

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

**SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CABINET
BOARD**

15 DECEMBER 2022

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: J.Hale, S.Harris and A.Llewelyn

Officers in Attendance:

A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, K.Warren, C.Jones, S.Waite, N.Jones and A.Thomas

Wales Audit Office:

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A.Llewellyn be appointed Chairperson of the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 10th November 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

That the Social Services, Housing and Community Safety Forward Work Programme be noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions from the public were received.

7. **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT SERVICES - 2ND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT (APRIL 2022- SEPTEMBER 2022)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

8. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DATA 2022-2023 - QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE (1ST APRIL 2022- 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **LEASING SCHEME WALES**

Decision:

That Members approve the implementation of the Leasing Scheme Wales, based upon the proposed offer from Welsh Government to provide and manage up to 82 properties.

In addition, to grant delegated powers to the Head of Adult Services to approve any minor changes to the scheme in the future.

Reason for Decision:

The implementation of the LSW will increase the range of housing options available to assist in discharging statutory homelessness duties into the private sector.

The LSW model has been developed to create an additional intervention that will assist in tackling empty properties, poor housing conditions and associated adverse community impacts.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period, which ends Monday, 19th December 2022.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for an external consultation on this item.

12. **GRANT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF WARM SPACES FUNDING**

Decision:

That the Head of Adult Services be provided delegated authority to award monies comprising the Welsh Government's Warm Hubs Fund and enter into grant agreements with organisations whose applications for Warm Hub Funding has been evaluated as best meeting the Warm Hub application requirements.

Reason for Decision:

To maximise the benefits of the Warm Hubs Fund to the residents of Neath Port Talbot by awarding Warm Hubs Funding in a timely way to the successful applicants.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for immediate implementation.

13. **SUBSTANCE MISUSE COUNSELLING SERVICE**

Decision:

That the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing be granted delegated authority to enter into a new contract with Plattform for the delivery of a Substance Misuse Counselling Service within the Western Bay region for the time and cost set out in this report.

2. That in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 7.2 as to excluding the requirement for competitive tendering and directly award a contract to Plattform for the delivery of a Counselling Service.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the necessary arrangements can continue to be put in place for the provision of specialist, trauma informed, Counselling, for Individuals with substance use issues, in the Swansea Bay region and so as to ensure continuity of care.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period, which ends Monday, 19th December 2022.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for an external consultation on this item.

14. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.

CHAIRPERSON