

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

9th MARCH 2017

SUPPORTING PEOPLE COMMISSIONING PLAN 2017-2018

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROTECTION IN DISCUSSION WITH THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR J ROSSER

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the Council's indicative Supporting People Grant for 2017/2018.
- 1.2 To seek approval of the Local Commissioning Plan for Rhondda Cynon Taf's Supporting People Programme, for the period 2017/2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Note the indicative grant allocation for 2017/2018.
- 2.2 Approve the Supporting People Commissioning Plan for 2017/2018.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Commissioning Plan identifies local and regional priorities for housing related support. It also identifies opportunities to reconfigure existing services to improve outcomes for individuals in our communities. The Council is required to produce a local Commissioning Plan for 2017/18.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Members will be aware that the supporting people programme provides housing related support services to vulnerable people. The level of support provided is proportionate to the needs of the individual and enables people to live as independently as possible. The programme plays a significant part in reducing admittance to institutional care, reducing instances of homelessness and will play a major part in the Council's response to the Social Services and Wellbeing Act Wales.

- 4.2 The programme is overseen by the Supporting People Planning Group. The membership of the Planning Group consists of senior offices from within the Council and representatives from Public Health Wales and the Voluntary Sector and is chaired by the Group Director for Community and Children's Services.
- 4.3 There is a requirement for the Council to produce annual Local Commissioning Plans, which in turn informs the Regional Commissioning Plan (RCP). The RCP is then approved by the Regional Collaborative Committee (RCC) and submitted to Welsh Government.
- 4.4 The RCC covers RCT and Merthyr and is made up of the two Cabinet leads for the Councils along with Senior Council officials and partner agencies; Merthyr Council is the lead authority for the Cwm Taf region and therefore has responsibility for the compilation of the regional plan.

5. INDICATIVE BUDGET ALLOCATION for 2017/18

- 5.1 The Council received confirmation of its indicative supporting people grant allocation from Welsh Government on 6th December 2016. The indicative level of funding for Rhondda Cynon Taf for 2017/18 is £9.06m, the same level of grant received for 2016/17.

6. THE LOCAL COMMISSIONING PLAN for 2017/18.

- 6.1 The commissioning plan included in this report at Appendix 1 reflects the local commissioning priorities as identified by the Supporting People Planning Group (SPPG) that include supporting people suffering from Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Homelessness and Young Vulnerable individuals.
- 6.2 The tables on pages 26 and 27 identify those projects that after review were decommissioned or where efficiencies have been identified and the table on page 28 identify those project that have been remodelled, with the table on page 29 highlighting new projects for 2017/18 that correspond to the priorities identified by the SPPG.
- 6.3 As a result of the review process the SPPG will again be in a strong position to mitigate the effect of any budget reduction for 2018/19, if however the budget is again protected by Welsh Government then the SPPG will be in a position to recommend to members areas of the service that would most benefit from additional resource, having regard for the needs analysis that is carried out annually.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time. The screening form can be accessed by contacting the author of the report or the Cabinet Business Officer.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 A regional consultation exercise was carried out during 16/17 with service users the outcome of which has fed into this commissioning plan, in addition quarterly consultation events take place with support providers in respect of process/operational delivery.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 9.1 The volume of the activities supported in the local commissioning plan are reliant on the council receiving the total amount included in the notification of its indicative allocation. If that amount changes upon formal notification the LCP will need to be revisited.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 10.1 The requirement is that the assessment is completed as prescribed within the statutory guidance (SPSF3) that accompanies the WCFG Act and approved by the Cwm Taf Public Services Board.

11. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES/ SIP

- 11.1 The Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan supports the delivery of the councils Local Housing Delivery Plan and Single Integrated Plan priority that "people in Rhondda Cynon Taf live in safe, appropriate housing in sustainable vibrant communities".

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 The indicative allocation of Supporting People Grant for 2017 remains the same as the allocation for 2016.
- 12.2 The Commissioning Plan developed for 2017/18 reflects the priorities identified by the supporting people planning group during 2016 having regard for the annual needs analysis.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

None.

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