

Matter which the Chairman has decided is urgent by virtue of the need to ensure timely information is provided regarding the developments at the Bryneithin site.

Update 15th July 2013

1. As reported to the Cabinet meeting of 8th April and in accordance with Cabinet Minute C1293 (5) authority was granted for the Director of Social Services to make arrangements for securing the Bryneithin site, including the demolition of the buildings if necessary, in consultation with the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and the Managing Director. As reported previously to Cabinet extensive security arrangements are in place but these are expensive and a drain on the Council's limited resources. The decision has subsequently been taken to proceed with demolition.
2. The target date for awarding the demolition contract is the 19th of July 2013 assuming the tender process goes to plan. It is intended to hand over the security arrangements to the contractor as part of the demolition process from this date also. Asbestos and environmental surveys will have to be undertaken and the results of the surveys addressed prior to authorising the demolition stage. Demolition would begin towards the end of October although this may be subject to change should any problems arise with the previous stages.
3. The Cabinet Working group is launching a consultation phase with key stakeholders and the local community on the initial options. It will also, as part of this consultation, invite any other ideas for development options for the site that would assist in meeting older people's need for care and support. This consultation period will be launched imminently and last until the 14th of September. The initial options are:
 - Private Residential Development For Older People;
 - Registered Social Landlord Residential Development For Older People;
 - Private Extra Care Facility;
 - Registered Social Landlord Extra Care Facility.
4. Following this exercise and along with other due diligence by the Cabinet Working Group a final list of options will be reported for consideration by Cabinet on the 23rd of September.
5. It is intended that future marketing of the site would then commence following the consideration by Cabinet in September.
6. Members of Scrutiny Committee were invited to view the site and a site visit took place on the 27th of June 2013.

Note: Timescales are indicative and may be subject to change