

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOUSING

WEDNESDAY, 24 January 2018

PRESENT: Councillor L.D. Evans (Executive Board Member);

The following officers were in attendance:

L. James, Housing Services Manager;
S. Lewis, Assistant Area Manager;
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Room 65, County Hall, Carmarthen - 2.00 pm - 2.15 pm

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. RENT SETTING FOR PENYBRYN GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE 2018/19

The Executive Board Member considered a report to confirm the weekly rent increase for the Penybryn Gypsy/Traveller site during financial year 2018/19.

The Executive Board Member was informed that the Gypsy and Travellers' site was a Council Tax funded service and there were currently 15 plots on the Penybryn site. All Local Authorities and Housing Associations in Wales had aligned themselves to the social housing rents policy in relation to rental levels for social housing. Although the Penybryn site did not form part of the Housing Revenue Account, and so rental levels charged were not governed by the Welsh Government's rents policy, it was considered fair and equitable for rents to the site to be increased by the same amount applied to Council tenants. For the financial year 2018/19 this would be a 3.5% increase (CPI +1.5%). As a result, it was recommended that the weekly rental levels for 2018/19 for Penybryn site be set at £53.46 (net of service charges and water rates). This rental level would provide an annual income of £38,491 for 2018/19, if all 15 pitches were occupied throughout the year.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 that the rent level for pitches at Penybryn Gypsy/Traveller Site be set at £53.46 for 2018/19;**
- 2.2 that the service charge policy be applied to ensure tenants of the site pay for those additional services;**
- 2.3 that the charge for water usage be set at £15.00;**
- 2.4 that officers be authorised to consult with the residents of Penybryn and set the overall charge stated in table 1 in the report.**

3. DECISION RECORD - 14TH NOVEMBER, 2017

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 14th November 2017 be signed as a correct record.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE