

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

***2.00 pm THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2016***

***COMMITTEE ROOMS A/B - NEATH 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 14 April 2016 (*Pages 3 - 6*)
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, 6 May 2016**

## **Committee Membership:**

**Chairman:**            **Councillor Mrs.D.Jones**

**Vice Chairman:**    **Councillor Mrs.A.Wingrave**

**Councillors:**        H.M.Bebell, Mrs P.Bebell, J.S.Evans, R.James,  
J.Miller, L.M.Purcell, C.Morgan, A.Taylor,  
R.Thomas, D.Whitelock and H.N.James

### *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.*

**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

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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> April. Officers stated there have been no new referrals since the 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

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