 to 30 hours a week) based on the current profile of parents of 3 and 4 year olds. The current take-up of 3 and 4 year old places is 80%. At present there appears to be sufficient estimated growth for those 3 and 4 year old places for working parents to extend from 15 to 30 hours. Within the maintained and non- maintained childcare sector (over 450 new places have been registered in the last 12 months).

Wirral Implications Continued:

- However, the precise impact of the measures in the Bill and the additional capacity required to respond to all eligible three year olds, is currently unclear. This is due to further clarity being required on the implications of the proposed changes to the welfare reform and child care capacity, required to meet the demand from parents whose youngest child is three years old or older and who need to make themselves available for work. It is currently unclear if the conditions of grant (from 15 to 30 hours entitlement a week) extends to parents in training and/or education or if parents in training and/or education are exempt from making themselves available for work and if so for how long. There is currently very limited information with regard to implementation of the increased offer which will be piloted in 2016 with roll out planned for 2017.
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- Capacity to provide places within schools – the impact on schools is even more unclear, and this has and will continue to be discussed with Head Teachers. Currently schools are being actively encouraged to extend provision to develop provision for disadvantaged 2 year olds. This has been supported by recent changes in legislation; in that schools providing or seeking to provide this facility, where they already provide 3 year old provision (F1), no longer require a separate Ofsted registration. This focus on the 2 year old offer could potentially limit capacity to deliver the extended offer for three and four year olds (from 15 to 30 hours a week), within the school environment. The offer is not a universal offer and is dependent on parents being in employment which is likely to make the administration of the offer of 30 hours for some children and schools more complex.
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- Wirral has nearly 50% of its 2 year olds eligible to take up the offer for disadvantaged two year olds (not evenly spread across the Borough). The additional funding (available when a child is 3) may be seen as an incentive for those parents currently eligible for the free 2 year old entitlement, encouraging and enabling them to seek work or to extend hours of paid employment to take the family income above the benefits thresholds. We will work with partners such as Job Centre Plus and employment agencies to support an increase in the take up of the offer and actively seek to support parents to move to a work ready position.
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- Identifying families - working together with Job Centre Plus we need to ascertain the current level of worklessness amongst parents with young children across Wirral in order to assess the potential need for additional capacity as parents move into employment. In addition, the wider impact of the Welfare Reforms needs to be better understood for this group of parents.
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- Impact on child poverty - for parents who move into work or extend their hours of employment this policy is seen as positively contributing to the targets to reduce child poverty within the Child Poverty Act, 2010. Many parents who intend to go back to work or enter employment do find the costs of childcare unaffordable. Whilst the additional childcare entitlement may make this more affordable, the wider implications of universal credits remain unknown.
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- Identifying eligibility for take up – in Wirral, the current 3 and 4 year old funding is managed through the Early Years Business Support Team and the Finance Department. The current process to manage payments is labour intensive and will be made more complex to match eligibility for this new policy requirement.

Wirral Implications Continued:

- The pilot sites are yet to be determined and Wirral will bid to be included in any early delivery cohort, if it was deemed possible through the range of providers – work to ascertain the likelihood of this will be undertaken once the criteria is understood.
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- There are implications about how we make information available about this change in eligibility for families, through the family information service and other communication mechanisms, to ensure maximum take up. This is being considered as part of the early years and children’s centre remodelling.
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- Wirral’s childcare providers meet as part of local networks, and discussions to understand the impact of the Bill will be planned through children’s centre leads.

Education and Adoption Bill

Synopsis and Key Points:

Synopsis:

- The purpose of the Education and Adoption Bill is to strengthen the government's intervention powers in failing maintained schools. Separately the Bill introduces powers to deliver regional adoption agencies.

Key Points:

- The Bill would give Regional Schools Commissioners powers to bring in leadership support from other excellent schools and heads, and would speed up the process of turning schools into academies.
- An inadequate Ofsted judgment would usually lead to a school being converted into an academy, and barriers would be removed to ensure swift progress towards conversion.
- It would make schools that meet a new coasting definition, having shown a prolonged period of mediocre performance and insufficient pupil progress, eligible for academisation.
- A coasting definition will be set out in due course according to a number of factors.

Further Developments:

- The Education and Adoption Bill is now at its reporting stage and is scheduled to have its third reading at the House of Commons (date has not yet been confirmed).
- Since the announcement of the Education and Adoption Bill, the use of the term 'coasting school' has become commonplace. Briefings by the LGiU have reviewed the development of the term 'coasting school' and have connected the 'coasting schools' agenda with school improvement.
- The Education and Adoption Bill will provide a legal framework to define 'coasting schools' and subject them to a notice to improve. They will be given support from a DfE team of expert headteachers with those schools that continue to be unable to demonstrate a clear plan for improvement also given new leadership. The implementation of this new approach will be consulted on this summer.

Wirral Implications:

- Wirral has a strong commitment to improving standards in schools, and whilst this Bill is intended to strengthen the government's powers to intervene in "coasting schools"; the Council is continuously developing its approach, using all powers currently enshrined in regulation and guidance, to support and where necessary intervene to raise standards in schools. For example, from September 2015, Wirral is implementing a new approach to providing "school to school support". This will strengthen the approach of schools supporting each other to raise standards. Support will be delivered through three clusters, each with a teaching school and a school improvement officer. An overarching Board involving head teachers from the clusters, chaired by the School Commissioning Manager, will provide the framework to drive this approach and monitor its effectiveness.
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- In terms of the Adoption aspect of the Bill; preliminary discussions have taken place across the Liverpool City Region and there is a commitment to develop proposals to progress the regionalisation of adoption on a geographical footprint.

Welfare Reform and Work Bill

Synopsis and Key Points:

Synopsis:

- The overriding aim of the Bill is to reduce expenditure and “help to achieve a more sustainable welfare system.” A related aim is to support efforts to increase employment and “support the policy of rewarding hard work while increasing fairness with working households.”

