

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Extraordinary Hybrid Meeting, 24th April, 2024.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

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Present: Councillor J. Protheroe (Chair); Councillor E. Goodjohn (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.D.D. Carroll, P. Drake, C.P. Franks, H.C. Hamilton, S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and N.J. Wood.

Also present: Councillors J. Aviet, L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor S.J. Haines.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Ewan Goodjohn declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Work to Tackle Poverty and the Current Cost of Living Crisis. The nature of his interest was that his mother was the Chair of a community centre that received warm space funding which was referenced to in the report. This was a personal, not prejudicial interest.

Councillor C.P. Franks declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Work to Tackle Poverty and the Current Cost of Living Crisis. The nature of his interest was his links to Dinas Powys Library, which had been part of the Warm Spaces initiative. The Councillor had dispensation to speak only on matters relating to Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre (including grant applications) when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys Community Council meetings (paragraphs (d), (f), (g) and (h) of the relevant regulations).

AGENDA ITEM 4. WORK TO TACKLE POVERTY AND THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the work being undertaken with regards tackling poverty and the cost-of-living crisis which was a critical challenge within the Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2023-24 and the new Annual delivery Plan 2024-25 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Welsh Benefits Charter and the Welsh Child Poverty Strategy be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of the cost-of-living reserve to support those in need be noted.
- (4) T H A T the Committee supports and endorses that future reports on cost of living work should be reported to the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee.
- (5) T H A T the format of the report be revisited in order to address the comments raised by the Committee on this.
- (6) T H A T Cabinet considers continuing the provision of additional support in the school summer holidays to those in receipt of free school meals (FSM).

Reasons for recommendations

- (1-5) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (6) For Cabinet to consider the comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as part of its consideration of progress of work to tackle poverty and the cost-of-living crisis.

AGENDA ITEM 5. REQUIRED LEARNING REVIEW (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Required Learning Review report be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet consider the comments made by the Committee in relation to the proposed approach and scope of mandatory/required learning for Council staff:
 - The importance of providing more ICT 'how to' modules and guides as part of the induction process in order to raise awareness of ICT and the use of digital technology more effectively.
 - To ensure that at the start of the induction process and subsequent required learning for Council staff, a more 'staggered' approach was taken in order to avoid any unnecessary, 'box ticking' exercises and lessen the impact on staff work pressures.

- To look at a joint approach with other Local Authorities in terms of training and learning in order to achieve economies of scale for similar training objectives.

(3) T H A T the response to the recommendations of the Governance and Audit Committee with regards to Whistleblowing be noted.

(4) T H A T a further report be provided to the Committee once the review has been completed.

Reasons for recommendations

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

(2) In order for the Committee's views to be considered by Cabinet.

(3&4) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. GLAMORGAN VOLUNTARY SERVICES (GVS)
ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 (VS) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) Annual Report 2022/23 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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