

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

**SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CABINET
BOARD**

21 SEPTEMBER 2023

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.Harris and A.Llewelyn

Officers in Attendance:

A.Jarrett, C.Howard, C.Griffiths, A.O'Donnell, N.Jones, P.Chivers and
A.Thomas

Wales Audit Office:

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor Harris be appointed Chairperson of the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

There were none.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 13th July 2023 were noted.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions from the public were received.

7. **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

That the content and publication of the final Healthy Relationships for Stronger Communities Strategy be approved.

8. **COMMISSIONING OF CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THREE SUPPORTED LIVING SCHEMES**

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, and providing First Choice Housing Association be granted the relevant planning permissions to take forward the construction of the accommodation (as detailed in the circulated report)

a) The undertaking of a procurement exercise to commission care and support services to people living in the Supported Living Schemes, be approved.

b) Following the procurement process, the Head of Adult Services, in conjunction with the relevant cabinet member/s, be granted delegated authority to enter into a contract with the successful bidder, for the provision of care and support to people residing in the Supported Living Schemes.

9. **DELEGATION UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION TO BRITON FERRY TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING THE PROVISION OF A DAY SERVICE**

a) That having had due regard to the integrated impact screening assessment, that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council grant a one year delegation to Briton Ferry Town Council pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 to operate a community meals service at Liberty Hall, Briton Ferry, in accordance with the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 and Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.

b) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Adult Services in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into a suitable agreement to document this delegation.

10. **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE, ADULT SERVICES AND HOUSING & COMMUNITY SAFETY - 1ST QUARTER (APRIL 2023- JUNE 2023) PERFORMANCE REPORT**

That the report be noted.

11. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.

12. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

13. **BUSINESS CASE FOR ESTABLISHING AN IN-HOUSE ADULT FAMILY PLACEMENT SERVICE**

That permission be granted for Officers to:

- a) Conduct a 30 day consultation exercise.
- b) Negotiate a contract end date with the existing Provider to cover the timeline of bringing the service in house.
- c) Recruit an in-house team with a view to expanding uptake of Adult Family Placements and explore different client groups and support needs.
- d) Implement a Host payment banding system.
- e) Utilise the profiling tool to assess new and existing clients.
- f) Once agreed, phase in new rates to existing client/host combinations over a two-year period, but implement immediately for any new combinations.

14. **IN-HOUSE DELIVERY OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVALS**

That having had due regard to the integrated impact screening assessment:

- a) The proposal for Installations, Maintenance and Removals services to be provided in-house by Assistive Technology Service, be approved.

- b) Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Adult Services to issue a notice of termination to Care and Repair Western Bay terminating the Assistive Technology contract.
- c) Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Adult Services in consultation with the Head of People and Organisational Development, to facilitate any TUPE transfer that may be applicable between Care and Repair Western Bay and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

15. **AUDIT REPORT NO. 13 - HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME.**

That the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON