

Date of Meeting	Item	Members wished to make the following recommendations	Response/Comments
19-Apr-2018	Emergency Accommodation	<p>Members wished to thank all officers and external agencies in attendance at the meeting and for their comments and contributions to the report. The Committee recognised the excellent support service provided to people presenting themselves to the emergency accommodation provision and were encouraged by the partnership working in managing these provisions.</p>	
		<p>In relation to the options of a replacement facility in Brynmenyn, Members requested further information on each of the options before making a recommendation on their preferred option. They asked for officers to scope out further, all options presented to them and asked them to bring back to Scrutiny options on a replacement facility in the short, medium and longer term and to provide more detailed costings and timescales for each.</p>	<p>This is being taken forward currently and a fuller and more detailed option appraisal is being pursued. This detail will be reported back to Scrutiny to highlight the potential short, medium and long term options for consideration</p>
		<p>Members recommended that officers explore the opportunity to utilise surplus Local Authority owned buildings such as care homes that could be brought back into use.</p>	<p>This is being actively pursued as officers have linked in with Corporate Landlord and Adult Social Care colleagues to discuss the potential use of current and proposed surplus buildings to ascertain suitability. A meeting is scheduled for early June</p>

Members recommended that a permanent direct access floor space needs to be established for longer term use and officers should take an integrated approach in development of any new facility. Members recommended the permanent direct access floor space could be used as a hub for service users to access a range of support services and suggested that they explore the successful model of the Assia suite at the Authority's Civic Offices which is central in location, therefore easier to access a range of external support agencies with ease.

The current floorspace provision will continue to be provided on an indefinite basis. Pending usage and requirement, consideration may be given to seeking alternative provision if required.

The floorspace and town centre Hub (together with BCBC services) provides a holistic service for Homeless persons in Bridgend. This is constantly monitored and reviewed in line with need, suitability and requirement. Consideration of the Assia model and its successful components will be part of on-going review into the type provision to be established in the future

Members asked to receive the following further information	Response/Comments
<p>Members asked to receive information on the costs to house an individual at Ty Ogwr per annum</p>	<p>£214.43 per room per week for housing related support (Supporting People Programme). This equates to £30.63 per day.</p> <p>£361.50 rent and £8.27 service charge per room per week (normally funded via Housing Benefit). This equates to £52.82 per day.</p> <p>Therefore, the total cost per day is £83.45</p> <p>Based on these figures, if a client stayed at Ty Ogwr for a year the annual cost per person would be £30,459 per annum. Currently, the average length of stay is 40 days, which equates to £3,338 per person.</p>
<p>Members requested a site visit to the Kerrigan Project direct access floor space facility that is managed by Gwalia with a relevant BCBC officer so they are able to see what facilities are available and report back to the full Committee.</p>	<p>This has been agreed in principle and the projects welcome any proposed visit. Potentially suitable dates, times and numbers need to be sought and confirmed.</p>

Members asked for the approximate figures of street homelessness in Bridgend. Members understood that this fluctuates on a daily basis, but asked for approximate figures so they could understand the scale of the problem.

The last rough sleeper count was carried out between the hours of 10pm on 9th November and 5am on 10th November 2017. The count is a single night snapshot of the number of rough sleepers in the local authority area. The count identified 4 roughsleepers. 6 emergency beds were also occupied in the floor space project on the night of 9th November 2017.

An estimate of people sleeping rough is also undertaken once a year. 14 rough sleepers were identified during the period 16 - 29th October 2017.

As of week commencing 7th May 2018 the floor space project was occupied by an average of 8 persons each night with a high of 10 persons and a low of 6 persons.