Key Points:

- It is essentially a Bill of three parts. First, it will introduce a duty to report to Parliament on:
 - - Progress towards achieving full employment.
 - - Progress towards achieving 3 million apprenticeships in England.
 - - Progress with the Troubled Families programme (England).
- Second, it will repeal almost all of the Child Poverty Act 2010 and introduce a new duty for the Secretary of State to report annually on “life chances”: children living in workless households and educational attainment at age 16, in England.
- Finally, the Bill allows for the introduction of extensive changes to welfare benefits, tax credits and social housing rent levels. These will account for around 70% of the £12-13 billion in welfare savings identified in the Summer Budget 2015. The welfare/housing measures include:
 - - Lowering the benefit cap threshold and varying it between London and the rest of the UK.
 - - A four year benefits freeze.
 - - Limiting support through Child Tax Credits/Universal Credit.
 - - The abolition of Employment and Support Allowance Work-Related Activity Component.
 - - Changes to conditionality for responsible carers under Universal Credit.
 - - Replacing Support for Mortgage Interest with Loans for Mortgage Interest.
 - Reducing social housing rent levels by 1% in each year for four years from 2016-17.

Further Developments:

- The Welfare Reform and Work Bill was presented on 9 July 2015. The Bill passed its second reading on 20 July 2015. MPs also agreed a programme motion which schedules the Bill to be considered in a public bill committee. Proceedings in the public bill committee are scheduled to conclude by Thursday 15 October 2015, but could finish earlier.

Wirral Implications:

- **Freeze Working Age Benefits** - This will impact on household disposable income, not previously frozen albeit uprating was nominal in 2014/15. This will potentially increase the strain on Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) Local Welfare Allowance (LWA) with consequential harder to collect charges. This will affect all Revenues areas such as Personal Finance Unit charges, Benefits overpayments and Council Tax. Rent arrears locally will increase as with all cuts and will continue as (social) landlords maintain rent levels and annual increases.

Wirral Implications Continued:

- **Freeze Working Age Benefits Continued** - This will increase pressure on LA Housing Benefit services from Social Landlords which is evident already via the rent shortfall in Bedroom Tax and insufficient DHP. In the private sector it may see a freezing of Local Housing Allowance rates which will give Private Sector landlords further issue with taking on tenants who rely on HB. This is likely to have a consequential impact on the levels of people being threatened with homelessness in the Borough.
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- **Cutting Household Benefit Cap** – This will certainly impact locally, regrettably we cannot identify how many within present caseload will be affected, nor by how much in monetary terms on a weekly basis, as DWP consider circumstances of household and benefits in payment that LA are unable to identify from records held. The LA's HB service administers the Cap not the DWP who advise us of each situation. There are currently 72 cases live (but cases go on and off and DWP projected our numbers would be 130). The change would bring more case with a consequential impact on resources, both front and back of house. Those affected would have an increased reliance on other means of support, financial, Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP - annual cash limited budget) or the Local Welfare Assistance potentially (LWA - finite residual budget as scheme no longer nationally funded). Likely impact will see increased problems for those in temporary accommodation with large families and again, for LA, placing the homeless or those at risk etc., then reliance on the limited discretionary schemes (DHP).
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- **General Issues for Wirral/Benefits Service** - As a consequence of these changes there will be a need to revise local schemes and policies with an increased reliance on any discretion the authority can, within its local policies and resources, exercise (again for example its LWA/DHP funds). The definition of 'vulnerable' will need review given the ratio of those reasonably deemed to be vulnerable which are those financially at risk, including dispossession. This will impact on key grant limited local schemes such as Council Tax Support Scheme which currently awards £27m pa. This will provide a significant challenge for officers reviewing the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2016/2017 onwards and will see collection issues increase as more people face difficulty paying, ultimately having their national benefits reduced at source to pay Council Tax. Broadly we can expect from these changes increased contact to services, both front facing public contact and back of house processing and decision making services with an increased need and reliance on knowledgeable, experienced, skilled resource, ensuring accessibility.
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- **Remove Housing Benefit from Young People** 18-21 year olds, this will see more remain at home where it may not be appropriate to do so which will see issues for householder with Housing Benefit non dependant charges being applied and more rent to pay (as adult is meant to contribute as resident). These cases which will increase already provide issues for the LA with collection of information and provision of evidence of household occupants.
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- **Troubled Families Programme**- It is expected that approximately 450 of the 600 families Wirral will work with this year, through the Troubled Families Programme (Family Intervention), will be affected by the Welfare Reform and Work Bill through changes to benefits and the implementation of Universal Credit. To support these families Wirral's provision of Advisors from JCP (Job Centre Plus) has increased from 1FTE (full time equivalent) to 2FTE. These staff will work specifically with

Wirral Implications Continued:

- those affected by the changes. They will also provide the wider Family Intervention workforce with updates and training about the roll out of universal credit and enable them to support their families better. A Manager has been appointed from JCP to oversee all work with Troubled Families across Merseyside and he will be joining Wirral's Troubled Families Board to provide quarterly updates on the progress of moving Troubled Families into employment.
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- Wirral will continue to report to the DCLG on progress into employment for Troubled Families and to submit the cost benefit analysis for each of those families.
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- At this stage it is hard to predict what the specific implications for families might be. This could be: more reliance on food banks, more families moving out of social housing into private housing, more families unable to secure tenancies, more applications for discretionary payments.
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- Reports will be provided outlining the implications as time progresses.

Policing and Criminal Justice Bill

Synopsis and Key Points:

Synopsis:

- This legislation is intended to continue the reform of policing with the aim of enhancing protections for vulnerable people

Key Points:

- The Bill would ensure 17 years olds who are detained in police custody are treated as children for all purposes under PACE.
- In particular, the amendments to the provisions of PACE concerning 17 year olds include:
 - Ensuring an appropriate adult is present for drug sample taking;
 - Ensuring appropriate consent is granted by both the 17 year old and parent/ legal guardian for a range of interventions, including intimate searches; and
 - The ability to impose conditional bail to ensure the welfare and interests of the 17 year old.
- Reforming legislation in relation to the detention of people under sections 135 and 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 to ensure better outcomes for those experiencing a mental health crisis.
 - Prohibiting the use of police cells as places of safety for those under 18 years of age and further reducing their use in the case of adults;
 - Reducing the current 72 hour maximum period of detention; and
 - Extending the power to detain under section 136 to any place other than a private residence.

Further Developments:

- There are no further developments at this time. The Policing and Criminal Bill will be kept under review and developments will be outlined in future Policy Inform briefings.

