

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

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

**25 JANUARY 2024**

**Cabinet Members:**

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

**Officers in Attendance:**

A.Jarrett, C.Howard, A.Thomas, K.Warren, I.Guy, N.Jones and A.Thomas.

**Wales Audit Office:**

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor Hale 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**

The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were noted.

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

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions from the public were received.

7. **DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT 22-23**

**Decision:**

That Members note and endorse the Director's Annual Report 22-23 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report for commending to Council for approval.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

To ensure Neath Port Talbot Social Services meet the requirements that every local authority must produce an annual report on the discharge of its social services functions.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period, which ended 9am, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

8. **HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Decision:**

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, it is recommended that Members endorse the Housing and Homelessness Strategic Plan 2024-2027, as detailed in Appendix 1.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

To provide the Housing and Communities Department with a strategic plan of action in order to deliver improved outcomes for the communities of Neath Port Talbot.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period, which ended 9am, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

9. **NEATH PORT TALBOT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SOCIAL CARE STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 - 2026**

**Decision:**

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that Members approve the Neath Port Talbot Children & Young People Services Strategic Plan 2023-26 as detailed in Appendix 1.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

To ensure a range of good quality care and support is available to meet the needs of vulnerable children resident in Neath Port Talbot.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period, which ended 9am, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

10. **NEATH PORT TALBOT ADULT SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY 2023 - 2026**

**Decision:**

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that Members approve the Neath Port Talbot Adult Social Care Strategy 2023-26 as detailed in Appendix 1.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

To ensure a range of good quality care and support is available to meet the needs of adults' resident in Neath Port Talbot.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period, which ended 9am, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

11. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.

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

**Decision:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in Paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local

Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 subject to the Public Interest Test (where appropriate) being applied.

13. **HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN - APPENDIX 6 AND 7 (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 15)**

These were the private appendices relating to agenda item 8, Housing and Homelessness Strategic Plan 2024 - 2027 and were not discussed in the meeting.

14. **NEATH PORT TALBOT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SOCIAL CARE STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026 - APPENDIX 5 (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14 )**

These were the private appendices relating to agenda item 9, Neath Port Talbot Children & Young People Social Care Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026 and were not discussed in the meeting.

15. **BUSINESS CASE FOR ESTABLISHING AN IN-HOUSE ADULT FAMILY PLACEMENT SERVICE**

**Decision:**

That members grant permission for Officers to make the necessary preparations to bring the Adult Family Placements Service in-house including:

- Serve notice on the current provider ('Ategi') that the Council does not intend to renew its contract after the current arrangement ends on 30th April 2024.
- Engage with Ategi so that potential TUPE arrangements are applied with a view to establishing a Council in-house team.
- Implement a Host payment banding system, including exploring possible budgeted payment uplifts with effect from April 2024.
- Approve delegated authority for the Head of Adult Services to enter into an agreement with Swansea Council to run the service on their behalf.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

To take into account the social care resources available when undertaking an assessment or reassessment of individuals' needs; to

ensure a sustainable range of good quality adult social care services are available to meet the needs of the most vulnerable citizens of Neath Port Talbot; to contribute towards the budgetary savings identified in the Council's Financial Plan; and to contribute to Welsh Government's aim to rebalance the social care market by moving services away from for-profit organisations

**Implementation of Decision:**

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**CHAIRPERSON**