

REPORT

**SUBJECT: Monitoring of the Action Plan for Safeguarding Arrangements
Kerbcraft scheme**

MEETING: Audit Committee

DATE: 23rd November 2017

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: Countywide

1. PURPOSE

To provide members with a report on the implementation of the Action Plan approved by Council in March 2017 and performance measures in place.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That members note the action taken to date to implement the action plan.
- 2.2 That members note the performance measures in place and consider whether further measures are appropriate.
- 2.3 That members approve receipt of a further update report in six months time at which time members will decide what further reporting arrangements, if any, they require in the future.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 On 20th March 2017 Council received the WAO report on the Safeguarding scheme in Monmouthshire County Council and endorsed the action plan to address the findings of the WAO report.
- 3.2 on the 7th July 2017 the Cabinet received a report titled 'Update and Approval of matters arising from the Action Plan – Safeguarding arrangements – kerbcraft scheme.
- 3.3 Attached to the report to Cabinet were new procedures for the provision of kerbcraft training which were approved by Cabinet.
- 3.4 Kerbcraft training commenced in September of this year in compliance with the procedure and checklist approved by Cabinet on the 7th July 2017.
- 3.5 Officers have investigated what information is appropriate to monitor the performance of the scheme for officers of CYP and members. The kerbcraft training is funded by and provided on behalf of Welsh Government. A performance management pro forma is provided to WG on a quarterly basis (appendix 1).

- 3.6 The WG quarterly return will be collated on a six monthly basis and submitted to this committee, CYP select committee and Cabinet. The return will be supplemented by a further document indicating which schools have received training and which are scheduled to receive training along with any commentary received from schools, parents etc. relating to the kerbcraft training (appendix 2).
- 3.7 The action plan requires the Audit Committee and Cabinet to assure themselves that the performance of the scheme has improved and risks reduced. To offer members this opportunity a further report will be submitted to the audit Committee and Cabinet in six months time that provides a review of progress of implementation of the action plan.
- 3.8 The Cabinet on the 7th July 2017 amended the recommendation that the service transfer to CYP such that the service remains within the Highways section(Traffic and Road Safety unit) but that robust reporting links be created between the kerbcraft team and CYP colleagues.
- 3.9 A further report on implementation of the Action Plan will be presented to CYP Select Committee along with the performance data which will thereafter form the basis of annual performance reports to the committee (in line with the action plan).

4. REASONS

- 4.1 This report continues the implementation of the Action Plan.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None arising directly from this report.

6. FUTURE GENERATIONS and EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

This report progresses the implementation of the Action Plan. A FGEA was submitted to Council on 20th March 2017 and to Cabinet on the 5th July 2017.

SAFEGUARDING ASSESSMENT:

The report provides members with an update on the implementation of the Kerbcraft Action Plan developed subsequent to WAO highlighting concerns about the adequacy of Safeguarding measures incorporated within the earlier kerbcraft scheme.

7. **CONSULTEES:** CYP officers

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**
Report to Council on the 20th March 2017
Report to Cabinet on the 7th July 2017

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