

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET BOARD - 20 OCTOBER, 2016

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: J.Rogers (Chairperson) and P.D.Richards

Officers in Attendance:

Mrs.A.Thomas and Mrs.T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor J.Rogers be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING CABINET BOARD HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **SOCIAL SERVICES COMPLAINTS AND REPRESENTATIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

4. **NPT HOMES PROGRESS REPORT - TO SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

5. **ELECTED MEMBERS VISITS TO SOCIAL CARE AND NURSING HOMES**

Decision:

That the continuation of the Lay Assessor Programme which will consist of annual 'unannounced' visits to be carried out by Members of the Social Care, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee to all independent residential and nursing homes in Neath Port Talbot, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To monitor the delivery of care at these establishments and help ensure that people who need care and support receive it to an appropriate and safe standard.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

6. **SOCIAL SERVICES WELLBEING ACT DATA COLLECTION REPORT**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

7. **INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE SERVICE**

Decisions:

1. That the Family Information Service system be developed to help meet the requirement to establish an Information, Advice and Assistance Service under s17 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014;
2. That the Action Plan, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

To authorise Officers to develop the existing Family Information Service system to meet the requirements of s17 of the Social Services and

Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and to authorise Officers to take a range of other actions identified as necessary to comply with the statutory code of practice published by Welsh Government to aid implementation of the Act.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

8. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

Decision:

That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

9. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

Decision:

That pursuant to Regulation 4(3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

10. **CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT**

Decisions:

1. That Rule 2 of the Contract Procedure Rules be suspended with regards to the appointments, as detailed within the private circulated report;
2. That the Head of Commissioning and Support Services and the Head of Community Care Services be granted delegated authority, as appropriate, to enter into contractual arrangements with the agencies, and concerning the posts and individuals, as detailed within the private circulated report.

Reasons for Decisions:

1. To ensure appropriate expertise and knowledge are in place to lead and manage the Directorate through the significant improvements required in relation to service delivery and budget reduction;
2. To allow for an appropriate transition period for any permanent appointments to the substantive posts due to the significant recruitment and retention issues experienced in filling the positions. This will aid the Council in securing and retaining the services of suitably qualified, highly skilled and experienced people who are essential to the delivery of improved Adult's Services.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

11. **REPAYMENT OF GRANT MONIES**

Decision:

That the grant monies, as detailed in the private circulated report, be waived for the reasons given therein.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Authority exercises its discretion under The Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy and Policy published in July 2003, pursuant to the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) England & Wales Order 2002.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON