



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL
Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

3 March 2022

Report of the Head of Adult Services – Mrs Angela Thomas

Matter for information

Wards Affected: Briton Ferry

HOMELESSNESS PROVISION DURING COVID-19 PERIOD

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of an additional premises to be used by the Homelessness Service as emergency Interim Accommodation at the Treetops B&B Briton Ferry, which will be for the exclusive use of the service.

Background

2. It is was approved by Cabinet in April 2020 that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Adult Services to arrange accommodation provision for homeless individuals and families as and when necessary and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Adult Services to enter into contractual arrangements to facilitate the same.
3. Since the emergency period first began in March 2020 the need for interim emergency accommodation has risen from approx. 40 people needing accommodation to currently over 150, officers

have been liaising with organisations within the Neath Port Talbot locality to assist in the provision of temporary accommodation for those classed as homeless within Neath Port Talbot.

4. The Council usually utilises a number of bed and breakfasts within the locality and in the Swansea area on a spot purchase basis, i.e. arranging rooms within such venues as and when required.
5. The Council has recently arranged the provision of accommodation at the Treetops B&B, Briton Ferry, Neath for homelessness accommodation utilising the 6 bedrooms and facilities.
6. This Council will have exclusive use of the premises and working with the owners will employ a 24/7 security provision.

Financial Impacts

7. The cost of placing service users in the B&B will be met by the Welsh Government Hardship fund until March 2023.

Integrated Impact Assessment

8. An integrated impact assessment is not required for this report.

Valleys Communities Impacts

9. No impacts.

Workforce Impacts

10. No impacts.

Legal Impacts

11. No impacts.

Risk Management Impacts

12. It is critical for the Council to ensure suitable arrangements are in place to ensure provision of accommodation for those classified as homeless.

Consultation

12. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

13. Report for information, Head of Service using delegated powers has approved the proposal.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

14. To ensure that suitable arrangements are in place to house vulnerable individuals who have been classified as homeless.

Implementation of Decision

15. The decision will be implemented immediately.

Appendices

16. None.

List of Background Papers

17. None.

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