



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 18 December, 2018

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor R Bevan, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor G Hopkins,
Councillor M Norris, Councillor J Rosser, Councillor R Lewis and
Councillor C Leyshon

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor P Jarman, Councillor M Weaver & Councillor E Webster.

Agenda Item : 10

**SUBJECT: FOSTERING SERVICES - REGIONAL COLLABORATION TO CREATE A
FRONT DOOR FOR FOSTER CARER RECRUITMENT**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

Following the consideration of the report of the Group Director, Community & Children's Services containing exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), it was

AGREED:

1. To note the information contained within the report and to give formal approval to commence specific proposals to work collaboratively with MTCBC to create a regional front door for fostering recruitment enquiries, consisting of a call centre function, recruitment officer and marketing officer.
2. To terminate all elements of the current contract arrangements and bring the assessment of potential foster carers back in house to RCTCBC.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to provide Cabinet with a proposal to create a Cwm Taf Regional front door for Fostering Services in order to handle all fostering recruitment enquiries, process applications, co-ordinate the marketing function and support potential foster carers through the process of becoming a foster carer.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The implementation of the Regional front door for fostering enquiries will make a positive contribution towards the Council's Corporate Plan Vision of '*a County Borough that has high aspirations, is confident and promotes opportunity for all*'.

It will also help the Council to meet three of the seven wellbeing goals that The Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015' puts in place as follows:

1. A more equal Wales
2. A healthier Wales
3. A Wales of cohesive communities

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

Consultation with key stakeholders has taken place through consultation events and attendance at the NFF regional development managers meetings and NFF Strategic Steering Group.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

None

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Yes

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication i.e. **24 December 2018** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

- I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-
Reason: N/A

- II. URGENT DECISION:-
Reason N/A

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

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