

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3 - MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2023

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3
HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET,
BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 16:00**

Present

Councillor P Davies – Chairperson

S J Bletsoe	M J Evans	P W Jenkins	W J Kendall
J E Pratt	G Walter	I Williams	MJ Williams

Apologies for Absence

N Clarke, C Davies and MJ Kearn

Officers:

Lucy Beard	Scrutiny Officer
Ryan Jones	Strategic Housing Commissioning Manager
Carys Lord	Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change
Martin Morgans	Head of Performance and Partnership Services

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Steven Bletsoe declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 4, Housing Support Programme Strategy (Homelessness Strategy) 2022-2026 as Operations Manager for Wales, for the National Residential Landlords Association.

49. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of meetings of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 dated 20 February 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record.

50. HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME STRATEGY (HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY) 2022-2026

The Head of Performance and Partnerships presented the report, the purpose of which was to update the Committee on the draft Housing Support Programme (HSP) strategy (Homelessness Strategy) 2022-2026.

The Chairperson thanked the Head of Performance and Partnerships and Members discussed the following with Invitees:

- Housing for Armed Services veterans, the different circumstances a veteran may find themselves in and the local authorities awareness.
- The report clearly mapping out succinct actions, identifying what some of the challenges were. Members considering the main points in terms of early prevention and multidisciplinary working.
- How the progress of the plan was to be measured, the individual objectives and what data would be used to measure those objectives.

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The Chairperson advised that there were no further questions for the Invitees, thanked the Invitees for their attendance and, advised that they may leave the meeting.

RESOLVED: Following detailed consideration and discussions with Cabinet Members and Officers, the Committee made the following Recommendations:

1. To strengthen the Strategy in terms of support for veterans and Armed Services personnel.
2. To maximise effectiveness of the Strategy, that the strategic priority objectives be reviewed to ensure that they are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timebound) and set out in the Action Plan and the timescales be broken down further detailing the year and month in which each action is planned to be achieved, so that progress can be clearly measured.
3. That the Strategy be made more user friendly and as easy to navigate as possible.

And the Committee requested:

A route map setting out the broad working practice model of what happens when someone presents as homeless, including the stages, timescales and type of services offered and where appropriate, average timescales for rehousing.

51. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Committee discussed the draft outline FWP and Members welcomed the Levelling Up Fund – Porthcawl Pavilion report topic but felt it may be more effective to scrutinise this at an early date and asked whether the topic could potentially be considered suitable for a briefing session.

RESOLVED: The Committee approved the FWP in Appendix A, subject to the addition of the above, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet in Appendix B and noted that the FWP, Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet and any updates from the Committee would be reported to the next meeting of COSC.

52. URGENT ITEMS

None.

The meeting closed at 18:48