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CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2021 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: C. Bezzina (Chair), K. Etheridge, A. Gair, V. James, L. Jeremiah, S. Skivens, C. Thomas, W. Williams.

Councillor S. Cook (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Housing).

Co-opted Members: C. Luke and P. Cook

Officers: G. Jenkins (Acting Corporate Director – Head of Children’s Services), J. Williams (Assistant Director – Adult Services), M. Jones (Financial Services Manager), R. Morris (Principal Income and Assessment Officer), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer), and J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance: ABUHB representatives - N. Prydodzicz (Director of Planning, Digital and IT), N. Wood (Director of Primary, Community and Mental Health), L. Watkins (Interim Director of Operations), A. Richards (Accident and Emergency), and A. Bagwell (Anaesthetics).

APOLOGIES:

Councillors A. Angel, J. Bevan, C. Bishop, D. Cushing, M. Evans, J. Gale, D. Harse and A. Leonard and M. Jones (Co-opted member).

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	Cllr. V James declared an interest as he is a Senior Manager within Adult Services, for another local authority. The Scrutiny Officer advised that this was not a personal or prejudicial interest in relation to any item on the agenda.	N/A
3.	Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held on the 1 st November 2021.	Approved as a correct record.	8 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
4.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	No matters had been called in.	N/A
5.	Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.	RESOLVED that the Forward Work Programme as appended to the meeting papers be published on the Council’s website.	8 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
6.	To receive and consider the Cabinet report listed on the agenda.	The Cabinet report listed on the agenda had not been called forward for discussion at the meeting.	N/A

7.	ABUHB Presentation	RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.	Noted
8.	Final Report from the Task and Finish Group on Non-Residential Care Charges.	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report, in relation to the Hourly Rate for Home Care, Option 2 was moved and seconded and then progressed to vote by rollcall, verbal communication.</p> <p>Option 2: That Committee supports an annual increase of 6% for hourly rates. This would mean that that the hourly rate within the County Borough would reach the Welsh median in 2025/26, assuming an annual inflationary uplift of 2% by the other Welsh Local Authorities surveyed. The hourly rate for 2025/26 would be £19.35. In 2026/27 the hourly rate would be £20.51.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report, in relation to the Sessional rate for Day Care, Option 2 was moved and seconded and then progressed to vote by rollcall, verbal communication.</p> <p>Option 2: That Committee supports an annual increase of 20% for sessional rates. This would mean that that the sessional rate within the County Borough would not reach the Welsh median but would rise out of the lower quartile of rates for Wales in 2023/24, assuming an annual inflationary uplift of 2% by the other Welsh Local Authorities surveyed. The sessional rate for 2023/24 would be £16.70. In 2026/27 the sessional rate would be £28.84.</p>	<p>5 For 1 Against 0 Abstentions</p> <p>5 For 1 Against 0 Abstentions</p>
9.	Gwent Regional Partnership Board Annual Report 2020/2021.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers Report, the content be noted.	Noted

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