



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 24 September, 2020

Cabinet Members Present:

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

Agenda Item : 9

SUBJECT: Establishing a Social Letting Agency

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the Business case set out in Appendix 1 of the report and endorse the establishment of the Social Letting Agency for RCTCBC using Welsh Government grant funding secured for this purpose in 2020/21; and
2. To note the costs associated with operating a Social Letting Agency and note that funding for the agency is not guaranteed from 2021/22 onwards.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to inform Cabinet of the proposal to establish a Social Letting Agency to manage private rented properties on behalf of private landlords and ensure suitable housing allocations to clients in housing need. The report seeks to make Members aware of the potential financial implications of operating such an Agency should external grant funding secured for this purpose come to an end.

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

This proposal links directly to the People priority on the Council's Improvement Plan as it will enable and support individuals and families to secure a sustainable housing option and promote their independence. It will also support the Place priority by ensuring equity of access to housing in all areas of the County by offering a more cost effective option for the private rented sector in areas of the County that are currently prohibitively expensive to people in receipt of benefits.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

None

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. **30 September 2020** 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 PRESIDING MEMBER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER 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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(PRESIDING MEMBER)

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(Dated)

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APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