

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2020

**“C382 DAY SERVICES RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –**

The report updated Cabinet of the changes to Day Services in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The Vale of Glamorgan Adult Services operated and commissioned day-time opportunities to provide meaningful activities and social opportunities for and with adults with complex Care and Support needs.

All day services had been closed in response to the Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020.

Telephone and outreach services were implemented to maintain contact with day service attendees.

An engagement exercise had been undertaken with all day service attendees to check on their wellbeing and to ascertain people’s feelings about living with the Coronavirus restrictions and their thoughts about returning to the day centres.

Adult Services had developed a Day Services Recovery Plan to safely enable the reopening of Day Services, taking into account social restrictions and Welsh Government guidance.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the content of the report and the results of the engagement with service users and carers (Appendices 1-6 to the report) be noted.
- (2) T H A T the proposals contained in the report as a basis for the reopening of Day Services and subsequent engagement of trade unions and staff on the way in which services were provided be noted.
- (3) T H A T the gradual reopening of day services from 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 be approved.

(4) T H A T delegated authority be given to the Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, to put arrangements in place to reopen Day Services on the basis outlined in the report and if required to implement any future closure as may be required arising from the impact of any restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

(5) T H A T the report be referred to Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

**(6) T H A T use of the urgency procedure set out at Section 14.14 of the Council's Constitution in respect of Resolutions (1) – (4) above, to enable Day Services to gradually reopen from 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 be approved.**

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure Cabinet is updated with the latest position regarding Adult Day Services provision.

(2) To ensure that the process for progressing any changes is undertaken efficiently and effectively in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures.

(3) To allow service users to access the highly valued support from Day Services.

(4) To ensure that the service reopens and is continuously reviewed to ensure it operates as safely as possible yet can be closed swiftly should the circumstances determine it is necessary.

(5) To ensure that Members have the opportunity to consider the changes made to the provision of Day Services, in the context of COVID-19 with any views being reported back to Cabinet for consideration.

**(6) To comply with the Council's Constitution."**