



***SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE***

10.00 AM THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2024

***MULTI-LOCATION MEETING - CONFERENCE ROOM, PORT TALBOT
CIVIC CENTRE & MICROSOFT TEAMS***

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1. Chair's Announcements
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (*Pages 5 - 8*)
 - 2 February 2024
4. Pre-Decision Scrutiny
To select appropriate items from the Cabinet Board agenda for Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Cabinet Board reports included for Scrutiny Members)
5. Urgent Items
Any urgent items at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100BA(6)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
6. Access to meetings

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

7. Pre-Decision Scrutiny of Private Item/s
To select appropriate private items from the Cabinet Board agenda for Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Cabinet Board reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members)

K.Jones
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

Friday, 12 April 2024

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: **Councillor C.Galsworthy**

Vice
Chairperson: **Councillor H.C.Clarke**

Councillors: H.Davies, O.S.Davies, S.E.Freeguard, J.Jones,
A.Lodwig, S.Rahaman, P.D.Richards, D.Thomas
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.*

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Social Services, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee
(Multi-Location Meeting - Council Chamber, Port Talbot & Microsoft Teams)

Members Present:

2 February 2024

Chairperson: Councillor C.Galsworthy

Vice Chairperson: Councillor H.C.Clarke

Councillors: H.Davies, O.S.Davies, S.E.Freeguard,
A.Lodwig, P.D.Richards and D.Whitelock

Officers In Attendance R Davies, J.Hodges, C.Howard, A.Jarrett,
A.J.Thomas, K.Warren, E.Wellington, S.Hockin,
S.Waite, H.Short, D.Jones, J.Lewis-Adie,
M.Edwards, P.Cotgias, N.Jones and A.Thomas

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

1. **Chair's Announcements**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny**

Permission to Consult on the review of Commissioned Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Emergency Accommodation Services.

Members considered the report as circulated with the agenda pack.

Officers outlined the funding that is utilised for this item.

A review of the services has been undertaken, with the aim to identify ways to remodel services so that it is more in line with best practice and ensures that emergency accommodation services can meet current and future needs. This work is not linked to any efficiency target or driven by financial savings. The purpose of the review is to ensure that models that are commissioned offer optimised services and respond to the needs of those people who require such services.

There has been various engagement works carried out. The feedback has been positive in relation to the proposed model. Research has been undertaken across UK in good practice. The report outlines an identified need to diversify the type of accommodation that is funded.

Members expressed concern about the dispersed units identified in the options and who would utilise them. Officers confirmed that all of the services will be for people who need to remove themselves from an unsafe environment. The accommodation will not be utilised for general needs.

Members wished to ask question on the private part of the report.

Members proposed and seconded access to meetings.

Resolved: 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.

Resolved: To suspend access to meetings.

Following scrutiny, the recommendation was supported to Cabinet Board.

4. **Committee Action Log**

The committee action log was noted.

5. **Forward Work Programme 2023/24**

Members agreed to consider the reinstatement of visits to care homes.

The forward work programme was noted.

6. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

7. **Access to meetings**

Resolved: 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.

8. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny of Private Item/s**

Contractual arrangements with The Hollins

Members considered the report as circulated within the agenda pack.

Following scrutiny, members noted the report.

Housing Renewal & Adaptation Service Repayment of Disabled Facility Grant Monies

Members considered the report as circulated within the agenda pack.

Following scrutiny, the recommendation was support to Cabinet Board.

Review of client fees to ensure quality and sustainable assistive technology services

Members considered the report as circulated within the agenda pack.

Following scrutiny, the recommendation was supported to Cabinet Board.

Nomination Agreement for Private Sector Temporary Accommodation

Members considered the report as circulated within the agenda pack.

Following scrutiny, the recommendation was supported to Cabinet Board with amendment.

CHAIRPERSON