

**Minutes of the Meeting of OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE  
held Hybrid - Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron / remotely via video  
conference on Wednesday, 15 June 2022**

**PRESENT;** Councillor Keith Evans (Chair), Councillors Wyn Evans, Gwyn Wigley Evans, Rhodri Evans, Geraint Wyn Hughes, Chris James, Ceris Jones, and Caryl Roberts

**Also in attendance:** Councillors Bryan Davies, Keith Henson, Alun Williams, Wyn Thomas and Matthew Vaux (Cabinet Members) Gareth Lloyd

**Officers in attendance:** Mr Alun Williams, Corporate Lead Officer – Policy & Performance, Mrs Diana Davies, Corporate Manager – Partnership & Performance, Mrs Naomi McDonagh, Partnership Manager, Ms Lynne Connolly, Senior Learning and Development Officer, Mr Rob Starr, Performance and Research Manager, Ms Sian Howys, Corporate Lead Officer – Children Services, Ms Elin Prysor, Corporate Lead Officer – Legal and Governance, Mr Lisa Evans, Scrutiny and Standards Officer and Mrs Dana Jones , Democratic and Standards Officer

(10:00am-11:35am)

**1 Apologies**

Councillor Marc Davies together with Mrs Elizabeth Upcott and Mr Timothy Bray apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

**2 Disclosures of personal interest/prejudicial interest**

None.

**3 CONTEST - The UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bryan Davies presented the report upon the CONTEST – The UK Government’s Counter Terrorism Strategy. The report had been presented to provide Members with an update on the arrangements in place in Ceredigion, across the region and nationally to deliver CONTEST, and to be aware of the contribution of council staff in this important work.

It was AGREED to note the updated provided.

**4 Performance Management Policy Statement and Introduction to Performance Self-assessment arrangements as required by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bryan Davies presented the Report and highlighted the following;-

- Part 6 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021
- Key points of the Self-Assessment process
- Self-Assessment Outline Process

- Key Lines of Enquiry
- Reflective Practice
- Timeline
- Election cycle 2022-27
- Integrating with the Performance Framework
- Performance Management Policy Statement
- What does it mean for Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee?

The following comments were conveyed: -

- Clarification on the process in relation to who would audit the auditor and what the appeals process was on these assessments was sought. In response, it was reported as this was a self-assessment process, vast amount of relevant and supporting evidence to comply with the requirements of the assessment would be collated in accordance with its Action Plan. Once completed the draft assessment would be presented to the Governance and Audit Committee for consideration and recommendations considered accordingly, prior to Cabinet approval
- That the annual self-assessment of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees could also feed into this self-assessment. It was urged that Members respond in an open and transparent way in this assessment in order that any issues could be resolved.
- That the Chairs of all Overview and Scrutiny Committees attend the Quarterly Performance Board meetings that were due to recommence, in order that they could consider any issues/risks that required to be considered on their Forward Work Programme. It was reported that these meetings gave an overview of the Council in its entirety.

It was AGREED to endorse the Draft Performance Management Policy Statement and Performance Self-assessment arrangements (as required by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021).

## **5 Ceredigion Public Services Board (PSB) meetings held on the 18th November 2021, 7th March 2022 and the Assessment of Local Well-Being**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bryan Davies presented the Report upon the Ceredigion Public Services Board (PSB) meetings held on the 18th November 2021, 7th March 2022 and the Assessment of Local Well-Being It was AGREED:-

- (i) to receive the draft minutes of the Ceredigion PSB meetings held on 18th November 2021 and 7th March 2022; and
- (ii) to receive the Assessment of Local Well-being for Ceredigion;
- (iii) that Members encourage the public and Town and Community Councils to complete the questionnaire PSB Local Well-being Plan Engagement Survey (Town and Community Council had received the questionnaire on email)

**6 CYSUR/CWMPAS Combined Local Operational Group Safeguarding Report Qtr 2 2021/22 and Qtr 3 2021/22**

Councillor Alun Williams Deputy Leader with responsibility for Through Age and Wellbeing presented the report upon CYSUR/CWMPAS Combined Local Operational Group Safeguarding Report Qtr 2 2021/22 and Qtr 3 2021/22.

Following questions from the floor, it was AGREED to note the contents of the report and the levels of activity within the Local Authority.

**7 Report on Covid-19 Gold Command Decisions log**

Consideration was given to the Covid-19 Command Decisions Log. It was AGREED to note the contents of the Gold Command Covid-19 meetings decisions Log for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st March 2022 as presented.

**8 To confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes**

It was AGREED to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

**9 Draft Forward Work Programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

It was AGREED to note the Draft Forward Work Programme as presented.

**10 Any other matter that the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Committee**

None.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 7 September 2022**

**Chairman:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date:\_\_\_\_\_**