

CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES - WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2024

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES HELD HYBRID IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2&3 AND REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2024 AT 09:30

Present

Councillor N Farr – Chairperson

A R Berrow  
E D Winstanley

HJ David

J Gebbie

JC Spanswick

Present Virtually

JPD Blundell  
A Wathan

M J Evans  
AJ Williams

D M Hughes

RL Penhale-Thomas

Apologies for Absence

R Goode, HM Williams and Claire Marchant

Officers:

Kirsty Williams  
Wendi Briggs  
Philip O'Brien  
Zoe Edwards  
Michael Pitman  
Stephen Griffiths  
Oscar Roberts

Partnership & CSP Manager  
VAWDASV Manager  
Group Manager - Transformation, Customer Services & Partnerships  
Consultation Engagement and Equalities Manager  
Democratic Services Technical Support Officer  
Democratic Services Officer - Committees  
Democratic Services Business Administrative Apprentice

Declarations of Interest

Councillor RL Penhale-Thomas declared a personal interest in item 4, as he is employed full-time by an equalities charity.

Councillor J Spanswick declared a personal interest in item 4, as a family member works in the unit being discussed.

**39. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Committee Equalities dated 08/11/2023 be approved as a true and accurate record
Date Decision Made	20 March 2024

**40. Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse And Sexual Violence**

Decision Made	<p>The Partnership and CSP Manager presented this report on the services provided by the Domestic Abuse service and information gleaned both from the in-house team and local partners, to ensure compliance with Welsh Government law and Cwm Taf Morgannwg aims. The report covered a range of topics relating to instances of gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence, prevention methods thereof and an analysis of services that deal with these issues.</p> <p>Members posed questions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work surrounding a referral with family and co-dependents</li><li>• Outcomes of action and a potential survey of results</li><li>• Co-ordination with colleagues around housing options</li><li>• Frequency of sickness in the service</li><li>• Ensuring male victims receive adequate support</li><li>• Work in liaising with South Wales Police and health professionals</li></ul> <p>These questions were addressed by the Partnership and CSP Manager as well as the VAWDASV Manager, including agreements to send an email of sickness data to the Chairperson to distribute and to discuss potential improvements regarding male victims at the CTM regional group. A suggestion was also made to invite along members of South Wales Police and health colleagues to the next VAWDASV review.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The committee noted the content of the report, thanking the team for their tireless work and support to vulnerable members of the community.</p>
Date Decision Made	20 March 2024

**41. Urgent Items**

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The meeting closed at 10:57.