

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER
MONDAY, 6 March 2023

PRESENT: Councillor: L.D. Evans (Cabinet Member);

The following officers were in attendance:

H. O'Brian, Private Sector Lead;

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 10.15 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD 12TH JANUARY 2023

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on 12th January, 2023 be signed as a correct record.

3. RENT SETTING FOR PENYBRYN GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITE 2023/24

The Cabinet Member considered a report to confirm the weekly rent increase for the Penybryn Gypsy/Traveller site during the financial year 2023/24. The Cabinet 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. While 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, 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. However, it was considered fair and equitable for rents at the site to be increased by the same formula applied to Council tenants. For the financial year 2023/24, that would be a 5.5% increase and it was recommended that the weekly rental levels for 2023/24 be set at £61.94 (net of service charges and water rates) providing an annual income of £44,596.00 for 2023/24, if all 15 pitches were occupied throughout the year.

The Cabinet Member sought assurances as to conditions at the site.

RESOLVED:

- 3.1 that the weekly rental level for pitches at the Penybryn Gypsy/Traveller Site be set at £61.94 collected over 48 weeks;**
- 3.2 that the service charge policy be applied to ensure tenants of the site paid for those additional services;**
- 3.3 that the charge for water usage be set at £40.13 collected over 48 weeks;**
- 3.4 that officers be authorised to consult with the residents of Penybryn and set the overall charges stated in table 1.**

CABINET MEMBER

DATE