

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting held on 5 September, 2016.

Present: Councillor N. Moore (Chairman), Councillor L. Burnett (Vice – Chairman);
Councillors: B.E. Brooks and G. John.

Also Present: Councillor N. Hodges.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor P. G. King.

At the start of the meeting, the Leader held a minute silence in memory of Jennifer Hill, Director of Learning and Skills, who tragically passed away during the summer recess.

C3271 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July, 2016 be approved as a correct record.

C3272 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

C3273 VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL ACCESS FORUM -

The minutes of the Vale of Glamorgan Local Access Forum meeting held on 27 July, 2016 were submitted.

Present: Mr. F. Coleman, Mr. J.J. Herbert, Ms. C. Lucas, Mr. H.S. McMillan,
Mr. R. Pittard, Mr. R. Simpson and Mr. G. Thomas.

Mr. J. Wyatt, Mr. S. Pickering, Mr. G. Teague and Mrs. S. Thomas (Vale of Glamorgan Council).

<p>1. <u>Appointment of Chairman –</u></p>
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<p>In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and on being put to the</p>

vote, it was

AGREED – T H A T Mr. F. Coleman be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

Mr. Coleman duly took the Chair.

2. Apologies for Absence –

These were received from Councillor E. Williams (Chairman), Mr. R. Traherne (Vice-Chairman) and Ms. A. Haden ; Mr. B. Guy (Vale of Glamorgan Council) and Ms. M. Miyata-Lee (Natural Resources Wales).

3. Minutes –

AGREED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May, 2016 be approved as a correct record, subject to a correction to Order dates specified in the Modification Orders table presented at the previous meeting being outlined and the Forum being advised that it had been corrected in the update to be presented at this meeting.

4. “Dog Friendly Vale”: Presentation by Carol Adams, Senior Regeneration Officer, Vale of Glamorgan Council –

The Forum received a presentation on a pilot scheme to test “dog friendly tourism” in the Vale of Glamorgan; the scheme being entitled “Paws in the Vale”.

Work to date had included desk top research looking at the benefits and potential pitfalls of Dog Friendly tourism:

- looking at ways to enhance and minimise pitfalls
- a learning trip to gain a further understanding
- workshops facilitated by a “dog friendly” expert.

Some of the “pros” identified included:

- a growing trend towards becoming dog friendly
- the United Kingdom pet industry now being worth more than £23.7 billion annually

- a rise of 132% in 2011 in pet-friendly bookings
- an indication that dog owners would pay a premium for pet friendly accommodation
- the potential revenue increase available to hotels that opened their doors to dogs.

In terms of pitfalls, these had included:

- dog foul not being disposed of properly and / or ruining crops
- livestock being worried, attacked or killed
- dogs who worried livestock being shot
- cattle injuring walkers with dogs
- dogs and owners falling off cliffs.

The aim of the pilot scheme was to establish whether dog friendly tourism was good for business, whether some of the pitfalls could be mitigated and the behaviour of dog owners influenced. Further work would include a testing of new signage, trialling ways to disseminate the contents of the Countryside Dog Walking Code and developing a Code of Conduct for both residents and tourists that could be used following the pilot to encourage responsible dog friendly tourism. In addition, a toolkit would be developed for the trade, a marketing campaign would be held between October 2016 and January 2017 to promote dog friendly locations in the Vale and, finally, the success and failure of the pilot would be evaluated and the findings disseminated.

Members of the Forum were very interested in the information provided in the presentation and various questions / issues were raised and responded to by Ms. Adams. These included:

- confirmation that the purpose of the pilot was not to try to make everything “dog friendly”
- the advantage of looking to influence dog owners before they even arrived in the Vale, as well as once they were here
- if people were to be directed towards dog friendly facilities, it was necessary to seek to provide associated information at the facility itself
- key messages from the learning visit to Cornwall included:
 - the need to give people a choice
 - the need to manage the dog friendly visitor experience
 - evidence that most “issues” were down to the behaviour of local people, as opposed to visitors

- whilst the pilot sought to establish means of stimulating the rural economy, it was also hoped to learn lessons in terms of influencing the behaviour of local people
- in terms of a suggestion that more access could potentially result in less control, Ms. Adams considered that the very high popularity of the activity already suggested that there would be no “spiral” in terms of usage.

AGREED – T H A T Ms. Adams be thanked for her interesting and informative presentation.

5. Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Republication –

Given the requirement for the Vale of Glamorgan Council to review and republish its Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) by November 2017, a draft Project Plan had been produced (based on the guidance issued) and this was submitted to the Forum for consideration.

Mr. Teague indicated that the comments of the Forum would be welcomed, particularly in terms of how their involvement might be best facilitated. In response to a specific question, Mr. Teague confirmed that some of the work involved in the process would be outsourced, with the remainder undertaken in-house (the exact split being dependant on the most cost-effective approach). The deadline of November 2017 reflected the requirement to produce a revised ROWIP ten years after the publication of the first ROWIP.

