

VOLUNTARY SECTOR JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on 29th April, 2025.

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Present: Councillor R.M. Birch (Chair); Councillors L. Burnett, A.M. Collins and J. Protheroe.

Representatives of the Voluntary Sector: R. Connor (Glamorgan Voluntary Services) and L. Newton (Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health).

Also present: Councillor M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

1086 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

1087 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillor I.R. Buckley and Councillor C. Hawkins (Town and Community Council Representative).

1088 MINUTES –

AGREED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

1089 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

1090 FORTHCOMING CLOSURE OF CAVAMH – CARDIFF AND VALE ACTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH –

The report, presented by L. Newton, informed the Vale of Glamorgan Council about the forthcoming closure of Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health (CAVAMH) and

the implications for support of voluntary organisations with an interest in mental health in the Vale of Glamorgan and the local residents they supported.

It was highlighted that CAVAMH funding from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board had ceased as of 1st April 2025, and as a result, CAVAMH would close in September 2025. It was advised that CAVAMH had not been provided with a reason or rationale for the withdrawal of funding, and so the Committee was keen to understand the position of the Health Board and its decision to withdraw its funding. In addition, the Committee would also be grateful to understand if there any service gaps identified by the Health Board, and how it plans to fill those gaps in service provision following the cessation of support offered by CAVAMH, if there were any. It was therefore agreed for the Chair to write to the Health Board on behalf of the Committee to receive a response to its queries.

Subsequently, it was

AGREED – T H A T the Chair of the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee write to the Cardiff and Vale Health Board to ascertain its reasoning for the withdrawal of funding to the Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health and to advise how any service gaps would be filled.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

1091 LOCAL IMPACT OF NATIONAL INSURANCE INCREASE ON THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN'S THIRD SECTOR – GLAMORGAN VOLUNTARY SERVICES –

R. Connor presented the report which informed the Vale of Glamorgan Council about the significant local implications of the forthcoming national increase in Employer's National Insurance, effective April 2025. While this change was outside the Council's direct control, it would have a profound impact on the vital Third Sector organisations operating within our community. Glamorgan Voluntary Services presented the information to ensure the Council was fully aware of the potential challenges and could consider appropriate local responses.

It was agreed for the Committee to be kept informed of any issues that were identified because of the increase in National Insurance contributions.

AGREED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee be kept abreast of any issues.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.