Wirral Implications:

- **Appropriate Adult Provision**- The Youth Offending service is in support of this change and we have been anticipating it for over a year. For many years 17 year olds have not been treated as Youths in the Police custody suite / Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) arena, which is inconsistent with other youth justice parameters. Therefore this change supports and recognises 17 years olds as still being youths and not adults during PACE interviews, processing and charging stages of detention.
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- Our **Appropriate Adult** (AA) services are already in place and will accommodate this wider age group. YOS provides this service by day and EDT by night. This may involve an increase in workload, however some 17 year olds who are detained in custody can be deemed to be Vulnerable Adults and the existing AA service covers youths and vulnerable adults anyway, so the increased workload may not be large.
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- We will monitor any increase in use of AA in respect of 17 years olds but this extension of age group now represents the same 10-18 year age group YOS and the youth courts accommodate, so this is more in line and consistent with other such youth justice services.

Wirral Implications Continued:

- **Identification of Accommodation for those Young People detained-** The Merseyside Criminal Justice Board **Youth Detention Protocol** may also need to include 17 year olds and this may have an impact on the requirements for Local Authorities to find accommodation for 17 year olds who have been refused Police Bail and the LA has a duty to accommodate them. The compliance of this protocol is monitored by the Police Crime Commissioner and the existing Policy may change to include 17 years olds, and this would then have an impact on CYPS Specialist Services and demands to accommodate 17 year olds at short notice who have been refused Bail. I have attached the existing protocol as this currently only covers 10-16 year olds but maybe amended.

Psychoactive Substances Bill

Synopsis and Key Points:

Synopsis:

- The Queen's speech on 27 May 2015 included a commitment to bring forward new legislation to ban the new generation of psychoactive drugs. The Psychoactive Substances Bill is intended to protect people from the risks posed by untested, unknown and potential harmful drugs. The Bill will create a blanket ban which is seeking to prohibit and disrupt the production, distribution, sale and supply of new psychoactive substances (NPS) in the UK.
- For the purpose of the Bill, a psychoactive substance is a substance which is capable of producing a psychoactive effect in a person who consumes it and is not an exempted substance.

Key Points:

- make it an offence to produce, supply, offer to supply, possess with intent to supply, import or export psychoactive substances; that is, any substance intended for human consumption that is capable of producing a psychoactive effect. The maximum sentence will be 7 years' imprisonment
- exclude legitimate substances, such as food, alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, caffeine and medical products, from the scope of the offence, as well as controlled drugs, which will continue to be regulated by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- exempt specific persons from certain offences under the bill, such as healthcare professionals, who may have a legitimate need to use NPS in their work
- include provision for civil sanctions – prohibition notices, premises notices, prohibition orders and premises orders (breach of the two orders will be a criminal offence) – to enable the police and local authorities to adopt a graded response to the supply of NPS in appropriate cases
- provide powers to stop and search persons, vehicles and vessels, enter and search premises in accordance with a warrant, and to seize and destroy psychoactive substances

Further Developments:

- The bill had its 3rd reading in the House of Lords on 20th July and is now waiting to go to the House of Commons for consideration.
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- In the meantime it has attracted some criticism and with the Government's advisory body for drug misuse, the Advisory Council for the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) making 8 recommendations for amendment, including a tighter definition of the drugs that the bill covers, greater clarification of the difference between potentially harmful and harmless substances to avoid possible prosecution of suppliers of benign or beneficial substances, a sharper focus on commercial supply rather than users. These recommendations have now been responded to by the Home Secretary.

Wirral Implications:

- **At this time there are not any apparent major implications for Wirral Local Authority however the following issues will need to be considered;**
- The local prevalence of the use of NPS is not known with any confidence so it would be valuable to carry out some sort of study to gain better

Wirral Implications Continued:

- knowledge of the nature and extent of the use of these substances by the Wirral population.
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- There is some consideration for Trading Standards in terms of investigating the so called “Head Shops” and assessing their compliance with the content of the new bill. The bill is setting out to close down the sources of supply and these retail outlets are targets, so Trading Standards, and the Police, will need to consider looking at what their approach is going to be to these retailers, including possible prosecution of those found to be in contravention with the bill.
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- The Trading standards and the Police will also need to consider their approach to pubs and clubs where it is found that NPS are being used on their premises.
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- A general review of the harm reduction education information offered locally to those groups in the population likely to be possible consumers of NPS.

Policy Developments

[Briefing: Downward mobility, opportunity hoarding and the 'glass floor' – SMCPC report](#)

“Downward mobility, opportunity hoarding and the ‘glass floor’”, a research report published by the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission claims there is a ‘glass floor’ which serves to protect less able children from more affluent backgrounds when they reach adulthood whilst simultaneously inhibiting opportunities for more abled students from less advantaged backgrounds.

The report suggests some ways in which policy responses can help to compensate those deprived children for the benefits that being from a better educated family can bring. These include:

- The setting of homework
- Fostering and nurturing aspiration
- High quality and age appropriate education and careers advice
- Inspirational high calibre teachers deployed where they can have greatest impact
- Encouraging successful alumni to return and talk about their experiences
- Avoiding practices that damage non-cognitive skill development.

The report recognises the difficult in legislating against discrimination based on socio-economic grounds but that the Equality Act of 2010 describes a public sector duty with regards to socio-economic inequalities.

Source: [Martin Rogers, Briefing: Downward mobility, opportunity hoarding and the 'glass floor' – SMCPC report, LGiU, 21st August 2015](#)

[Briefing: The first 100 days: impact on local government](#)

August 14th 2015 marked 100 days since the election of the new government. As per tradition, this milestone provides an opportunity to review government actions during this period and assess the impact on local government.

Key areas of development have been in relation to devolution; social care and housing and planning.

Devolution and local government

- Publication of ‘Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill’ about to go into the Commons from the Lords.
- Cornwall is the first county to have negotiated a deal and groups of authorities are pressing ahead with new deals.

Heath and Social Care

- Postponement of cap on social care costs until 2020
- Councils affected by proposed £200m cut in 2015-2016 public health grant.
- Progress on improving mental health services.

Housing and Planning

- Plans to extend the Right to Buy to 1.3m housing association tenants has been confirmed in the Queen's speech and forms part of the housing bill to be published in Autumn.
- A commitment to increase the housing supply by 200,000 homes
- Faster planning application processing

Significant developments have been the momentum behind the devolution bill; however, controversy and concern remain in areas such as social care and the environment.

