



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 28 February, 2023**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),  
Councillor G Caple, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor R Lewis,  
Councillor C Leyshon and Councillor B Harris

**Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor M Norris

**Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-**

Councillor K Johnson

***Agenda Item : 3***

**SUBJECT: Residential Care Homes for Older People**

## **1. DECISION MADE:**

### **Agreed –**

1. To consider:
  - the responses to the consultation on the modernisation of the Council's nine residential care homes for older people;
  - the information provided in this report;
  - the Equality Impact Assessment (including Socio-Economic Duty) and Welsh Language Impact Assessment; and
  - the recommendations and comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, following its meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023, where the Committee undertook pre-scrutiny of the preferred options on the future provision of the Council's accommodation for older people following the consultation [NOTE: A letter of the Service Director, Democratic Services and Communication was circulated to Cabinet Members prior to the Cabinet meeting and was verbally reported by the Service Director at the meeting].
  
2. To retain the current service provision at the five Council residential care homes listed below:
  - Clydach Court, Trealaw
  - Pentre House, Pentre
  - Tegfan, Trecynon
  - Cae Glas, Hawthorn
  - Parc Newydd, Talbot Green
  
3. To proceed with the preferred option to permanently decommission Ystrad Fechan residential care home and continue to explore with Linc Cymru and the Health Board the development of land near the existing care home to provide new accommodation with care provision, including 40 extra care apartments and 20 residential dementia care beds, along with other health and social care accommodation options depending on available development space and need, as set out in Section 7 of the report. Following a previous Cabinet decision Ystrad Fechan residential care home is currently temporarily closed and has no residents living there.
  
4. To a further report being presented to Cabinet setting out the investment proposals to provide new accommodation with care provision, including 40 extra care apartments and 20 residential dementia care beds in Treorchy.
  
5. To proceed with the preferred option to develop land near the existing Ferndale House residential care home to provide new accommodation with care provision, including 25 extra care apartments and 15 residential dementia care beds and decommission Ferndale House residential care home when the new proposed alternative accommodation with care for older people provision is developed, as set out in Section 7 of the report. NOTE: This would be an amendment to the preferred option consulted upon which was to provide new

accommodation with care with 20 extra care apartments and 10 residential dementia care beds and would increase the care provision in the Rhondda Fach.

6. To a further report being presented to Cabinet setting out the investment proposal to provide new accommodation with care provision, including 25 extra care apartments and 15 residential dementia care beds in Ferndale.
7. To proceed with the preferred option to work with Linc Cymru to explore options to develop land near the existing Troedyrhiw residential care home to provide new accommodation with care provision, including 25 extra care apartments and 15 residential dementia care beds and decommission the Troedyrhiw care home when the new proposed alternative accommodation with care for older people provision is developed, as set out in Section 7 of the report.
8. To a further report being presented to Cabinet setting out the investment proposal to provide new accommodation with care provision, including 25 extra care apartments and 15 residential dementia care beds in Mountain Ash.
9. To proceed with the preferred option to redevelop Garth Olwg residential care home to provide alternative accommodation with care to support people with learning disabilities in adulthood and decommission Garth Olwg care home for older people when suitable alternative placements are found for existing residents in a home of their choice which meets their assessed needs, as set out in Section 7 of the report.
10. That the decommissioning of Garth Olwg residential care home be concluded by the end of May 2023 and will follow the good practice principles detailed below in paragraph 7.7 of the report and ensure comprehensive support is provided to residents, their families, and staff.
11. To a further report being presented to Cabinet setting out the investment proposal to provide alternative accommodation with care to support people with learning disabilities in adulthood on the Garth Olwg residential care home site.
12. That the Interim Director of Social Services and Director of Human Resources produce a workforce development plan to address the workforce issues raised by staff during the consultation in order to attract, retain and support the development of a stable, talented, and committed workforce to support the delivery of Council's residential care service. The workforce development plan would be shared with the recognised Trade Unions for views prior to any implementation.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need for Cabinet to consider the outcome of the consultation on the preferred options on the future provision of accommodation for older people in each of the

Council's nine residential care homes.

**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.
- Living within our means - where services are delivered efficiently to achieve value for money for the taxpayer.

The proposals would 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. They meet the needs of an ageing population, including those with more complex needs, are more sustainable and increases focus on wellbeing and independence, resulting in the wellbeing goals of a healthier Wales and more equal Wales being supported.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

The Let's Talk public consultation conducted in part by the Council's Consultation Team took place from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in order obtain as many views as possible from interested stakeholders to enable the Cabinet to make informed decisions on the preferred options for each home.

Practice Solutions Ltd, based in Abercynon, were commissioned to undertake an independent consultation on the preferred options with residents, their families and staff from each of the Council's residential care homes that are the subject of the report.

In addition, through co-production and support of Cwm Taf People First, an online information session and 15 face to face sessions were held across Rhondda Cynon Taf to gain views from people with a learning disability. Overall, there were a total of 74 easy read surveys completed.

Detailed information about the consultation and feedback received, including key themes on the preferred options for change are set out in the consultation reports at Appendix 1 of the report.

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

[Cabinet - 5th December 2022](#)

[Overview & Scrutiny 2022-2027 Committee - 27th February 2023](#)

**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 to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**The closing date for Call-In is 5pm on the 3 March 2023**

**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 OFFICER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER 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 OFFICER)

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(Dated)

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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**