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Notice of Reports Received following Publication of Agenda.

Performance and Overview Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 29th September, 2026 at 10.00 am,
The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA

Attached are reports that the committee will consider as part of the original agenda but were submitted to democratic services following publication of the agenda.

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Chief Executive

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SAFEGUARDING PROPOSED ACTIVITY PLAN [2026 – 2027]:

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME	RAG RATING
GOOD GOVERNANCE			
Regional SAFE digital roll has commenced, with all Directorates to complete/update their respective SAFEs on a quarterly basis. Safeguarding to review / audit SAFEs during this two-year period.	Directorate Leads Safeguarding Unit	March 2027	
Core Data set to continually be reviewed.	Safeguarding Unit WASG	Ongoing	
Whole Authority Safeguarding Group [WASG] to continue to consider updates and progress in relation to policy / legislation changes and impacts on service areas to ensure compliance with any recommendations.	WASG	Ongoing	
SAFE WORKFORCE			
National Safeguarding Training Standards [role specific training] to be implemented to ensure full compliance across the Council.	Gwent Safeguarding Board Corporate Training Team Workforce Development Team	Ongoing	
Gwent Safeguarding Board to support with plans to ensure those practitioners requiring Group D,	Gwent Safeguarding Board Safeguarding Unit	Ongoing	

E and F safeguarding training receive appropriate training.			
Continue to implement the Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Learning and Development Framework, to increase the accessibility across the Council.	Workforce Development Team	March 2026	
Revised Section 5 procedures to be launched on 01 July 2026. The Safeguarding Unit will continue to liaise with the Gwent Safeguarding Board and other Gwent Local Authorities to review their implementation, effectiveness and compliance. Whilst considering ongoing themes and trends, which form part of the quality assurance process.	Quality Assurance sub-group GSB Safeguarding Unit	July 2026	
CIW to undertake a review of the implementation of the revised Section 5 process.	Quality Assurance sub-group GSB Safeguarding Unit CIW	March 2027	
Welsh Government will be providing guidance and resources to support training packages being provided based on the new revisions.	Gwent Safeguarding Board Safeguarding Unit Welsh Government	Ongoing	
Micro Care Team to review the effectiveness of the recruitment process of Micro Carers and the review of those individuals once employed.	Micro Care Team All Age Disability and Mental Health Service Manager	March 2026	

PREVENTATIVE APPROACH			
Expand the knowledge and understanding of the PREVENT and CHANEL Panel across the Council; and the Safeguarding Unit to be a standing Panel member	Safeguarding Unit PREVENT and CHANEL Panel members	March 2026	
Continue to support the VAWDASV regional strategic plan, which will include meeting with the VAWDASV National Advisor around implementation.	VAWDASV Board Community Safety Leads Safeguarding Unit	March 2027	
The Corporate Training Team to continue offering VAWDASV Group 1 training to Corporate employees via Thinqi.	Corporate Training Team	Ongoing	
VAWDASV Group 2 training	Corporate Training Team		
Regional task and finish group to continue reviewing the effectiveness of the MARAC process, which will include representation from Safeguarding Leads within Monmouthshire.	VAWDASV Board Safeguarding Unit	Ongoing	
Transitional Safeguarding principles to be reflected in the Terms of Reference for the Monmouthshire Exploitation Group [MEG].	Safeguarding Service Manager Whole Authority Safeguarding Group	September 2026	
Transitional Safeguarding Panel to be established.	Safeguarding Service Manager Whole Authority Safeguarding Group Appropriate MEG members	March 2027	

Following good practice being identified in Monmouthshire around the 115 process being utilised, a task and finish group is ongoing to consider replicating in other Gwent Local Authorities.	Gwent Safeguarding Board Community Safety Leads Safeguarding Unit	March 2027	
Continue to record and produce HSB data to review thresholds, safeguards and any themes. This to include data from partner agencies including YOS	Safeguarding Unit YOS	March 2026	
Full review of the Out of Hours Service	Residential Service Manager	March 2026	
ROBUST PROTECTION			
Ongoing review of the Safeguarding Hub and attendees present; to include the implementation of the All-Wales Referral Form.	Safeguarding Unit EHAT Partner Agencies	Ongoing	
Childrens and Adult Services Workshops to continue to be delivered.	Safeguarding Unit Workforce Development Team	Ongoing	
SAFE SERVICES			
Further strengthen safeguarding within procurement and commissioning guidance following review.	Safeguarding Unit Procurement	March 2027	

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