Source: [Janet Sillett, Briefing: The first 100 days: impact on local government, LGiU 19th August 2015](#)

[Briefing: Options for integrated commissioning: Beyond Barker](#)

The report explores a recommendation by the Independent Commission on the Future of Health and Social Care in England, (established by the Kings Fund and chaired by Katy Barker) for there to be a single ring fenced budget and a single local commissioner to integrate both health and social care.

The report recommended three options for implementation which included:

Option 1 - Build on existing organisational and policy arrangements

Option 2- CCG or local government to take responsibility

Option 3 - A new vehicle – 'health and wellbeing boards plus'

The Kings Fund suggests a combination of options two and three in terms of causing the least disruption or organisational change and provides clear potential to ensure that both local authority and NHS perspectives are given appropriate weight.

Examples of developments around the UK, such as in Sheffield, Greater Manchester, Scotland and North East Lincolnshire demonstrate integration boards in practice. The report makes it clear that a national drive is what is required in order to "encourage local and regional integration that has genuine power and responsibility".

Source: [Christine Heron, Briefing: Options for integrated commissioning: Beyond Barker, LGiU, 20th August 2015](#)

Briefing: The Hattie Reports: Is Policy on School Improvement correctly aligned?

The Politics of Distraction and The Politics of Collaborative Expertise (both June 2015) produced by John Hattie, raise questions about the direction of education policies across OECD countries that are particularly pertinent to the direction of policy in the UK over the last 25 years, particularly in relation to how one improves schools.

This briefing explores Hattie's thinking and the background to his two most recent papers which are focused on the current issues faced by policy makers.

Source: [Andrew Crompton, Briefing: The Hattie Reports: Is Policy on School Improvement correctly aligned?, LGiU, 13th August 2015](#)

Ofsted – Teaching and play in the early years – a balancing act?

This briefing focuses on the Ofsted report 'Teaching and play in the early years – a balancing act?' The report has been published in support of Ofsted's second annual report on early years 2015. The report is a good practice survey exploring perceptions of teaching and play in the early years. Eight good practice examples support the survey report, and focus on the interplay between teaching and play in a range of early year's settings.

- Collaborating to support early years teaching and learning
- Improving boys' literacy skills
- Integrating provision for two year-olds in school
- Learning together through play in the early years
- Parents as partners in teaching
- Supporting children's learning through teaching and play
- Teaching young children to develop their communication skills
- Using the physical environment as a tool for teaching

Source: [Kathy Baker, Ofsted – Teaching and play in the early years – a balancing act?, LGiU, 13th August 2015](#)

Briefing: Update on the Care Act

This briefing updates and expands on information in previous briefings on the Care Act. It outlines the Government's decision to postpone implementation of certain aspects of the Act, following representation by local government.

- The cap on the amount an individual will contribute to their own care will be postponed until 2020 in recognition of existing pressures on social care budgets.
- The Government has said it is still committed to introducing the cap.
- A proposed increase in the threshold above which people will start to contribute to residential care has also been postponed.

Source: [Fiona Campbell, Briefing: Update on the Care Act, LGiU, 13th August 2015](#)

NAO report Care Act first-phase reforms

The NAO has reviewed the Department of Health's implementation of Phase 1 of the Care Act which looks at national eligibility criteria, carers' assessments, preparation for deferred payment or loan agreements and the requirements of local authorities to provide universal information and advice on care and support and also new safeguarding requirements.

Although the NAO has concluded that the Department of Health has provided the necessary support needed to proceed with the legislation, it has noted that the extreme financial pressure of local governments and has challenged the Department's estimation of local government's ability to afford the extra assessments and support demanded by the Care Act.

The NAO makes the following recommendations within its report:

- The department should be notified quickly and respond in the same manner if individual local authorities are struggling to meet the requirements of the Care ACT
- The department must report whether it has achieved government objectives to parliament.
- For Phase 2, the department and sector should work closely together on data improvements to reduce uncertainty in its assumptions.
- In the longer term, the department should maximise their resources and be transparent about its expectations of what funds are required by local authorities and where these should be sourced from e.g. Better Care Fund.

Since the report was written, the government has made the decision to delay Phase 2 as a positive recognition of the warnings that have been made about the lack of funding available. The department has added that they need to be realistic about where scarce resources are needed most.

Source: [Fiona Campbell, NAO report Care Act first-phase reforms, LGiU, 21st July 2015](#)

Ofsted – 2015 Early years annual report

Ofsted have released the second annual report on the early years sector.

There are some very positive findings which show that standards are rising in the provision of early education.

- Across the country 85% of early years providers have achieved good or outstanding.
- Rising standards are now more evenly spread across the various providers
- In 2014 60% of children were meeting the ‘good level of development’ by the end of reception.
- There is now a growing recognition of the importance of early years education as a determinant of what happens to an individual later in life.
- Political focus and public investment are developing

However, the report does outline that “we have done better for children who need it least”, drawing attention to the continuing underachievement for disadvantaged young people, highlighting that inequities must be addressed.

- There is a need for a stronger role for primary schools in early education of disadvantaged 2 year olds.
- Debate is needed between Ofsted and sector partners including local authorities with a duty to secure provision and engage wider public conversation about the type of education wanted for disadvantaged children and how best to facilitate and support them.

Source: [Kathy Baker, Ofsted – 2015 Early years annual report, LGiU, 23rd July 2015](#)

Ofsted and DfE consultations: area multi-agency child protection inspections

Ofsted are consulting on proposals for delivery of joint targeted area inspections under Section 20 of the Children Act 2004 in order to assess the effectiveness of multi-agency practice to protect children.

The new framework is to be implemented in April 2016 following up to six area inspections focused on particular areas of concern.

The new framework will focus on other areas of practice and cohorts and include:

- Those receiving early help
- Those living with domestic abuse
- Older children at risk
- Children at risk of intra familiar sexual abuse
- Child neglect
- Girls at risk of female genital mutilation.

The Department for Education is consulting on proposed related amendments to the Joint Area Review regulations from April 2016.

Source: [Martin Rogers, Ofsted and DfE consultations: area multi-agency child protection inspections, LGiU, 28th July 2015](#)

Care leavers' transitions to adulthood – NAO

The NAO has published a report which examines support for and challenges facing care leavers, government policy and actions and progress made in improving outcomes.

The findings of the report suggest that for those young people leaving care in England, the system is not working effectively despite the introduction of a new care leaver's strategy and change policy.

