



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **People Policy Development Committee**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Wednesday, 16 January 2019 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor C R Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
E T Kirchner

Councillor(s)

S J Gallagher
M B Lewis

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
S Pritchard

Officer(s)

Mark Campisi
Peter Field

Principal Officer Mental Health and Learning Disabilities
Principal Officer Prevention, Wellbeing and
Commissioning

Allison Lowe
Deborah Reed
Lisa Thomas

Democratic Services Officer
Interim Head of Adult Services
Senior Lawyer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C Richards

34 **Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

35 **Minutes:**

Resolved that the Minutes of the People Policy Development Committee held on 12 December 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

36 **Supported Living - What is Supported Living and How New Arrangements are Developed. (Presentation)**

The Principal Officer Mental Health and Learning Disabilities supported by the Principal Officer - Prevention, Wellbeing & Commissioning provided a presentation on "Supported Living – What is Supported Living and How New Arrangements are Developed".

They outlined:

- The requirements of the Western Bay Partnership approach to Supported Living;

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- The different types of Supported Living available including the number of service users currently receiving each service;
- The current position in Swansea;
- The various legislative and other changes to Social Services;
- The Social Services model;
- Proposed changes;
- What we have done;
- Developing new arrangements;
- Accommodation placement options;
- Funding streams;
- Demand drivers;
- Future challenges;

The Committee asked various questions, which the officers responded to accordingly. Topics centred around the following:

- Whether the change providers were finance driven – the change from 2 to 8 was undertaken to abide by competition laws and to make the market more sustainable;
- All 8 were not for profit organisations or co-operatives;
- Worked closely with the current providers to manage their sustainability so they could be in a better position to re-model their business in case downsizing occurred;
- Staff could “TUPE” over to new provider if current providers were not successful in tender, resulting in no change in provision to service users;
- The new 16 geographical areas would reconcile as closely as possible with Local Area Co-ordinators;
- Whether Social Services will be monitoring the changes and addressing any concerns immediately;
- Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) usually inspect companies every 18 months, or sooner depending on any known risks;
- Confirmed that “Shared Lives” model could accommodate more than 1 person, dependent on size of home;
- The progression model is delivered via a multi-disciplined Learning Disability service with various professionals such as occupational therapists, physiotherapists, psychiatrists, speech and language therapists, etc. It provides assistance to enable people to develop their own independence;
- Discussed the difference between group living and individual living in blocks of flats where there is a communal area and “warden” on hand 24 hours a day to offer support if required;
- In-depth analysis takes place to select the most appropriate service users for individual living;
- Community engagement (including Councillors) required;
- The Supported Housing Grant programme runs until 2021 for Supported Housing Development, - finance streams being Social Housing Grant, Integrated Care Fund (ICF) or privately financed.

The Chair thanked the Officers for the presentation. The next meeting would consider the current arrangements to engage with the community, including Ward Members.

37 Transition - Progress to Date. (Verbal Update)

Item deferred to 29 March 2019 meeting.

38 Work Plan 2018-2019.

The Chair outlined the Work Plan for 2018-2019.

Resolved that the Work Plan for 2018-2019 be noted subject to “Transition – Feedback on Progress” being added to the Agenda for the meeting scheduled for 29 March 2019.

The meeting ended at 4.57 pm

Chair