

## **Cwm Taf Regional Collaborative Committee**

**21st November 2017, 9.30am, Orbit Centre**

### **Minutes**

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#### **Present**

Cllr Rhys Lewis	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Cllr David Hughes	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Cheryl Emery	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Derek James	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Suzanne Lewis Abbott	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Barry Gallagher	DRIVE
Paul Mee	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Audrey Broome	Rhondda Housing Association
Dave Jones	Adref
Julian Pike	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Angela Stacey	Trivallis
Julie McCarthy	Merthyr Housing Association
Phillip Howells	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC

#### **In Attendance**

Sue Preece	RCT Supporting People
Karl Griffiths	Trivallis
Claire Overd	Trivallis

#### **Apologies**

Angela Jones	Public Health Wales
Lisa Curtis-Jones	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Nicola Davies	Cwm Taf Health Board
Alyn Owen	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Chris Hole	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Sarah O'Keefe	Wales and West Housing Association
Giovanni Isingrini	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Mark Anderton	Merthyr Tydfil CBC

Item No	Item	Actions
1	<p><u>Welcome &amp; Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Lewis welcomed attendees to the meeting. Introductions were made for the benefit of those who were new to the meeting. There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting &amp; Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.</p>	
3	<p><u>GRAMO (Get Ready and Move On)</u></p> <p>KG and CO delivered a presentation on their pre-tenancy training programme which they deliver across RCT. JP asked how the training is funded - £40,000 from Supporting People. This covers the coordinators role. Room costs etc. are provided by Trivallis. DJ asked how referrals are made into the scheme – mainly through supported accommodation schemes in RCT. Service users need to attend the two day training course before being considered for move on. A discussion took place regarding the potential regional commissioning of a regional GRAMO scheme for Cwm Taf. Although the committee are very keen to regionally commission moving forward, some work has already been undertaken in MTCBC to design a similar provision with the employability manager.</p>	<p>MTCBC officers: to continue discussing the potential for a regional pre-tenancy training scheme.</p>
4	<p><u>A Review of Floating Supporting in RCT</u></p> <p>SP and CE delivered a presentation on the reconfiguration of floating support services in RCT. BG queried the process for people with low level mental health needs that do not meet the threshold for CMHT? – Floating support will offer housing related support, not specialist mental health services. AB queried what consultation had been done with service users? – Questionnaires had been completed by service users at hostel provisions. A discussion took place regarding the impact of implementation of UC, reducing management costs through tendering for less contracts, operating across 3 or 4 geographical areas or ‘hubs’. The two SP leads in the local authorities have had initial discussions about the potential for regional reconfiguration of floating support. SLA added that although Merthyr Tydfil are very interested in the idea, they are not currently able to undertake such a large-scale reconfiguration exercise at the moment as the SP team are currently finalising</p>	

	arrangements for implementing the cost calculator and pricing policy.	
5	<p><u>WG Budget Statement</u></p> <p>RL introduced paper C, which is an extract from the WG’s ‘Draft Budget 18/19 – detailed proposals – a new budget for Wales’. This has been included with the papers to provide context for the next items from the local authority tackling poverty leads. RL drew attention to paragraph 3 which is the proposal for a ‘super grant’ to replace the existing tackling poverty grants in 19/20. Both local authorities have been selected to be ‘full flexibility pathfinders’ for 18/19, so the LA’s will in have up to 100% flexibility between the funds beginning this April.</p>	
6	<p><u>Tackling Poverty Update – Early Intervention, Prevention &amp; Support:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update MT SLA read out an update for Merthyr Tydfil on behalf of Chris Hole: WG are looking to see how detailed the guidance they will provide for 19/20 as they are clearly committed to the current agenda within each of the funding streams LA’s will be asked to provide feedback on proposals from WG around this guidance to determine if it provides the flexibility we would like to see going forward Outcomes framework discussions are being resurrected but this will focus on high level outcomes – rather than detailed programme outcomes as in previous grants</li> <li>• Update RCT PM: RCT welcome pathfinder status and are looking at ways in which outcomes could be achieved through removing restraints from previous funds. Both local authorities have already undertaken considerable steps to align programmes. DJ: RCT’s priority has been the phasing out of the Communities First programme within the region and focussing on the delivery of a new employability programme.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><u>Public Service Board Update</u></p> <p>The deadline for the Cwm Taf PSB consultation is the 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please could members send contributions for an RCC response to HM by the 8<sup>th</sup> December, to allow time to collate and circulate for approval.</p>	<p>ALL: Send comments on the consultation to HM by the 8<sup>th</sup> December for an RCC response.</p>