The NAO also reported that local authorities' reported spend on care leavers does not correlate with the quantity and quality of their services, with two thirds of all services inspected being labelled inadequate.

Recommendations for the government departments involved with the care leavers strategy include:

- Creating a more joined-up approach across government including an inspection of care leave services
- Develop indicators to measure progress against objectives and collect data in order to provide a better understanding of the social problems that care leavers face
- Examine how incentives such as payment by results could be used to encourage innovation and joint local working towards improving outcomes for care leavers.

In addition, the Department for Education should:

- Make full use of the data collected to help improvement of local services
- Work closely with local authorities to develop reliable and comparable data to provide ways of assessing value for money
- Develop and share good practice by creating a central store, evaluate initiatives and make the findings widely available.

Source: [Mark Upton, Care leavers' transitions to adulthood – NAO, LGiU, 29th July 2015](#)

Further Education – Overseeing Financial Sustainability – NAO report

The NAO report records the significant decline in the financial health of the Further Education college sector that has occurred since 2010/11.

The report evaluates:

- The procedures in place for identifying colleges at risk of falling into financial difficulties. This report does not include the Sixth Form College sector.
- The effectiveness of the intervention procedures that can be initiated once struggling colleges have been identified.

Source: [Toby Hill, Further Education – Overseeing Financial Sustainability – NAO report, LGiU, 4th August 2015](#)

Funding for disadvantaged pupils: NAO Report

The National Audit Office has published a value for money report ‘Funding for disadvantaged pupils’ examining if the Department for Education is on course to achieve its objective of narrowing the attainment gap between disadvantaged and other pupils.

Within the report NAO make a number of recommendations to the Department for Education:

- develop its understanding of how schools are using the Pupil Premium and take further steps to reduce schools’ use of ineffective, costly activities to support disadvantaged pupils;
- ensure that all Pupil Premium reviews are conducted by approved reviewers and consider whether to make reviews mandatory;
- examine with the Education Endowment Foundation, whether and how to expand the evidence base more quickly;
- use a fairer schools core funding formula so that pupils across England receive similar funding, related more closely to their needs and less affected by where they live;
- work with local authorities to understand the impact of the core funding allocated to schools on the basis of disadvantage and consider how schools could be held accountable for its use;
- clarify instructions to schools about the total value of funding that ought to be available to disadvantaged pupils with special educational needs;
- explore how it can identify disadvantaged pupils more effectively;

- be more specific about how it will measure the Pupil Premium's impact in a comparable way until at least 2023; and
- Research how other potential Pupil Premium impacts, such as the destinations of disadvantaged pupils and savings in terms of other public services, can be measured.

Source: [LGIU Associate, Funding for disadvantaged pupils: NAO Report, 16th July 2015](#)

Useful Sources

Chancellors Budget Statement

[Chancellor George Osborne's Summer Budget 2015 Speech, Government website, 8th July 2015](#) - *Full speech*

[Andrew Jones, July 2015 Budget Analysis, LGiU, 14th July 2015](#) - *Brief analysis and key points emerging from the Chancellor Budget Statement*

Childcare Bill

[Childcare Bill 2015-16, Parliamentary website](#) – *Previous debates on all stages of the Childcare Bill and any latest updates*

[John Fowler, Childcare Bill, LGiU, 4th June 2015](#) – *Brief analysis of the Childcare Bill*

[Government Press Release: Government brings forward plans to double free childcare for working families, 1st June 2015](#) – *Details current childcare entitlement and changes*

Education and Adoption Bill

[Education and Adoption Bill, Parliamentary website](#) - *Previous debates on all stages of the Childcare Bill and any latest updates*

[Government Press Release: Hundreds of 'coasting' schools to be transformed, 30th June 2015](#) – *Outlines draft regulations to be implemented by 2016 and defines the term 'coasting schools'*

[Andrew Crompton, Coasting Schools: Draft Regulations, LGiU, 8th July 2015](#) – *Brief analysis of coasting schools and draft regulations*

Welfare Reform and Work Bill

[House of Commons, Briefing Paper- Welfare Reform and Work Bill, 16th July 2015](#) – *Brief analysis of the Welfare Reform and Work Bill*

[Welfare Reform and Work Bill, Parliamentary website](#) - *Previous debates on all stages of the Childcare Bill and any latest updates*

[Andrew Jones, The Welfare Reform and Work Bill: Welfare Reform Update, 20th August 2015](#) – *Brief overview of the Bill and any latest updates*

Psychoactive Substances Bill

[Psychoactive Substances Bill, Parliamentary website](#)- *Previous debates on all stages of the Psychoactive Substances Bill*

WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE –

8TH SEPTEMBER 2015

HEALTH AND CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL – 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT:	<i>FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL HELD ON 20TH AUGUST 2015</i>
REPORT OF:	<i>THE CHAIR OF THE PANEL (COUNCILLOR MOIRA MCLAUGHLIN)</i>

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report provides feedback regarding the key issues arising from the meeting of the Health & Care Performance Panel held on 20th August 2015.

2.0 ATTENDEES

Members:

Councillors Moira McLaughlin (Chair), Alan Brighthouse, Wendy Clements, David Burgess-Joyce, Denise Roberts

Other Attendees:

Clare Fish (Strategic Director, Families and Wellbeing, Wirral Borough Council)

Lorna Quigley (Director of Quality and Patient Safety, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group)

Jacqui Evans (Head of Transformation, Adult Social Services, Wirral Borough Council)

Elaine Evans (Wirral Healthwatch)

Alan Veitch (Scrutiny Officer, Wirral Borough Council)

Apologies:

Councillors Phillip Brightmore and Treena Johnson

Amanda Kelly (Senior Manager, Market Transformation and Contracts, Adult Social Services, Wirral Borough Council)

Karen Prior (Wirral Healthwatch)

3.0 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

The following appointments for the municipal year were agreed unanimously:

Chair Cllr Moira McLaughlin

Vice Chair Cllr Wendy Clements

4.0 NOTES FROM THE PREVIOUS PANEL MEETING HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2015

The notes from the previous meeting, held on 1st April 2015, were approved by members.

