



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

SUBJECT: Supporting People Operational Plan 2013/15

PURPOSE OF ATTACHED REPORT:


The report has been prepared to:

Inform Cabinet Members of the plans, priorities and needs identified in the 2013/14 Supporting People Commissioning Plan.

DELEGATED DECISION (Date):

To approve the plan and its priorities on the basis of existing and projected financial commitments.

To note the contribution the programme makes to supporting vulnerable people secure safe and stable housing.

 Chief Officer Signature	EWS MURPHY Print Name	22 nd April 2013 Date
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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.

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2012 – 2013: REPORT TO ACCOMPANY DECISION OF GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Part 1 (Non-Confidential)

Supporting People Programme Grant and Support for Vulnerable Groups
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report has been prepared to inform Cabinet Members of the plans, priorities and needs identified in the 2013 to 2015 Supporting People Commissioning Plan.
- 1.2 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 and Children's Services as described below.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Note and approve the content of the Supporting People Commissioning Plan 2013 to 2015.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Supporting People Commissioning Plan (SPCP) facilitates the commissioning of housing related support services for vulnerable people at risk of homelessness or entering institutional forms of care. The plan reflects the Council's priorities for the allocation of grant funding to support the delivery of local and regional projects that assist individuals and groups of individuals to secure and sustain safe and appropriate living arrangements.
- 3.2. The SPPG unlike specific policy grants, service grants or contracts, has been developed to ensure services are in place to meet the non-statutory needs of people whose problems cut across a number of traditional service areas. It is important to note that the grant giver, the Council, is not contracting for a service which forms part of its own business or making financial commitments, which the Council may be required to meet, beyond the terms of the grant.
- 3.3. The management of the SPPG continues to be led by the Council. Its administration is overseen by a multi-agency group, Chaired by the Group Director of Community and Children's Services. In addition to this a 'Regional Collaborative Committee' has been established, with Merthyr Tydfil to aid the development of regional services and to scrutinise the Council's plans. These arrangements are supported by the local democratic process as decisions about the programmes priorities are made with the involvement of Elected

Members who now sit on the Regional Collaborative Committee, as they have an understanding of the needs that exist in the communities they serve.

- 3.4. The interventions the SPPG contributes to supports the delivery of a number of strategic objectives that are set out in Rhondda Cynon Taf's new Single Integrated Plan. Support provides people with the stability they need to address long standing problems and make other important decisions such as getting a job, engaging in treatment and rebuilding important relationships, all of which is easier from a home that is stable. A safe, secure and sustainable home is crucial to helping people to live healthy, active and productive lives. Home is the setting in which increasing numbers of people will receive the essential health and care they need to maintain their independence and improve their wellbeing.
- 3.5. The 2013/15 Supporting People Commissioning Plan has been informed by an objective analysis of need, which has identified the following groups as a priority for development and investment where revenue funding is available. Women Experiencing Domestic Abuse, People with Poor Mental Health, Single Homeless People, Young Single Homeless People and People with a Learning Disability.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1. Projects funded by the grant programme are no substitute for good quality health and social care or treatment and counselling to help people address long standing issues and chronic problems. The provision of housing related support ensures vulnerable people have access to a wide range of interventions as an addition or alternative to seeking help from traditional statutory services to overcome the chronic or acute problems they may encounter.
- 4.2. The provision of support has been proven to prevent or delay the need for more costly or corrective interventions. The programmes financial benefits have been independently analysed. Every £1.00 spent on support saves £1.80 in other areas of public expenditure. The research also identified a number of un-costed benefits that individuals experience as an outcome of support which cannot be quantified including; improved quality of life, improved health, reduced dependence, increased participation and appropriate access to essential statutory services.
- 4.3. The independent sector in partnership with the Council and its Officers has been successful at creating a number of important services outside of any statutory duties or requirements. Rhondda Cynon Taf currently receives almost £9 million in grant funding, which is set to increase by a further £1.8 million by 2015/16.