



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

**RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION**


**SUBJECT: Housing (Wales) Act 2014**

**PURPOSE OF ATTACHED REPORT:**

Confirmation of cabinet decision made on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 in respect of Section 78 of the above act on intentional homelessness

**DELEGATED DECISION (Date):**

Rhondda Cynon Taf does not exclude any of the groups named in section 4.3.5 of the attached report, but rather continues to apply the "intentionality test" to all of them and publishes its intent to do so in accordance with Welsh Government guidance.

<b>Chief Officer Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
	A. SINGARUKI	19/05/15

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

of the County of Santa Clara, California

held at the County Administration Center, San Jose, California

on the 1st day of March, 1914

Present: Mr. J. H. ...

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, California, held at the County Administration Center, San Jose, California, on the 1st day of March, 1914.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County at San Jose, California, this 1st day of March, 1914.

K. J. Moran

**CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE**

15/5/15

**DATE**

P. Howells

**OFFICER CONSULTEE SIGNATURE**

19/5/15

**DATE**

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# RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014-15

### REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE DECISION OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

Part 1 Non confidential
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<b>Housing (Wales) Act 2014</b>
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#### 1. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To seek approval that Rhondda Cynon Taf Council continues to apply the 'intentionality test' and publishes its intent to do so in accordance with Welsh Government direction.

In accordance with the council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended Officer decision of the Group Director, Community & Children's Services as described below.

#### 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

Rhondda Cynon Taf does not exclude any of the groups named in section 4.3.5 of the Cabinet report of the 19<sup>th</sup> March (Cabinet 19-Mar-2015), but rather continues to apply the 'intentionality test' to all of them and publishes its intent to do so in accordance with the Welsh Government guidance.

#### 3. **BACKGROUND**

Cabinet received a report on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 on the implications for the Council of the Housing (Wales) Act 2015 and approved the recommendations contained therein (Cabinet 19-Mar-2015), in particular the 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation that referred to section 78 of the Act regarding 'intentionally homeless'.

The Council, along with all other Councils in Wales, received a subsequent communication from the Welsh Government informing us that, at the point in time the Cabinet approved the recommendations in the report, it did not have the legal authority to actually make the decision on 'intentionally homeless' and would only have that power after the regulations came into force on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

#### 4 **CONCLUSION**

By not removing the intentionality test at this point in time we are advocating an interim position between now and the future removal of the 'intentionality test' by Welsh Government, whereby the intentionality test is used in a positive way to lever, where appropriate the co-operation from 'intentionally

homeless' households to work in collaboration with the Council to recognise and address underpinning issues for their homelessness or threatened with homelessness state.