5.0 THE IMPACT OF CHANGES TO OUT OF HOSPITAL SERVICES

Jacqui Evans (Head of Transformation, Adult Social Services, Wirral Borough Council) provided a report which detailed progress towards delivering the transformational change to health and social care services arising from the introduction of the Better Care Fund, which generated a pooled budget of approximately £34million. The transformation is not solely aimed at reducing admissions to hospital and acute pressure but also in changing the whole system to a seven day response, focussed on supporting people in their own homes and community to live independently and support themselves wherever possible. This will require a much closer level of integration between health (GP's), community health (for example, district nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists.) and social care (for example, domiciliary and reablement support). It will be necessary to implement a different way of working for service providers, with particular focus on behaviour and culture shifts across all organisations, reducing duplication & improving customer experience and outcomes.

Based on strong partnership working and a desire to provide services in a different way, seven key work programmes have been developed:

- Single Gateway / Single Front Door – It is intended that the single gateway to services will be fully operational by April 2016.
- Integrated Discharge Pathway – Key aims are to reduce the length of stay and ensure that the patient needs to tell their story only once. A key outcome will be to improve the paper process, in particular to care homes.
- Enhanced Intermediate Care and Transitional Care Service – A tender has been completed to commission 110 beds spread over 5 homes from October 2015. In addition, 5 spot beds will be available to support winter pressures.
- Rapid Community at Home Response
- Integrated Care Coordination Hubs
- Quality in Care Homes
- Cultural and workforce development across all organisations

During discussion with members, a number of issues emerged:

- **Domiciliary Care - target**

The target for domiciliary care packages to be in place, in most cases, is 24 hours. The target for the most complex cases is 48 hours.

- **Cultural change**

Part of the challenge is to create an environment where a lead professional is empowered to make a judgement on a client's case, regardless of the discipline they are from. This will involve a reduction in the number of professionals having direct input in the decision-making process for a particular case, which has led to duplication of effort and some development of a tick-box culture in the past.

- **The vision for the service**

The Better Care Fund agreement requires non-elective hospital admissions to be reduced by 3.5% (which equates to 6 per day). Although this will be a challenge, the goal is to surpass this target. If the target is met, it will enable beds to be reduced from the acute trust (the equivalent of two wards at Arrowe Park). The national message, both from Government and NHS England, is that different models of care must be developed. The current delivery model for health and social care is neither financially nor clinically sustainable in the long-term. There is, therefore, a requirement for greater investment in community services.

- **Conclusion**

The subject of this report will form the starting point for Members who will shortly be commencing work on the Avoiding Admissions scrutiny review. The first meeting of the task & group, to discuss the scope of the review, will be held on 3rd September 2015.

6.0 PREPARATIONS FOR WINTER PRESSURES

Jacqui Evans (Head of Transformation, Adult Social Services, Wirral Borough Council) provided a report which described the process undertaken to prepare for winter pressures. Robust monitoring is in place to ensure that extensive action plans are in place. In the past, priority has been given to minimising discharge delays. For 2015/16, there will be greater emphasis placed upon avoiding admissions wherever possible. Members were informed that there is cautious optimism that the investment in community services is beginning to deliver positive outcomes.

During discussion with members, a number of issues emerged:

- **Determination of the patient pathway**

If a patient presents to Arrowe Park, the current Pull Team (to be part of the future Rapid Community Service) work with acute staff to determine the most appropriate pathway for the patient.

- **Awareness of available community services**

In the future, it should not be necessary for GPs to have detailed knowledge of all services. It should be possible for a patient to be referred to the Single Gateway. There is also a necessity to stop people thinking that it is an easy option to go to A&E. There is, therefore, a need to educate the public and GPs. It was reported that a public survey relating to urgent care services undertaken by Healthwatch Wirral has found that many patients do not know what services are available.

7.0 CARE HOME AND DOMICILARY CARE – PERFORMANCE REPORT

Lorna Quigley (Director of Quality and Patient Safety, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group) and Jacqui Evans (Head of Transformation, Adult Social Services, Wirral Borough Council) jointly provided a report relating to the performance of all services commissioned by DASS. As of 3rd August 2015, 101 providers were fully compliant, 9 partially compliant and 8 non-compliant. It was agreed that appropriate briefings will be provided to ward Members regarding care home performance, particularly in relation to non-compliant homes. In the case of those small number of care homes which become suspended, it is necessary to ensure that the risk to capacity is monitored and that the balance of the market is maintained.

8.0 SERIOUS INCIDENT ANNUAL REPORT (APRIL 2014 – MARCH 2015)

Lorna Quigley (Director of Quality and Patient Safety, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group) introduced the Serious Incident Annual Report covering the period from April 2014 to March 2015. Although 227 incidents were reported during the period, the importance of key themes was stressed.

The key themes to emerge from the report were:

- Pressure ulcers – The incidence of pressure ulcers provide a clear reflection of the good / bad quality of care. Particular interest is given to the incidence of grade 3 or 4 pressure ulcers and concerns raised with particular providers.
- Slips, trips and falls – The identification of the key causes of slips, trips and falls enable further work to be done with service providers to reduce risk to patients.
- Delayed diagnosis – Due to the specific nature of the lessons learnt regarding cases of delayed diagnosis it is difficult to extract common themes.
- Unexpected deaths – This can often be of particular significance in the mental health care sector, although it was noted that the apparent increase in notification of unexpected death is not only a Wirral issue.

During the period of the Annual Report, it was reported that 5 Never Events had occurred, each of which had been reviewed in detail. It was reported that, during the current year (April 2015 onwards) there have been no Never Events reported to date.

9.0 FEEDBACK FROM QUALITY SURVEILLANCE GROUP

Lorna Quigley (Director of Quality and Patient Safety, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group) described a series of Quality Surveillance Group meetings which examine in detail the quality of services delivered by a provider. Wirral University Teaching Hospital has been subject to single item Quality Surveillance group meetings in February, March and August 2015.

10.0 PREPARATIONS FOR CQC INSPECTION OF WIRRAL UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL (15TH SEPTEMBER 2015)

A planned CQC inspection of Wirral University Teaching Hospital is due to commence on 15th September. As part of the preparations for the inspection, CQC requests information regarding the quality of services from health partners and residents. Councillors responsible for health scrutiny are welcome to provide relevant information to CQC.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent by the Chair of the Panel (Cllr Moira McLaughlin), following consultation with Panel members. Copies of relevant notes and minutes from meetings relating to Wirral University Teaching Hospital would also be made available.

The CQC preparations will also include a public Listening Event on 8th September. Alan Veitch was requested to send details of the Listening Event and other contact information to Panel members and to the four constituency managers.

