



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL 2013 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor H.A. Andrews - Chairman

Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead (HR & Governance/Business Manager), D.T. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), G. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing), Mrs R. Passmore (Education and Lifelong Learning), D.V. Poole (Community and Leisure Services), K.V. Reynolds (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services), T.J. Williams (Highways, Transportation and Engineering).

Together with:

S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive), D. Street (Acting Director Social Services), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services and S151).

Also present:

P. Evans (Head of ICT & Customer Services), S. Pugh (Communications Manager), R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection), C. Edwards (Environmental Health Manager), J. Williams (Interim Assistant Director), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Research Officer), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors K. James and R. Woodyatt and Mr N. Barnett, Acting Chief Executive.

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C. Forehead declared an interest in agenda items 3(2) and 3(3) - her daughter is employed by Blaenau Gwent CBC.

Councillor D.T. Hardacre declared an interest in agenda items 3(4) and 3(5) - his wife receives day care. Councillor Hardacre left the meeting during consideration of these two items.

138. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19th March 2013 (minute nos. 134-136; page nos. 63-64) be approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

139. DRAFT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The report seeking views and in principle endorsement of the draft strategy, was considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 5th March 2013. Whilst the Scrutiny Committee endorsed the draft strategy in principle, Members raised several issues, which were addressed in the covering report to Cabinet.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the Communications Unit lead a working group with cross directorate representation in taking forward the Action Plan.

140. COLLABORATION - DELIVERY OF PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor Mrs C. Forehead declared an interest in this item as her daughter is employed by Blaenau Gwent CBC.

The report sought approval to enter into a collaborative working arrangement for pest control services with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. A copy of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) is attached as an appendix to the report. The cost to Blaenau Gwent CBC of the SLA will be £60,000 per annum. The agreement will be effective for five years from 15th April 2013, expiring on 31st March 2018.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, approval be given to enter into a Service Level Agreement to deliver the Pest Control Service for Blaenau Gwent Council for five years effective from 15th April 2013.

141. CAERPHILLY AND BLAENAU GWENT SOCIAL SERVICES INTEGRATION PROGRAMME - DECISION TO PROCEED OR NOT

Councillor Mrs C. Forehead declared an interest in this item as her daughter is employed by Blaenau Gwent CBC.

The report outlined the work completed to date on the programme of integration of Caerphilly CBC and Blaenau Gwent CBC Social Services Directorates; Informed Members of the detail of the financial analysis undertaken by the Section 151 officers and recommended a way forward in terms of a decision to proceed or not to an integrated model of working. It was intended that the report would be presented to the next meeting of the Health Social Care and Well-being Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report: -

1. The considerable progress made in scoping the potential integration together with the successful outcome in relation to the Interim Joint Workforce Development Service, be noted.
2. Members support Option 4 in that the Authority does not proceed to work up the case for full integration or a Joint Management Team but explores the potential for further collaboration on an individual Business Case basis.

142. REVIEW OF DAY CARE SERVICES, OLDER PERSONS

Councillor D.T. Hardacre declared an interest in this item as his wife receives day care. Councillor Hardacre left the meeting during consideration of this item.

The report which was considered by the Health, Social Care and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee on 26th March 2013 informed Members of the review of the management structure of day care services that provide support for older people, younger adults with a physical disability and adults with a diagnosis of dementia. The Scrutiny Committee endorsed the proposed changes to the management structure within Day Services prior to the report being presented to Cabinet for formal approval.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the proposed changes to the management structure within Day Services be approved

143. NON-RESIDENTIAL CHARGING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Councillor D.T. Hardacre declared an interest in this item as his wife receives day care. Councillor Hardacre left the meeting during consideration of this item.

The report, which was considered by the Health Social Care and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee on 26th March 2013, sought Members' views on the final recommendations of the Non-Residential Social Services Charging Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report: -

1. The Council increase the hourly rate for home care and supported living to £7.88 followed by a further increase of 10% per annum in subsequent years. To be reviewed after 5 years.
2. The Council increase the daily rate for day care services to £3.24 followed by a further increase of 20% per annum in subsequent years. To be reviewed after 5 years.
3. Service users residing in Extra Care facilities who are receiving domiciliary care services should be financially assessed under the Fairer Charging policy, to bring them in line with other non-residential service users.
4. A report be presented to Health Social Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee at a future date that details the support element of home care, level of provision and recommendations on charging.
5. The Council should include savings in the financial assessment for ability to pay a contribution towards non-residential social services.
6. The Council should include in the policy a statement to state clearly circumstances when a financial assessment or charge will be waived or deferred. The statement to include a time limit of three months.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 30th April 2013.

CHAIRMAN