

# DECISION RECORD OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER'S DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOUSING

19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015

Democratic Services Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen

9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER	PORTFOLIO
Councillor L.D. Evans	Housing;

The following officers were also in attendance:-

Mr. J. Morgan	Housing Services Manager;
Mr. M.S. Davies	Democratic Services Officer.

## 1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.
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Having considered the reports on the under-mentioned items the Executive Board Member, having taken into account the views of Local Members and interested parties, if appropriate, made the following decisions:-

Item No.	Subject/Decision
2.	<p><b><u>DECISIONS RECORD – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the decision record of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 be received.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>CARTREF CYNNES LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Board Member considered a Local Lettings Policy for 'Cartref Cynnes', a new extra care scheme in the Carmarthen West Ward, working in partnership with Family Housing Association (Wales) which would allow for accommodation to be taken outside the countywide Access to Social Housing Policy. The Policy would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensure appropriate allocations to the extra care scheme;</li> <li>• improve social inclusion and foster sustainable communities within the scheme and;</li> <li>• help create a balanced sustainable model that would lead to improved well-being of the residents and promote the aims of extra care and independent living.</li> </ul> <p>The Executive Board Member referred to Appendix 1 to the Policy which stated that applicants with dementia would need to be aged 50 or over and commented that it was a disease that could affect younger people. The Housing Services Manager agreed to follow this up with Family Housing Association (Wales) with a view to possibly amending that criterion.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Local Lettings Policy of Cartref Cynnes for the Carmarthen West Ward be endorsed.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>THE HOUSING (WALES) ACT 2014 – INVESTIGATING HOMELESS INTENTIONALITY</u></b></p>

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With reference to Minute 3 of the EBM Housing Decisions meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 the Executive Board Member considered a report highlighting the changes within the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 with regard to intentionally homeless decisions. From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 Councils would have to decide which households they would apply the Act's definition of intentionally homelessness, which was no different to the previous Housing Act, as failure to do so would mean that the Council would no longer be able to make intentionally homeless decisions.

Officers considered that reducing the priority need groups to be considered at the present time would not be appropriate. This would allow the Act to "bed in" so that the impact of the new legislation was fully understood.

**RESOLVED that the Council continues to exercise its power to investigate all priority need groups when making intentionally homeless decisions.**

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR HOUSING

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