11.0 FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE PANEL

The next meeting of the Panel is scheduled for Monday 28th September. Initial suggestions for agenda items include:

- Social care complaints process
- The CQC inspection report relating to Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Trust (if available)
- Wirral University Teaching Hospital – Cost Improvement Plan – Update report
- Quality framework and performance measures for the health sector in Wirral

12.0 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The following actions arose from the meeting:

1. Jacqui Evans to ensure that appropriate briefings are provided to ward Members regarding care home performance.
2. Cllr Moira McLaughlin will send a letter to CQC on behalf of panel members providing information relating to the forthcoming inspection at Wirral University Teaching Hospital. The submission will include copies of notes and minutes of meetings relating to the Trust.
3. Alan Veitch to provide details of the CQC Listening Event and other CQC contact details to Panel members and to the constituency managers.

13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL BY THE FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

There were no specific recommendations to be made to the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee.

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

8TH SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT:	<i>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</i>
REPORT OF:	<i>THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE</i>

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates members on progress towards delivering the work programme for the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee as agreed for the 2015/16 municipal year. There is also an opportunity for members to review the programme for the new municipal year.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council and be informed by service priorities and performance, risk management information, public or service user feedback and referrals from Cabinet or Council.
- 2.2 In determining items for the Scrutiny Work Programme, good practice recommends the following criteria could be applied:
- Public Interest – topics should resonate with the local community
 - Impact – there should be clear objectives and outcomes that make the work worthwhile
 - Council Performance – the focus should be on improving performance
 - Keeping in Context – should ensure best use of time and resources
- 2.3 The current work programme is made up of a combination of scrutiny reviews, standing items and requested officer reports. This provides the committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. The current work programme for the Committee is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 SCRUTINY REVIEWS - UPDATE

3.1 Safeguarding Children Scrutiny Review
This review is now nearing completion. The evidence-gathering sessions have concluded and Members have assessed the evidence. Draft recommendations have been proposed and the draft report is being produced. It is now anticipated that the report from this scrutiny review will be available for the Committee meeting in November.

3.2 Avoiding admissions Scrutiny Review

Committee has previously agreed to undertake a task & finish group review of the relationship between the provision of care in the community and the necessity for admission of people to residential and nursing homes and hospital admissions / re-admissions. The first meeting of the task & finish group, when the scope of the review will be discussed, is now scheduled for 3rd September. Members of the task & finish group are Councillors Bruce Berry, Alan Brighthouse, Treena Johnson, Moira McLaughlin and Denise Roberts.

4.0 'FOCUS ON.....' SESSIONS

4.1 During the previous municipal year, members held Spotlight sessions, which, in an informal setting, enabled topics to be explored in greater detail than time would allow during the formal Committee meeting. It is proposed that such sessions will be arranged during forthcoming municipal year and will be referred to as 'Focus on' sessions.

4.2 One session has been held since the last Committee meeting:

- An information session was provided on 20th July regarding the Vanguard project. The NHS 'Five Year Forward View' calls for the NHS to take full advantage of the opportunities that science and technology offer to meet the needs of people who are living longer, with complex health issues. To take forward this work, bids were invited from health and social care organisations to become 'vanguard' sites to test new models of care that would enable health and social care staff to work more closely together. Wirral is one of only 29 areas in Britain to have been selected as a 'vanguard site', giving the borough opportunities to strengthen GP, out of hospital and other primary care.

The session was led by Jon Develing (Chief Officer, Wirral CCG), Jo Goodfellow (Associate Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Wirral University Teaching Hospital), Clare Fish (Strategic Director of Families and Wellbeing, Wirral Borough Council) and Val McGee (Interim Director of Development / Interim Deputy Director of Performance, Wirral Community Trust).

4.3 It is suggested that further sessions will be held during the new municipal year as follows:

- All-age disability (Clare Fish / Julia Hassall)
- Mental Health (Clare Fish)
- Implementation of the Care Act: update (Graham Hodkinson)

5.0 REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

5.1 In order to reduce the number of agenda items at meetings, some reports will be distributed to Committee members outside the committee schedule. In order to maintain public transparency, all reports dealt with in this way will be highlighted in this report.

5.2 Since the last Committee meeting on 30th June 2015, no reports have been distributed to members in this way.

6.0 CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The first meeting of the Children Sub-Committee during the current municipal year is scheduled for 23rd September 2015. Items on the agenda will include:
- 'Giving Wirral children the best start in life'
 - Children social care reorganisation
 - School standards report, including impact on 'narrowing the gap'

7.0 HEALTH & CARE PERFORMANCE PANEL

- 7.1 The first meeting of the municipal year for the Health & Care Performance Panel was held on the 20th August. A report from that meeting can be found as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.

8.0 CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) – INSPECTIONS OF LOCAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

- 8.1 As previously reported, an inspection of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust was planned to take place towards the end of June 2015. To date, no report has been published by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
- 8.2 Also, as previously reported, an announced inspection of Wirral University Foundation Teaching Hospital is scheduled to commence on 15th September 2015. As part of its preparations for the inspection, the CQC has contacted the Chair of the Committee providing an opportunity for the Committee to share information they have about the services subject to inspection. In preparation for the inspection, residents are also encouraged to provide their views on the services provided by Wirral University Teaching Hospital to CQC. Residents are able to provide comments via the CQC website, special email address, phone lines or by postal address. CQC also plans to hold a public Listening Event on 8th September, prior to the inspection.
- 8.3 As part of a separate inspection process, an unannounced inspection of Arrowe Park hospital was carried out during the evening of 18th May 2015. This inspection was due to concerns which had been raised with CQC regarding theatre recovery and related processes. The inspection report was published on 14th August and the hospital has been found to require improvement.

9.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 An update regarding the monitoring of outstanding recommendations from previous scrutiny reviews for this Committee was provided at the meeting held on 2nd February 2015. No further updates are currently available.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Members are requested to approve the updated Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee work programme for 2014/15 as shown in the appendix, making any required amendments.

