



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 19 December, 2018**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor G Hopkins (Chair), Councillor C Leyshon and Councillor R Lewis

**Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor M Norris

***Agenda Item : 3***

**SUBJECT: Rhondda Cynon Taf Trust Fund for Visually Impaired People**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To approve the release of the remaining CCLA (Church Charities and Local Authorities) investments in order that these funds can be used to support the transition and winding up of the existing service for (approximately) an additional year 2019-2020;
2. That the Council's Finance (Treasury Management Department), which manages the Trust Fund on a day to day basis, be instructed to release the remaining funds in accordance with 1. above;
3. To note that due to the limited funds available the Trust Fund would thereafter be 'wound up' during the period January-March 2020;
4. To note that once the Trust Fund has been 'wound up' there will be no Cardiff Institute for the Blind (t/a RNIB Cymru) office base (currently in Courthouse Street Pontypridd) within the Rhondda Cynon Taf area;
5. To note that whilst the 'New Places, New Experiences' project funded by the Big Lottery Fund and delivered by an RNIB co-ordinator, will still provide a service to people within Rhondda Cynon Taf, this service is different to that which is being delivered by the Trust Fund monies.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to update the Trustees regarding the services currently provided by Cardiff Institute for the Blind (t/a RNIB Cymru) to citizens within Rhondda Cynon Taf, which are funded from the Trust Fund, whose reserves are now diminished.

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

The report supports the Council Corporate priorities, namely people.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

As part of the ongoing monitoring of the service contract CIB have provided evidence that they have undertaken consultation on user satisfaction with service users. This evidence has been reviewed as part of the monitoring arrangement by officers of the Council.

**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. **25 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.

**N.B** As the implementation date falls on a Bank Holiday the decision will be implemented from the next available working day i.e. 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

**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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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**