

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET BOARD – 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: J.Rogers and P.D.Richards

Officers in Attendance:

Mrs A.Thomas, Mrs C.Marchant, Mrs L.Morgan, G.Evans, G.Griffiths,
Mrs.A.Manchip and Mrs T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

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

2. **MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING
CABINET BOARD HELD ON 17TH JULY, 2014**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **QUARTER 1 2014 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - SOCIAL CARE,
HEALTH AND HOUSING**

Members discussed the Performance Indicators and queried why PPN/001 (SID) (page 16 to the circulated report) relating to Health and Safety was classed as 'on hold' with 0% performance for both 2013/14 and 2014/15. The Head of Service advised Members that she would find out the answer and provide them with the information.

Members felt that they would prefer to see the Performance Indicators displayed as actual figures rather than percentages, but Officers explained this was due to Welsh Government's reporting requirements.

With regard to HHA/017 (SID) on page 26 to the circulated report (the average number of day that all homeless households spent in either bed and breakfast accommodation or other forms of temporary accommodation) Officers explained that there had been a 'log jam' with homeless people waiting to move into one bedroom accommodation due to the changes brought about by Welfare Reform (particularly the 'Bedroom Tax'). Members noted that due to changes being introduced in April 2015 to the Housing Wales Act, which would open up the private rental sector, Officers were hopeful that they would have more access to one bedroom properties.

Members noted that since the circulated report had been published, the rate of delayed transfers of care for social care reasons per 1000 population aged 75 or over (SCA/001 (NSI)) had fallen. It was hoped that this trend would continue as more money was put into intermediate tier services.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

4. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION**

Decision:

That the following urgency decision taken by the Head of Community Care and Housing Services, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No. 0834 dated the 26th August, 2014

Direct Payments Provider.

5. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION**

Decision:

That the following urgency decision taken by the Head of Community Care and Housing Services, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No. 0798 dated the 21st August, 2014

Housing Renewal Area, Framework of Contrators.

6. **PROPOSED RELOCATION OF ARWELFA DAY CENTRE (UPPER AFAN VALLEY)**

Members emphasised that good consultation with Local Members would be key. Officers provided an overview of the Equalities Impact Assessment, which was included within the circulated report.

Decision:

That having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment, approval be given to consult for 30 days on the proposed relocation of Arwelfa Day Service from its current location at Eastern Avenue, Croeserw, Cymmer to the Croeserw Community Enterprise Centre, Croeserw, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the future delivery of an active day service for older people in Neath Port Talbot within a suitable fit-for-purpose building which can provide all the amenities necessary for the day service to successfully operate. The decision also allows for the re-use of the vacated Arwelfa Day Centre site.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is for immediate implementation due to the timescales required for the consultation period.

Consultation:

This item will be subject to a 30-day consultation with service users.

7. **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND NPT HOMES - SHARED ALLOCATION POLICY**

Members received an overview of the circulated report, which included an Equalities Impact Assessment, and noted the key differences between the current and proposed policies, one of which would be the move from a points based system to a banding based assessment of need.

Members were pleased to note that the new system would make the application process much simpler for applicants. It was hoped that waiting lists would reduce and it would make it more efficient for adapted properties to be allocated.

Officers confirmed that following the proposed consultation, the report would be brought back before the Social Care, Health and Housing Cabinet Board for decision.

Decision:

That having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment, the consultative draft allocation policy (as detailed in the circulated) be approved, and that consultation on the Policy be undertaken over the next three months.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Authority to fulfil its statutory obligations.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item will be subject to extensive consultation and engagement.

8. **TO RECEIVE THE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN