



***SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE***

2.00 pm THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2015

COMMITTEE ROOMS 1/2 - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

PART 1

1. To receive any declarations of interest from Members
2. To receive the Minutes of the previous Social Care, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 2nd April 2015 (*Pages 1 - 4*)
3. To select appropriate items from the Cabinet Board Agenda for pre-scrutiny (Cabinet Board reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members).
4. Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairman pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972
5. Access to Meetings to resolve to exclude the public for the following item(s) pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the relevant exempt paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

PART 2

6. To select appropriate private items from the Cabinet Board Agenda for pre-scrutiny (Cabinet Board Reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members).

S.Phillips

Chief Executive

**Civic Centre
Port Talbot**

Friday, 8 May 2015

Committee Membership:

Chairman: Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry

Vice Chairman: Councillor Mrs.A.Wingrave

Councillors: A.J.Taylor, H.M.Bebell, Mrs P.Bebell, J.S.Evans,
R.James, Mrs.D.Jones, J.Miller, L.M.Purcell,
A.Taylor, R.Thomas, J.Warman and D.Whitelock

Notes:

- (1) *If Committee Members or non-Committee Members wish to have relevant items put on the agenda for future meetings, then please notify the Chief Executive/Chair eight days before the meeting.*
- (2) *If non-Committee Members wish to attend for an item of interest, then prior notification needs to be given (by 12.00 noon on the day before the meeting). Non-Committee Members may speak but not vote, or move or second any motion.*
- (3) *For pre scrutiny arrangements, the Chair will normally recommend forthcoming executive items for discussion/challenge. It is also open to Committee Members to request items to be raised - though Members are asked to be selective here in regard to important issues.*
- (4) *The relevant Cabinet Board Members will also be invited to be present at the meeting for Scrutiny/ Consultation purposes.*
- (5) *Would the Scrutiny Committee Members please bring the Cabinet Board papers with them to the meeting.*

**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

(Committee Rooms 1/2 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

2nd April 2015

- Chairman:** Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry
- Vice Chairman:** Councillor Mrs.A.Wingrave
- Councillors:** Mrs.D.Jones, J.Miller, L.M.Purcell, A.Taylor,
R.Thomas, J.Warman, Mrs.S.Paddison, R.G.Jones
and J.D.Morgan
- Officers In Attendance** N. Jarman, Mrs.C.Marchant, N.Evans, S. Adie and
Miss A.Flynn
- Cabinet Invitees:** Councillors P.D.Richards and J.Rogers

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1. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SOCIAL CARE,
HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON
20TH FEBRUARY 2015.**

The Committee agreed and noted the minutes.

2. **TO SELECT APPROPRIATE ITEMS FROM THE CABINET
BOARD AGENDA FOR PRE-SCRUTINY.**

**3.1 Transition of Young Adults from Children's Services to Adult
Services Protocol**

Members considered a report that sought approval to implement to
implement the Transition Protocol that had been developed between Adult
and Children's Services.

Members noted that within the compliance statement it was highlighted that
in relation to Equalities the new protocol would have a positive impact.

Members asked whether an Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken. It was stated that there should be an Equality Impact Assessment but checks would be undertaken to ensure that one had been done.

Members asked what the eligibility criteria are. Members were informed that the eligibility criteria are different to the previously used trigger criteria. Currently the categories are critical or substantial and the trigger is a health need. Members further noted that there was no mention within the report of a definition of either critical or substantial. Officers confirmed that this will be shared with Members outside of the meeting.

Following Scrutiny the Committee could not agree with the proposals to be considered by the Cabinet Board and asked that any decision be deferred until an Equalities Impact Assessment was presented to a future meeting.

3.2 Elected Council Members visits to Social Care and Nursing Homes in Neath Port Talbot

Members considered a report on the establishment of a Lay Assessor programme where elected Members carry out visits to independent Social Care and Nursing Homes in Neath Port Talbot.

Members asked why the homes would receive advance warning that someone will be inspecting them because elected Members preferred the idea that no warning is issued. It was stated that a 30 minutes warning had been suggested as there may be occasions when something is happening at the home that means it would not be appropriate for Members to visit. Officers explained that the homes who had agreed to be part of the trial were fully on board with the proposals and welcomed the visits from Members.

Members asked what is the legal obligation in relation to Disclosure and Barring Service checks and whether their ones as school governors are sufficient. It was confirmed that specialist advice would be required and this would be sought from Human Resources.

A specific question was asked on whether Members of the public could be used as lay assessors. It was confirmed that if the pilot was a success then this may be a possibility, it was further noted that The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales had piloted an initiative previously but this had not been taken forward.

Members were advised that the sample questions included in the report were not exhaustive but there as an aide memoir for Members.

As this is a pilot scheme Members requested that they be allowed to give a 15 minute warning.

Following Scrutiny the Committee were supportive of the proposals to be considered by the Cabinet Board.

3.3 Residential/Nursing Home Fees – 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018

Members considered a report that sought to establish the fee levels for the forthcoming three years with the Council's Residential/Nursing Home Providers.

Members asked what was meant by a 3rd party agreement. Members were advised that this is a top up fee but not all homes charge it.

Further information was sought on what EMI funding entailed. It was confirmed that this is for homes that may charge for nursing care. It is in effect the supplementary over and above what the council can pay because its nursing care that must be paid for by health colleagues.

Following scrutiny the Committee was supportive of the proposals to be considered by the Cabinet Board.

3.4 Environmental Health and Trading Standards – Fees and Charges.

Members considered a report that had informed them of the fees and charges that had been set for Environmental Health and Trading Standards for 2015/2016.

Members noted the charge for pest control in relation to rats was £25 and asked was this £25 per visit. It was confirmed that it is a one off charge of £25 until the rats are eradicated. Officers visit the premises to lay bait and will only stop attending once the bait has been taken. If the bait is taken and the rats return at a later date then it will be another chargeable visit.

Following scrutiny the Committee noted the report.

CHAIRMAN

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