

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

2nd MARCH 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING – N. JARMAN

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

Transfer of Responsibilities between the Head of Community Care and Housing and the Head of Business Strategy and Public Protection

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to:

- (i) seek Members approval for the transfer of responsibilities for Housing Strategy, Housing Options, Homeless Support Tenancies and Housing Renewals from the Head of Community Care and Housing to the Head of Business Strategy and Public Protection.
- (ii) recommend that the Head of Community Care and Housing be re-designated Head of Community Care and Commissioning.

2. Background

The Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and The Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014 highlights the synergies that exist between housing, environmental health functions and wider cross cutting duties across the Council. The Head of Business Strategy and Public Protection currently has responsibility for Environmental Health and Trading Standards functions, therefore, it is proposed to realign housing functions within public protection services.

It is further proposed to review public protection services during 2015-2016 to ensure compliance with the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014.

The Head of Community Care and Housing will have responsibility for commissioning across the whole of the Social Services, Health and Housing Directorate. Consultation is currently ongoing with the

workforce and Trade Unions to create a Common Commissioning Unit within the Social Services Health and Housing Directorate. The Unit will amalgamate all of the Directorate's commissioning functions including analysis, planning, service developments contracting and procurement. Therefore, approval is sought to re-designate the Head of Community Care and Housing to Head of Community Care and Commissioning.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- (i) responsibility for Housing Strategy, Housing Options, Homeless Supported Tenancies and Housing Renewals are transferred from the Head of Community Care and Housing to the Head of Business Strategy and Public Protection
- (ii) the Head of Community Care and Housing be redesignated Head of Community Care and Commissioning.

4. Reason for Proposed Decision

To ensure key functions within the Social Services Health and Housing Directorate are realigned to improve service delivery and ensure compliance with the outcomes required by the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and The Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014.

5. Financial Impact

None

6. List of Background Papers

Housing (Wales) Act 2014
Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014
Common Commissioning Unit – Consultation Document February 2014

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