

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

29 JULY 2016

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: A.H.Thomas, P.A.Rees, M.L.James, E.V.Latham,
Mrs.S.Miller, P.D.Richards, A.J.Taylor and A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, A.Evans, N. Jarman, G.Nutt and Mrs.A.Manchipp

1. **RENEGOTIATION OF RESIDENTIAL CARE CONTACT WITH POBL**

Cabinet considered the points raised by the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee Members, invited Members of the Social Care, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee and relevant Ward Members.

Decisions:

1. That the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing be authorised to undertake a six week consultation with service users/families at Arwelfa, Croeserw and Trem y Glyn, Glynneath on the content of the report, commencing on 5 August 2016;
2. That a further report on the outcome of the consultations be brought back to Members for final decision in October, 2016;
3. That, pending the outcome of the consultations and consideration by Members, as contained in 2. above, negotiations with Pobl be concluded on both the Guaranteed Bed Commitment and the cessation of development of the two sites at Glynneath and Croeserw, in order to finalise the Deed of Variation.

Reasons for Decisions:

1. To authorise amendments to the residential care contract with Pobl as set out in the circulated report;

2. As there is reduced demand for Residential Care, meaning that the Guaranteed Bed Commitment needs to be reduced; and that it is unnecessary to build the provisions proposed originally for Arwelfa and Glynneath;
3. The Council's FFP contains provisions that project and necessitate savings from this contract.
4. The Council would not be able to justify expenditure upon provision that is now known not to be needed. Nor is it right to force older citizens into Residential Care, when most do not want it. The Council's policy is to promote independence and choice.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

2. **BUDGET MONITORING**

Decisions:

1. That the budget monitoring information be noted and management arrangements put in place to minimise overspends and the adverse impact on reserves;
2. That Members note the additional grants received;
3. That the proposed reserve movements and budget virements be approved and those exceeding £500,000 be commended to Council for approval.

Reason for Decisions:

To update the Council's budget for additional grants received, budget virements and reserve movements in line with the Council's Constitution.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions are for implementation after consultation with the Scrutiny Committee and then consideration and approval by Council.

3. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING**

Decisions:

1. That the proposed 2016/17 capital budget monitoring, totalling £48.460m, as contained in the circulated report, be approved and commended to Council;
2. That the position in relation to expenditure as at 30 June 2016, be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To update the capital programme for 2016/17 and inform Members of the current year spend to date.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions are for implementation after consultation with the Scrutiny Committee and approval by Council.

CHAIRPERSON