

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOUSING

TUESDAY, 29 January 2019

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

The following officers were in attendance:

J. Morgan, Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities

S.E. Watts, Environmental Protection Manager

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

EBM Housing Office, County Hall, County Hall, Carmarthen: 9.00am - 9.15 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 6th September 2018 be signed as a correct record.

3. RENT SETTING FOR PENYBRYN GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE 2019/20

The Executive Board Member considered a report to confirm the weekly rent increase for the Penybryn Gypsy/Traveller site during financial year 2019/20. 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 2019/20 this would be a 2.4% increase (CPI rate as of September 2018). As a result, it was recommended that the weekly rental levels for 2019/20 for Penybryn site be set at £54.74 (net of service charges and water rates). This rental level would provide an annual income of £39,412.80 for 2019/20, if all 15 pitches were occupied throughout the year.

RESOLVED:

- 3.1 that the rent level for pitches at Penybryn Gypsy/Traveller Site be set at £54.74 for 2019/20 collected over 48 weeks;**
- 3.2 that the service charge policy be applied to ensure tenants of the site pay for those additional services;**
- 3.3 that the charge for water usage be set at £16.00 collected over 48 weeks;**
- 3.4 that officers be authorised to consult with the residents of Penybryn and set the overall charge stated in table 1 in the report.**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE