

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Committee Rooms A/B - Neath Civic Centre)

Members Present:

14 April 2016

Chairperson: Councillor Mrs.D.Jones

Vice Chairperson: Councillor Mrs.A.Wingrave

Councillors: J.S.Evans, H.N.James, J.Miller, L.M.Purcell,
A.Taylor and D.Whitelock

Officers In Attendance Mrs. A Thomas A.Jarrett and Mrs A Saunders

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors P.D.Richards and A.J.Taylor

1. **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 MARCH 2016**

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th March and noted the need for amendments. On page four on the fourth paragraph down there was a spelling error and that it should duplication not supplication.

Members also stated that the paragraph did not read properly and should be amended to make sense. The paragraph should read "Members asked whether there was a duplication of effort across the programme. It was stated that it was not clear there was no duplication but it was highlighted that the Western Bay Programme was trying to ensure a consistent approach across the region whilst attempting to achieve economies of scale"

Following scrutiny the minutes were noted.

2. **TO RECEIVE THE SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2015/2016**

Members noted that the Modernising Day Services report had been moved to the next meeting and asked for an explanation. It was

confirmed that as the Director was away the report was moved as he wanted to present it to the Committee himself.

Following scrutiny the report was noted.

3. **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.**

4. **PRE SCRUTINY**

The committee scrutinised the following private matters:

Cabinet Board Proposals

i. **To Embark on Individual Financial Dialogue with Two Learning Disability Providers**

Members considered a report to obtain Member approval to begin financial dialogue with two agencies for two new supported living schemes.

Members asked would this result in any financial savings for the Council. It was stated that it would not provide savings immediately but would be less if the Council engaged with two different providers plus the arrangements proposed would provide more benefits.

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

ii. **Provider Support for Administering Direct Payments**

Members considered a report that sought Member approval to enter into a temporary agreement with Independent Living Brokerage Partnership Ltd (ILBP Ltd) for the provision of services in relation to administering Direct Payments.

Members queried the dates contained within the report and stated that the report could have been presented to the previous meeting and asked for confirmation that they were being asked to consider a retrospective decision. It was confirmed that this was the case.

Members asked for further clarity on what happened between the 6th April and 14th April. Officers stated there have been no new referrals since the 5th April because they did not have the authority to do so.

Members noted that in previous meetings there has been an emphasis on Direct Payments and understood there is a need for the rollout to be successful. Members asked if they could be kept up to date on a regular basis on the take up of Direct Payments. Officers agreed to this request and made Members aware that the targets set were challenging and may not be met immediately but over the full year the target will be met.

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

CHAIRPERSON