



City and County of Swansea

## Minutes of the **Social Care & Tackling Poverty Service Transformation Committee**

**Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS**

**Teams**

**Monday, 23 October 2023 at 4.00 pm**

**Present:** Councillor C R Evans (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

M Baker  
H Lawson

**Councillor(s)**

Y V Jardine  
A J O'Connor

**Councillor(s)**

A J Jeffery  
L V Walton

**Officer(s)**

Mark Gosney  
Amy Hawkins  
Simon Jones

Commissioning Team Leader  
Head of Adult Services & Tackling Poverty  
Social Services Strategy and Performance Improvement  
Officer

Allison Lowe  
Cathy Murray  
Anthony Richards

Democratic Services Officer  
Service Provision Principal Officer  
Poverty and Prevention Strategy and Development  
Manager

Lisa Thomas

Senior Lawyer

**Also present**

A Anthony  
L Gibbard  
H Gwilliam

Cabinet Member for Well-being  
Cabinet Member for Care Services  
Cabinet Member for Community (Support)

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): J E Pritchard

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

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

**20 Minutes:**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Safeguarding People & Tackling Poverty Corporate Delivery Committee held on 11 September 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

## 21 Internal Residential Care Provision Model of Delivery.

Councillor Louise Gibbard, Cabinet Member for Care Services introduced the item and outlined the current situation in terms of the internal residential care provision, in particular around complex care, reablement and providing respite.

Amy Hawkins, Head of Adult Services & Tackling Poverty, supported by Cathy Murray, Service Provision Principal Officer outlined the implementation of the recommendations from the Older People's Residential Care Homes Review 2018. The Covid impact, response and recovery, current position, developments and future plans and priorities for Council run older people's Residential Care Provision.

Comments focussed on:

- The comments made by service users in Appendix C and the case study information contained in Appendix D was reassuring considering all the difficulties encountered over the last three years;
- It was queried whether we were able to recruit the right care staff that were required. It was confirmed that the Authority was doing everything it could to maintain and improve and increase the social care workforce, but confirmed it was challenging and there were a significant amount of vacancies, not just in Swansea but across Wales;
- It was confirmed that the Authority provided complex long term residential care as opposed to nursing placements, under the understanding that if people's needs deteriorated or if their needs became more complex and they required nursing care, then it would support them to find an appropriate nursing placement as well.
- Short term reablement and assessment placements were supported up to 42 days.

The Head of Adult Services & Tackling Poverty confirmed that the data was in the process of being analysed in conjunction with the performance team to learn from the experience and information obtained.

**Resolved** that the views of the Social Care & Tackling Poverty Service Transformation Committee on the Internal Older People's Residential Care model of delivery be noted.

## 22 Enabling Communities Grant. (For Information)

Mark Gosney and Anthony Richards provided a "For Information" report to update the Committee on the recent workshop regarding the development of a new grant process.

The proposal was aimed at combining and launching one grant under an "enabling communities" banner that would allow organisations to apply for grants via one scheme, but would allow them to identify which elements of the scheme they wanted to apply for. The three schemes were: Swansea Spaces, COAST and Holiday Food.

The officers confirmed that since the workshop, the funding had been approved and they were in the process of planning a launch of the grant, with publication on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

The officers thanked the Committee for their contribution in the process during previous reports and the workshop.

**23 Work Plan 2023-2024.**

The Chair presented the Work Plan 2023-2024.

**Resolved** that the Work Plan for 2023-2024 be approved.

The meeting ended at 4.32 pm

**Chair**