

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

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

**9 MARCH 2023**

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: S.Harris and A.Llewelyn

**Officers in Attendance:**

T.Davies, Chele.Howard, A.Jarrett and Thomas

**Wales Audit Office:**

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor Llewellyn be appointed Chairperson of the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were noted.

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

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions from the public were received.

7. **WEST GLAMORGAN SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL REPORT**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

8. **HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

9. **QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

10. **SUBSTANCE MISUSE ACTION FUND: GRANT AGREEMENTS**

**Decision:**

- a) That the use of section 7.1.21 of the Contract procedure Rules be noted, whereby a grant agreement was excluded from the requirement for competitive tendering.
- b) That delegated authority be granted to the Interim Head of Housing and Communities, to enter deeds of variation with the:
  - (i) Amman Tawe Valley Medical Practice to extend the current service provided by the Primary Substance Abuse Liaison Team (PSALT) Primary Care Services, for services to be delivered in 2023-24 and for there to be an increase in funding for 2023/2024 in the sum of £10,699 for 2023/2024 to be paid out of the APB's 2022/2023 budget.
  - (ii) Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in respect the Rapid Access Prescribing Service in the Western Bay region for services to be delivered in 2023-24 and for there to be an increase in funding for 2023/2024 in the sum of £158,291 for 2023/2024 to be paid out of the APB's 2022/2023 budget.

- (c) That the joint funding arrangements between the Council and the Office of the PCC in respect of the Rapid Access Services in the Western Bay region be noted.

11. **PARTICIPATION IN WELSH GOVERNMENTS EMPTY HOMES SCHEME**

**Decision:**

- a) That the allocation of £240,000 from the Councils Capital Spending Programme in order to participate in the Welsh Government Empty Homes Scheme, be approved.
- b) That delegated authority be granted to the Interim Head of Housing and Communities to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council for the delivery of the Welsh Government Empty Homes Scheme for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Also, to amend any minor changes to the Scheme.

12. **WESTERN BAY AREA PLANNING BOARD RISK SHARING AGREEMENT**

**Decision:**

That approval be granted to enter into the revised Financial Governance and Risk Sharing agreement with all the responsible authorities to the Area Planning Board, with the exception of the National Probation Service.

13. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.

14. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

15. **CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR A RANGE OF SERVICES FUNDED THROUGH THE HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT 2023/24**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

16. **EXTENSION TO THE PROVISION OF A WELCOME CENTRE IN RESPECT OF UKRAINIANS FLEEING THE CONFLICT**

**Decision:**

- a) That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services Health and Housing, and the Interim Head of Housing and Communities and Chief Finance Officer to accept a revised or further grant offer(s) for the purposes set out within the circulated report, and to enter into the grant agreement(s) with Welsh Government.
- b) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Finance Officer to make claims for funding in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant.
- c) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration in conjunction with the Director of Social Services and Health and Housing, and the Interim Head of Housing and Communities to negotiate and enter into a further agreement(s) or vary and extend the existing agreement with the Goytre Leisure Holdings Limited for the use of the L&A riding centre at Goytre for the purposes of a Welcome Centre, as set out above for such further period(s) as they shall determine and agree.

**17. REQUEST TO PURCHASE PROPERTIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS**

**Decision:**

- a) That £260,000 of capital funding be allocated to purchase and develop properties for the purposes as detailed in the circulated report;
- b) That the Council purchased the necessary properties from the landlords portfolio in order to prevent homelessness;
- c) That the properties are managed by the Social Lettings Agency team.

**CHAIRPERSON**