

Y Bwrdd Gweithredol 20fed Mehefin 2016

Asesiad Digonolrwydd Cyfleoedd Chwarae a'r Cynllun Gweithredu 2016 Y Pwrpas: I gwblhau'r ail Asesiad Digonolrwydd Cyfleoedd Chwarae a'r Cynllun Gweithredu 2016

Yr Argymhellion / Penderfyniadau Allweddol Sydd Eu Hangen:

I roi barn ar y ddogfen crynodeb o'r Asesiad Digonolrwydd Cyfleoedd Chwarae a'r Cynllun Gweithredu cyn cyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru.

Y Rhesymau:

Noda Adran 11 o'r Mesur Plant a Theuluoedd (Cymru) y ddyletswydd ar Awdurdodau Lleol i asesu a diogelu a chyhoeddi gwybodaeth ar gyfleoedd chwarae digonol. Mae'r ddyletswydd yma yn rhan o agenda gwrth tlodi'r Llywodraeth Leol sydd yn cydnabod fod plant yn medru profi tlodi o ran cyfleoedd, profiad a dyhead, a bod y math yma o dlodi yn medru effeithio ar blant o bob cefndir cymdeithasol, diwylliannol ac economaidd ar draws Cymru.

Mae fersiwn draft o'r ffurflen asesu a'r cynllun gweithredu wedi cyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru ar y 31ain Mawrth 2016 a bydd y dogfennau terfynol yn cael i gyflwyno wedi cael cymeradwyaeth y Bwrdd Gweithredol.

Ymgynghorwyd â'r pwyllgor craffu perthnasol – Do – Pwyllgor Craffu Addysg & Phlant ar 23ain Mai 2016

Argymhellion / Sylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu:

PENDERFYNODD y Pwyllgor YN UNFRYDOL cymeradwyo'r Asesiad Digonolrwydd Cynllun a'r Cynllun Gweithredu cysylltiedig i'w ystyried gan y Bwrdd Gweithredol.

Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad OES

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad NAC OES

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE BOARD
20TH JUNE 2016**

Play Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan 2016

Welsh Government placed a Statutory Duty on all Local Authorities across Wales to complete and submit a Play Sufficiency Assessment and accompanying Action Plan every three years. Where the assessment identifies an insufficiency in play opportunities for children in the Local Authority area, the Action Plan must set out what steps need to be taken to improve the opportunities for children.

This assessment makes the following recommendations to address the gaps identified across the Local Authority:

- To adhere to the Statutory Duty and Guidance for assessing, securing and publishing information on Play Opportunities within Carmarthenshire
- To ensure that up to date demographic information is available when planning for the development of play opportunities
- To address the play needs of children and young people living in rural areas
- To offer play opportunities that are inclusive
- To ensure that the play needs of the gypsy traveller children and young people are met
- The play requirements of Young Carers and LGBT children and young people are met
- Local Authority to recognise the importance of open spaces in contributing to children's play needs within the community and the negative effects that selling these spaces has on children and young people
- Local Authority to assess play spaces for play value and accessibility
- Unsupervised play spaces to be clean and healthy spaces for children and their families to experience
- Children are encouraged to play within their communities
- High quality rich play environments are provided and monitored for quality
- To consider the effects of charges for play provision on the accessibility of provision for children and their families
- Children and young people are able to access play opportunities safely and where appropriate independently from adults
- Ensure the play workforce is supported in achieving the qualifications required
- Children, families and communities are consulted with in relation to their views on play and recreational activities

Policies and agendas across the Local Authority Departments to reference play opportunities to enhance children's play opportunities

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES - Carmarthenshire County Council Play Sufficiency Assessment 2016 Summary Document Briefing Paper: Why Play is Important? Briefing Paper: Play Sufficiency Duty
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2. Finance

In addressing the gaps identified within the assessment Local Authorities are required to produce an Action Plan. Within the guidance documents supplied by Welsh Government it is advised that Local Authorities develop a low cost/no cost Action Plan.

The main barrier to addressing the play needs of children and young people as identified within the assessment is the absence of any allocated funding stream for Play Sufficiency. Where departments are providing play opportunities, it is through very limited financial capacity and are struggling to maintain the existing provision let alone developing new play opportunities.

At present, due to budget cuts and financial constraints, the main priority at present will be to maintain existing provision provided by the Local Authority and to support communities in taking over responsibility for their play opportunities.

6. Physical Assets

The Welsh Government Play Sufficiency Guidelines clearly state that the Local Authority should recognise the importance of playing fields as areas of community use for organised sporting activities and for play and informal recreational use. The Local Authority needs to recognise the importance of these playing fields to children's opportunities to play and include children, young people and their families in any consultations on such decisions. Furthermore, Local Authority green spaces and open spaces are valuable play spaces for children and sometimes are the only available pieces of land for playing within a community, and therefore the impact of any disposal of green/open space on children's play and communities should be fully considered and alternative solutions explored so as to not impact negatively.

Consultations with children and young people have shown that the most popular areas for playing/hanging out are fixed play equipment areas, local grassy areas, sports fields/pitches. Therefore, consideration needs to be given to this in light of the Asset Transfer process.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Stefan Smith

Head of Children's Services

1. Scrutiny Committee

Education & Children Scrutiny Committee was consulted on 23rd May 2016

Recommendations / Comments: The Committee UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Plan Sufficiency Assessment and accompanying Action Plan be endorsed for consideration by the Executive Board.

2. Local Member(s)

N/A

3. Community / Town Council

Town and Community Councils were sent consultation questionnaires with regards to the Play Sufficiency Assessment, the returned questionnaire have been used to inform the final assessment form.

4. Relevant Partners

A Play Sufficiency Stakeholder Group has been developed and membership consists of representatives from Local Authority Departments who are required to feed into the Play Sufficiency Assessment. These stakeholders have been consulted on throughout the assessment process with regards to the content of the assessment and action plans.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE