

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOUSING

MONDAY, 29 February 2016

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

The following Officers were in attendance:

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

Democratic Services Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen - 10.00 - 10.30 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015.

RESOLVED that the Decision Record of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2015 be signed as a correct record.

3. RENT SETTING FOR PENYBRYN GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE 2016/17.

The Executive Board Member was informed that all Welsh Local Authorities were required to align with the social housing rents policy in relation to their proposed rental levels for council housing in 2016/17 which, for Carmarthenshire equated to an overall average weekly increase of 2.97% (including £2.00 progression).

The Housing Services Manager advised that although the Penybryn Traveller site did not form part of the Housing Revenue Account and the rentals charged were not governed by the Welsh Government's rents policy, it was considered fair and equitable that the rents increased by the same amount of Consumer Price Index + 1.5%. For 2016/17 this equated to 1.4%. Accordingly, it was recommended that the weekly rentals for 2016/17 at the Penybryn Gypsy/Traveller Site be set at £50.39 (net of service charges and water rates).

The Executive Board Member was apprised of, and noted, legal advice received in connection with the setting of pitch fees on permanent pitches on Local Authority Gypsy and Traveller Sites.

RESOLVED

3.1 that the rental level for pitches at the Penybryn Gypsy / Traveller Site be set at £50.39 for 2016/17;

3.2 the service charge policy be applied to ensure tenants of the site pay for those additional services;

3.3 the charge for water usage be set at £11.25.

CHAIR

DATE