



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 03 December, 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

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

Councillor J Williams, Councillor W Jones

Agenda Item : 2

**SUBJECT: Modernisation of the Council's Residential Care Home Service for Older
People**

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To consider:
 - the responses to the consultation on the future service delivery model for the Council's residential care homes;
 - the information provided in this report;
 - the Equality Impact Assessment;
 - the comments, observations and/or recommendations arising from the pre-scrutiny undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 1st December 2020.

2. To proceed with the preferred option to retain residential care home provision, at the seven Council residential care homes detailed below, which would be refocussed on complex needs (including dementia), residential reablement and respite care:
 - Clydach Court, Trealaw
 - Ferndale House, Ferndale
 - Pentre House, Pentre
 - Tegfan, Trecynon
 - Troedyrhiw, Mountain Ash
 - Cae Glas, Hawthorn
 - Parc Newydd, Talbot Green

3. To retain the two residential care homes at Garth Olwg, Church Village and Ystradfechan, Treorchy, which would be refocussed on complex needs (including dementia), residential reablement and respite care;

4. To proceed with the preferred option to decommission Danymynydd, Porth as a residential care home for 30 beds and to redevelop the site to provide for a new 60 bed extra care housing scheme in line with the Council's Strategy to modernise accommodation options for older people and deliver extra care housing, as outlined in paragraph 6.4 of the report. Danymynydd residential care home currently has no residents living there;

5. To a further report being presented to Cabinet setting out a costed redevelopment proposal for Danymynydd at the January 2021 Cabinet meeting;

6. To proceed with the preferred option to decommission Bronllwyn, Gelli as a residential care home for 12 beds and to approve the redevelopment of the site to provide specialist accommodation with care to support people with learning disabilities in adulthood and older age to meet changes in need and demand, as outlined in paragraph 5.16 of the report. Bronllwyn residential care home currently has no residents living there;

7. To a further report being presented to Cabinet setting out a costed redevelopment proposal for Bronllwyn at the February 2021 Cabinet meeting;
8. To a further report being presented to Cabinet setting out a comprehensive modernisation programme for the Council's nine residential care homes proposed to be retained;
9. To immediately recommence permanent admissions to the Council's nine residential care homes proposed to be retained;
10. To a further report being presented to Cabinet at its January 2021 meeting setting out the proposal for the re-provision of learning disability and autism day services currently delivered at Danymynydd in line with service models and need; and
11. To a further report being presented to Cabinet at its February 2021 meeting setting out the proposal for the re-provision of older people day services currently delivered at Bronllwyn in line with the new service model agreed by Cabinet on 11th September 2019.

N.B with the permission of the Leader, the following County Borough Councillor and Member of the Public spoke on this item:

- Councillor J Williams
- Dr L Arthur

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need for Cabinet to consider the outcome of the consultation on the preferred options for the future of the Council's eleven residential care homes for older people and to make further recommendations that, if agreed, will increase the number of retained Council residential care homes to **nine**, including Garth Olwg and Ystradfechan and redevelop Danymynydd and Bronllwyn to meet identified need for additional accommodation with care and support, including extra care housing.

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

The report supports two of the Council's corporate priorities, namely:

- People - promoting independence and positive lives for everyone; and
- Living within our means - where services are delivered efficiently to achieve value for money for the taxpayer.

The proposals in this report allow the Council to meet the requirements of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. By providing a model of care that meets the needs of an ageing population, including those with more complex needs that is sustainable and increases focus on preventative services, which promote choice, wellbeing and

independence, the wellbeing goals of a Wales of cohesive communities, a healthier Wales and more equal Wales are supported.

Due regard has also been made to the five ways of working, included in the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The following is a summary to show how the five ways of working to achieve the wellbeing goals have been considered in this report:

- Long Term – social services is demand led and there is a requirement to meet the needs of people in the longer term and, because of rising demographics and increasing complexity, the remodelling and transformation of services continues to be a priority as we seek to achieve long term sustainable change to our care and support offer;
- Prevention – the report highlights the work to date to address the needs of older people by reducing reliance on traditional services such as residential care home provision and move to a model focussing on the need to develop more prevention and early intervention services, including extra care housing and other alternative supported accommodation with care models;
- Integration – the implementation of the proposal requires the Council to work with partners, particularly within Health and Housing, to ensure care and support for people and support for carers is provided. The report evidences the work to date and the future plans to integrate service delivery for the benefit of residents;
- Collaboration – the models of care and support outlined in this report are developed with current and new partner organisations, including third sector organisations and wider communities;
- Involvement – the key stakeholders are the people who use social care. There has been considerable engagement and consultation with people in the development of strategies that have informed the proposed models outlined in this report. If these proposals are agreed by Cabinet then further involvement will be undertaken to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to shape care and support provision to ensure benefits and wellbeing opportunities are maximised.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

Practice Solutions Ltd, Abercynon, were recommissioned to undertake an independent consultation on the preferred option to retain a level of Council residential care home provision in Rhondda Cynon Taf as agreed by Cabinet in September 2019.

The consultation took place over a period from 30th September 2019 to 20th December 2019 in order obtain as many views as possible from interested stakeholders to inform the Cabinet in its decision making regarding its preferred option.

In addition to the consultation events, questionnaires were used to obtain people's views regarding the preferred options for the future of the Council's residential care homes. In total 310 questionnaire responses were received together with 13 letters, 8 emails and a petition signed by 1020 people to keep Garth Olwg open. Further details of the consultation can be found at Section 7 of the report.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

[Cabinet 18th February 2016](#)
[Cabinet 21st November 2017](#)
[Cabinet 21st November 2018](#)
[Overview and Scrutiny Committee 13th December 2018](#)
[Overview and Scrutiny Committee 22nd July 2019](#)
[Cabinet 11th September 2019](#)
[Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1st December 2020.](#)

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. **9 December 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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