8	<p><u>Social Services &amp; Well Being Act update</u></p> <p>There will be three engagement events in December on the draft Regional plan in response to the Population Needs Assessment - we will circulate more information about these when we have the details and the draft plan in a few weeks</p> <p>The Regional Draft Strategy for Supporting Children, Young People and Families will be going out for consultation shortly</p>	
9	<p><u>Memorandum of Understanding and Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Outstanding Annex A documents were signed.</p>	
10	<p><u>Regional Strategic Plan – 2017 update</u> <u>Needs mapping data</u></p> <p>Members were presented with needs data from local authorities, recommendations from the Annual Review feedback from SPNAB and the WAO report. Members agreed priorities for the 2018-2021 Regional Strategic Plan:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Over 55's</li> <li>• Generic homelessness prevention</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse</li> <li>• Substance Misuse</li> <li>• Commitment to regional commissioning</li> <li>• Direct service user engagement</li> <li>• Mapping provision across programmes to identify gaps &amp; duplication</li> </ul>	<p>HM: to draft Cwm Taf RSP and circulate first draft in Mid - December deadline for submission to WG 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.</p>
11	<p><u>Welsh Audit Office Report</u></p> <p>A brief discussion took place regarding the recommendations from the WAO report on the Supporting People programme in Wales. Recommendation 8 asks that Welsh Government encourage RCC's to review arrangements for support for people with learning disabilities through the programme and work with the committees to manage any negative consequences for service provision. BG suggested that the cost calculator exercise would act as a review of services for people with learning disabilities and other 24 hours supported accommodation. Members agreed that this exercise would address the recommendation.</p>	
12	<p><u>Update from WG</u></p> <p>There were no questions from members in relation to the update paper.</p>	

13	<u>Update from Provider/Landlord Representatives</u>  No updates from providers / landlords at this time.	
14	<u>Service User Consultation Event</u>  The feedback received from SPNAB acknowledged that service providers had conducted service user engagement as a condition of their contracts, but that the RCC had not conducted any direct service user engagement. It was agreed that the RDC would coordinate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x provider consultation event</li> <li>• 1 x consultation for those accessing floating support services</li> <li>• 1 x event for those living in 24 hour supported accommodation.</li> </ul>	HM to arrange engagement events in quarters 3 and 4.
15	<u>Annual Review Feedback</u>  Members though the feedback from SPPNAB was fair and representative of the work of the Regional Collaborative Committee during the 2016-17 period. Suggestions will be incorporated into the work plan and strategic plan.	
16	<u>Update on Local Housing Allowance &amp; Supported Accommodation Review</u>  RL: Paper F is an extract from the Government Response to the Communities and Local Government and Work and Pensions Committees Joint Report: Future of supported housing. The second paragraph states that the PM announced a U-turn on the application of the LHA on supported accommodation and the wider social rented sector. All members present expressed relief that the decision to impose LHA rates on sheltered and social housing had been retracted as the impact on service users could have been catastrophic.	
17	<u>AOB</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017-2018 to be set</li> <li>• Key message to be agreed and submitted to WG</li> </ul>	HM to set RCC dates for 2017-2018 and circulate a draft key message for approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the usual time of 09:30