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Key Activities	Lead Member / Officer	Reason for Review	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	Aug 2015	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	April 2016	Outcome
Committee Dates				Tues 30th			Tues 8th		Mon 2nd	Tues 1st	Tues 19th		Tues 8th		
Scheduled Reviews															
Safeguarding Children	Cllr Moira McLaughlin	Agreed by P&P Committee on 5th Dec 2013							Committee report due						Commenced July 2014. To complete.
Reducing hospital admission and dependency on nursing and residential home for older people (To be known as the Avoiding Admissions review)	Cllr Moira McLaughlin	Agreed by P&P Committee on 2nd February 2015													12/08/14 - Spokespersons agreed to prioritise this review for early 2015. 02/02/15 - Committee agreed to establish a Task & Finish Group to work during the 2015/16 municipal year.
Early Years / Children's Centres		Agreed by P&P Committee on 20th March 2015													
Budget options	Cllr Moira McLaughlin	Part of the Council's budget process													
Council Plan - Development of delivery plan	Cllr Moira McLaughlin	Proposed by Spokespersons, 21st July													
Impact Report from previous In-depth Reviews															
Looked After Children Review															Committee (02/12/14) requested future progress report in Dec 2015
Implications of the Francis Report for Wirral															12/08/14 - Spokespersons agreed to refer this item to the Health & Care Performance Panel. A report was presented to the Panel on 20/10/14. Future updates will be provided.
Quality Assurance and Standards in Care Homes															12/08/14 - Spokespersons agreed to refer this item to the Health & Care Performance Panel. A report was discussed by the Panel on 19/11/14. Future updates will be provided.
Reports Requested to Committee															
School Traded Services - proposed changes to service delivery	Clare Fish / David Armstrong														Committee (02/12/14) requested future progress updates, which will be provided in 2015/16 municipal year.
Safeguarding Annual Report 2014/15	Simon Garner														
All-age Disability Service	Julia Hassall / Graham Hodgkinson														Deferred until 2015/16 municipal year
Child Poverty Strategy - update	Julia Hassall														Committee (02/02/15) requested future updates re effectiveness of the child poverty strategy.
Disability service for children: budget option - progress report	Julia Hassall	Agreed by Spokespersons, 24th Feb 2015													Deferred from 2014/15 municipal year
CRI - Follow-up from Spotlight session on 21st Jan 2015 ?????															
Public Health Annual Report - 2014	Fiona Johnstone	Agreed by Spokespersons, 4th June 2015													Complete
Draft protocol to promote more effective working between Health & Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch and health scrutiny	Clare Fish	Agreed by Spokespersons, 4th June 2015													
Healthwatch Annual Report	Karen Prior														To be arranged
Reports to be distributed to Members for information															
Fostering Annual Report	Julia Hassall / Simon Fisher														Outstanding
Adoption Annual Report	Julia Hassall / Simon Fisher														Outstanding
Health & Wellbeing Strategy	Fiona Johnstone														
Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control - update	Julie Webster	Agreed by Spokespersons 7th January 2014													Complete
Referrals from other Committees															
NOM - Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control	Fiona Johnstone	Agreed by P&P Committee 28th Jan 2014													Follow-up report distributed to members in March 2015. Is a further follow-up required?
NOM - Becoming a 'Dementia-friendly' Council	Proposed: Cllr Tom Anderson; Seconded: Cllr Tracey Smith	Referred from Council, 14th July 2014													Committee (Sept 2014) requested a follow-up report in approx one year.
NOM - Mental Health Challenge	Proposed: Cllr Tom Anderson; Seconded: Cllr Lesley Rennie	Referred from Council, 6th July 2015													
Standing Items															
Performance Dashboard															
Financial Monitoring															
Policy Inform - Update															

Key Activities	Lead Member / Officer	Reason for Review	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	Aug 2015	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	April 2016	Outcome
Special Budget meeting															
Spotlight Sessions															
Vanguard Project	John Develing / Jo Goodfellow / Clare Fish	Proposed by Spokespersons 4th June 2015			20th										Complete
All-age Disability Service	Clare Fish / Julia Hassall / Graham Hodgkinson	Proposed by Spokespersons 4th June 2015					???								
Mental Health	Clare Fish	Proposed by Spokespersons 4th June 2015							???						
Proposed implementation of the Care Act 2014	Graham Hodgkinson	Proposed by Spokespersons 4th June 2015						???							
Health Inequalities	Fiona Johnstone	Proposed by F&W P&P Committee 8th July 2014													Date to be arranged in 2015/16 municipal year
Attainment Sub-Committee															
Sub-Committee meetings															
							23rd			16th			30th		
'Giving Wirral children the best start in life'	Julia Hassall / Deborah Gornik	Officer report prior to possible task and finish work													
School standards report regarding outcomes for Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2, GCSE and A Levels, including impact on 'narrowing the gap'	Deborah Gornik / Sue Talbot	Officer report requested													
Children social care reorganisation	Julia Hassall / Lisa Arthey	Officer report requested													
Exception reports highlighting positive and negative aspects arising from school Ofsted inspection reports	Deborah Gornik / Sue Talbot														
Health & Care Performance Panel															
Panel meetings															
						20th	28th		25th		12th		16th		A meeting to review the draft Quality Accounts of health partners is scheduled for Tues 10th May 2016
Care home and domiciliary care – performance report (Amanda Kelly)	Amanda Kelly	Proposed by H&CPP, 19/11/14													
The impact of changes to Out of hospital services	Jacqui Evans	Proposed by H&CPP, 01/04/15													
Preparations for winter pressures	Jacqui Evans	Proposed by H&CPP, 01/04/15													
Quality framework and performance measures for the health sector in Wirral	Lorna Quigley	Standard agenda item													
Feedback from Quality Surveillance Group	Lorna Quigley	Standard agenda item													
Francis Scrutiny review – review of recommendations	Lorna Quigley, Jill Galvani, Alan Veitch	Proposed by H&CPP, 20/10/14													
Care Homes Scrutiny Review – review of recommendations	Amanda Kelly	Proposed by H&CPP, 19/11/14													
Social care complaints report, to include domiciliary care	Amanda Kelly	Proposed by H&CPP, 04/02/15													
WUTH: Follow-up report relating to issues arising from the CQC action plan (Sept 2014)	Jill Galvani, Evan Moore, Jean Quinn	Proposed by H&CPP, 01/04/15													
WUTH: Follow-up report relating to issues arising from the Cost Improvement Plan and A&E targets	Anthony Hassall	Proposed by F&W P&P Committee, 02/02/15													P&P Committee (02/02/15) requested future updates
The implementation of the Better Care Fund (H&CPP, 01/04/15)	Jacqui Evans	Proposed by H&CPP, 01/04/15													