

Cwm Taf Regional Collaborative Committee Meeting - 15th August 2017 – Key Message

Members welcomed Cllr Rhys Lewis, Deputy Cabinet Member for Prosperity and Wellbeing (Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council) and Cllr David Hughes, Cabinet Member for Social Services (Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council) to the committee.

Cllr Lewis was elected as the Chairperson for the next year.

Paul Webb (Welsh Government) presented an update on the Supported Accommodation Review. Concerns were raised about the potential impact of the review, particularly for sheltered housing; where in both RCT and Merthyr it is deemed by Housing Benefit to be general needs accommodation. This has been raised at EROSH (Emerging Role of Sheltered Housing UK) where landlords and members of the group have been asked to evidence their costs, including those who are self-funding. There will be more opportunity to formally feed in to a consultation process on the new proposals in due course.

The next meeting Cwm Taf RCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st November 2017.