

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOUSING

Wednesday, 11 January 2017

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

The following Officers were in attendance:

L. James - Housing Services Manager

C. Gadd - Democratic Services Officer

Democratic Services Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen - 9.30 - 9.45 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. RENT SETTING FOR PENYBRYN GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE 2017/18

The Executive Board Member considered a report to confirm the weekly rent increase for the Penybryn Gypsy/Traveller site during financial year 2017/18.

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. It was explained that all Local Authorities and Housing Associations in Wales have 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 2017/18 this would be a 2.5% increase (CPI +1.5%). As a result, it is recommended that the weekly rental levels for 2017/18 for Penybryn site be set at £51.65 (net of service charges and water rates). This rental level would provide an annual income of £37,188 for 2017/18, 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 £51.65 for 2017/18;
- 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 £11.53;
- 2.4 that officers be authorised to consult with the residents of Penybryn and set the overall charge stated in table 1.

3. **DECISION RECORD - 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2016**

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on 1st September, 2016 be signed as a correct record.

CHAIR

DATE