

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

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

**21 MARCH 2024**

**Cabinet Members:**

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

**Officers in Attendance:**

A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, C.Howard, K.Warren, Ms.N.Aleksanyan, P.Chivers,  
J.Hodges, C.Howard, A.Jarrett, S.McCluskie, N.Jones, Ms.M.Selby,  
A.Thomas, V.Smith, S.Waite and K.Warren

**Scrutiny Invitees:**

Councillor C.Galsworthy and H.C.Clarke

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor Llewelyn be appointed Chairperson of the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

There were none.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (21ST SEPTEMBER, 25TH  
JANUARY AND 2ND FEBRUARY)**

The minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, were approved.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions from the public were received.

7. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 3**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

8. **NEATH PORT TALBOT SOCIAL SERVICES STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR NEURODIVERGENCE (AUTISM AND OTHER CONDITIONS) 2024-2027**

**Decision:**

That Members grant permission for Officers to conduct a 90-day public consultation period for Neath Port Talbot draft Strategic Action Plan for Neurodivergence 2024-27 as detailed in Appendix 1.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision**

The strategy will promote a cultural shift so that community and services are understanding and welcoming for neurodiverse individuals, families and carers.

**Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

9. **THE CORPORATE PARENTING CHARTER**

**Decision:**

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that Members approve the Council adopting the Corporate Parenting Charter, as detailed in Appendix 3.

### **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

To ensure that the Council has signed up to Welsh Government's Charter as a good Corporate Parent.

### **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

## 10. **POLICY ON FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION**

### **Decision:**

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, it is recommended that the Council implement a charging policy linked to HLA rates, for the provision of Temporary Accommodation to those households that are not in receipt of Housing Benefit.

### **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

To ensure that there is a transparent and equitable process to determining fees for the provision of Temporary Accommodation.

### **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

## 11. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.

## 12. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

## 13. **DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS**

### **Decision:**

That the report be noted.

14. **WESTERN BAY AREA PLANNING BOARD: CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS 2024/2025 FOR A RANGE OF FOR SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

15. **SPOT PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR A SOLE OCCUPANCY CARE AND SUPPORT PROVISION.**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

16. **THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

17. **THE REGULATED SERVICE (SERVICE PROVIDERS AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2017 AND HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME UPDATE**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

18. **COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEVELOPING NPT MOBILE RESPONSE SERVICE**

**Decision:**

That delegated authority be granted for the Head of Social Services to enter in a contract with Llesiant Delta Wellbeing for the delivery of a further Mobile Response Pilot, from April 2024 to the March 2025 to be provided to all areas of Neath Port Talbot.

For information in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 7.2 that the requirement for competitive tendering is excluded for the direct award to

Llesiant Delta Wellbeing, as it is a social care service contract in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 7.1.11.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

Decision on the recommendation is required to enable progression of the NPT agenda for an appropriate and timely response to falls as part of a wider fall's prevention strategy. The tight timescales imposed by the funding arrangements do not allow for procurement via tender at this point. Developing in house service may or may not offer more cost-effective solution, however, is not possible to achieve in the timescale, and we do not currently have the infrastructure to support this safely. Putting out to the open market at this point will cause delay and discontinuity of the developing mobile response service, resulting in a loss of momentum. A direct award for 1 year will ensure continuity and realistic timescale for scoping and implementation of the longer-term solution.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is proposed for implementation following the three-day call-in period.

**CHAIRPERSON**