



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

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RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 8th January, 2014

Agenda Item 1

SUBJECT:

Medium Term Service Planning – Service Change Proposals
Phase 1

Cabinet Members Present County Borough Councillors:

P.Cannon (Chairman), R.Bevan, (Mrs.)A.Davies, M.Forey,
(Mrs.)E.Hanagan, C.Middle, A.Morgan, M.Webber and C.J.Willis

Apology for Absence County Borough Councillor:

A.Christopher

In Attendance County Borough Councillors:

T.Bates, J.Bonetto, S.Bradwick, A.Calvert, W.J.David, G.R.Davies,
P.Howe, J.Elliott, P.Griffiths, P.Jarman, (Mrs.)S.Jones, R.Lewis,
(Mrs.)C.Leyshon, B.Morgan, K.Morgan, I.Pearce, M.J.Powell,
K.Privett, S.Rees-Owen, A.Roberts, J.Rosser, G.Stacey, L.G.Walker,
(Mrs.)J.S.Ward, P.Wasley, M.J.Watts, M.Weaver, E.Webster,
D.Weeks, C.J.Williams and T.Williams,

Note: In the absence of the Chair, County Borough Councillor A.Christopher the Vice-Chair, County Borough Councillor P.Cannon took the Chair.

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. In respect of **School Admission Arrangements** as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report at appendix 1 the proposal be amended as follows: -

That the implementation be delayed until September 2014 thereby not disrupting existing full-time attendance during the academic year and giving parents and carers more time to make any amended child care arrangements prior to the start of the September term. Also to provide full time education from the term after a child's fourth birthday rather than from the September after a child's fourth birthday as originally proposed.

This will produce savings in a full year of £3.7M.

2. In respect of the proposal relating to **Meals on Wheels** as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report at appendix 1 the proposal be adopted as detailed in the report.

This will produce savings in a full year of £0.3M

3. In respect of the proposal relating to the **Library Service** as detailed in paragraph 7 of the report at appendix 1 be amended as follows: -

To ensure a better geographical spread is achieved in respect of the Library Service in the Rhondda that Porth library be retained and that Tylorstown library be closed. This will provide better access to a library provision around the North of Taff-Ely, namely the Tonyrefail and Gilfach Goch areas.

With two facilities in and around the lower Pontypridd area there is limited access in the Western side of Taff-Ely. To address this, and to better cover Pontyclun, Llanharry, Llanharan and Brynna, it was decided that Pontyclun library be retained and Rhydyfelin library be closed.

It was therefore agreed that the following libraries be retained

In the Rhondda – Ferndale, Tonypandy, Treorchy and Porth
In Cynon Valley – Hirwaun, Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Abercynon
In Taff-Ely – Pontyclun, Pontypridd, Church Village and Llantrisant

This will produce savings in a full year of £0.8M

4. In respect of the proposal relating to **Youth and E3 Provision** as detailed in paragraph 8 of the report at appendix 1 be adopted as detailed in the report.

This will produce savings in a full year of £2.2M

5. In respect of the proposal relating to **Day Centres** as detailed in paragraph 9 of the report at appendix 1 be amended as follows: -

To retain Gilfach Goch Day Centre and close Pontyclun Day Centre as it was felt that there are a number of alternative services available to residents in Pontyclun which is not the case in Gilfach Goch

It was therefore agreed that the following Day Centres be retained

In the Rhondda – Porth, Maerdy, Gelli and Williamstown

In Cynon Valley – Aberdare and Mountain Ash

In Taff-Ely – Pontypridd, Tonyrefail and Gilfach Goch

This will produce savings in a full year of £0.6M

Note: Following the observations made by the Group Director, Corporate Services whilst presenting the report of the Corporate Management Team and the comments of the respective Cabinet Members, the following Members made comments on the proposals:-

- School Admission Arrangements – County Borough Councillors P.Jarman, M.J.Powell and L.G.Walker.
- Meals on Wheels Service – County Borough Councillors P.Jarman and M.J.Powell.
- Library Service – County Borough Councillors P.Jarman, S.Rees-Owen and M.J.Powell.
- Youth and E3 Provision – County Borough Councillors P.Jarman and M.J.Powell.
- Day Centres – County Borough Councillors P.Jarman and M.J.Powell.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- .The need to consider service change proposals required as part of the Council's medium Term Service Planning arrangement, specifically in the context of the need to reduce spend and enable the Council to fulfil its statutory responsibility and set a balanced budget from 2014/15 onwards. Together with the need for Cabinet Members to review and consider the results of the comprehensive consultation exercise that ended on the 2nd December, 2013 and the Equality Impact Assessments completed for each proposal.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- Report to Cabinet – 21st October, 2013 resulting in a four week comprehensive consultation exercise ending on the 2nd December, 2013.

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- County Borough Councillor R.Bevan declared personal interests in two of the service change proposals – School Admission Arrangements and Meals on Wheels – “A member of my family will be affected by any decisions made”.
- County Borough Councillor E.Hanagan declared a personal interest – School Admission Arrangements – “Grandmother with children who will be affected.”
- County Borough Councillor M.Forey declared a personal interest - School Admission Arrangements – “My grandson will be affected directly by implementation of the proposals.”.
- County Borough Councillor M.Webber declared a personal interest – School Admission Arrangements “I have grandchildren that will be affected”

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

N/A

6. (a) IS THE DECISION URGENT AND NOT TO BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YES NO

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **Friday, 17th January, 2014** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

6. (b) IF YES, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS URGENT:

N/A

6. (c) 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:

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

9th January, 2014

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(Dated)