

**TEMPORARY & SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION - SINGLE PERSONS
GATEWAY – 21 JANUARY 2019 COMMUNITY AND ADULT SERVICES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Reason for the Report

1. To enable the Committee to consider the draft report following the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee meeting, held on 21 January 2019 which considered the single persons gateway. The draft report is attached at **Appendix A**.

Background

2. When considering the Committee's work programme for 2018/19, Members agreed that they would wish to undertake a piece of work around temporary and supported accommodation, particularly in relation to individuals going through the single persons gateway. Members agreed that they would wish to hear from a range of organisations, front-line workers and service user perspectives on:
 - Are services fit for purpose?
 - How the hostels work together – is it effective?
 - Supported accommodation – how effective is it? What kinds of support is on offer?
 - Do people coming through the gateway get the support they need?
 - The complexities of the service and the people that use it.

3. At the meeting, Members heard from a range of witnesses, including:
 - Cabinet and Senior Officers in Cardiff Council
 - The Huggard Centre
 - The Wallich
 - Salvation Army
 - Ty Tresillian and the Outreach Team
 - Tamsin Stirling, Independent Housing Consultant

Way Forward

3. During the meeting, Members may wish to:
 - Reflect on the draft report attached at **Appendix A**
 - Consider recommendations to be included in the report – or agree a meeting outside of the Committee to do so.

Legal Implications

4. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not making policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

5. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not making policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Reflect on the draft report attached at **Appendix A**
- ii. Consider the recommendations to be included in the report – or agree a meeting outside of the Committee to do so.

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