Again, in response to a question, Mr. Teague confirmed that there were two elements to the Assessment Phase, the second of which related to the current condition of the network, as opposed to how the previous ROWIP had delivered.

AGREED – T H A T the draft Project Plan be noted and the Forum confirms its willingness to act as a “sounding board” during the ROWIP review / republication process.

6. Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Grant Update –

The project comprised a number of programme actions aiming to assist in the delivery of ROWIP Objectives. This year four actions were proposed:

Ref	Location	Brief Details of Programme Action	Update
VG1	Summerhouse Point	Dedication of rights at Summerhouse	Approval to proceed with an Order has been granted by Committee. Instructions are with Legal Services regarding compensation.
VG2	Countywide	Adopt a path co-ordination of works	Maintenance issues on adopt a path routes have been programmed and initial approaches commenced.
VG3	Countywide	Definitive Map anomalies – resolve long standing issues by Order	Project not yet commenced.
VG4	30km of priority routes	Vegetation clearance	First annual clearance cut complete.

VG1 provided for the dedication of public footpath rights along a track between Boverton Mill and Boverton Mill and Summerhouse Point. The grant allocation reflected anticipated compensation figures in addition to legal costs.

VG2 would support the co-ordination and resolution of maintenance issues on promoted routes that were part of the Adopt a Path scheme.

VG3 would begin to address long standing issues identified during the quality assurance of the Definitive Map process. This was likely to be through a mix of Orders, negotiations and / or enforcement where appropriate.

VG4 would support the annual clearance of inland routes.

Mr. Teague indicated that the position regarding ROWIP grant funding for 2017/18

was unlikely to be known until at least November 2016. Asked whether details of the programme were contained within one document, Mr. Teague confirmed that this would be possible and that he would submit a document to the next meeting.

7. Coastal Access Improvement Programme: Background and Update –

The Coastal Access Improvement Programme (CAIP) was a scheme funded by the Welsh Government via Natural Resources Wales and delivered through Local Authorities.

Since the Wales Coast Path officially opened on 5th May, 2012 the scheme, which initially ran from 2007-2013, had continued to fund the development and improvement of the route. Following completion of the initial project, further funding was made available, this ran from 2013-2015.

The current programme was initiated by a Ministerial announcement that committed £900,000 worth of funding per annum for the next five years to the Path. The current scheme differed from previous in so much as funding was divided between improvements and maintenance, to reflect the maturing nature of the Coast Path.

Offers of grant had been received and accepted for the following improvement projects. Updates on each were included below. It was also anticipated that a further project at Sully Playing Fields would continue though funding had yet to be confirmed for 2016-17 in respect of this.

Code	Location	Details	Update
VG1601	Dimhole	Path close to edge requires cutting back into cliff and provision of level surface as it ascends from cwm.	Tenders received and favoured contractor considered.
VG1501	Ogmore Down	Conclude outstanding creation agreement on path, formalising new alignment that avoids needs for road walking	Dwr Cymru objections addressed. No further objections received at pre-order.

<u>VG1502</u>	Traeth Mawr	Missing link currently available on permissive basis only. Previously submitted as creation order, landowner has indicated willingness to revert to agreement	Draft agreement to legal
<u>VG1505</u>	Cwm Colhuw West	Improve surface by addition of loose stone (type 1).	Works to improve surface have commenced.
<u>VG1507</u>	Gileston	Creation of missing link. Previously submitted as creation order, landowner has indicated willingness to revert to agreement	No move

In addition an allocation for coast path maintenance via grant and at 75% grant rate has been advised. In the Vale for 2016-17 this amounted to £19,230 of grant to be matched by £6,410. It was anticipated that this would be issued each year over the life of the programme:

Code	Description	Details	Update
<i>Maint</i>	Maintenance Projects on VoG WCP	Vegetation cut back, maintenance of furniture and surfaces	First seasonal vegetation cut back complete.

8. Maintenance Reports –

In presenting the report, Mr. Teague introduced members of the Forum to Andy Briscombe, who was an Assistant PROW Officer (Maintenance). He also alluded to the briefing session which he would be presenting later in the meeting on Maintenance (one of a series of briefings he would give to the Forum).

The Forum was provided with an update in relation to maintenance work carried out across the Vale of Glamorgan from March 2011 to July 2016. Mr. Briscombe

referred to the intention to utilise the “window” from August to October (i.e. when most crops had been harvested and / or hay was on the ground) to undertake much of the Work Programme. Landowners were more accepting of the team using vehicles to access land at that time of year. The Work Programme would include a member of the Maintenance Team identifying whether issues were recorded correctly and, where necessary, re-entering issues on the system. The overall Work Programme was split into west, central and east areas (split across the three Ranger Teams).

Responding to points raised regarding the provision of kissing gates as replacements for stiles, Mr. Briscoe indicated that he and Mr. Teague were looking at ways of attaching a way marker on the upright of kissing gates.

AGREED – T H A T the Work Programme be reported to the next meeting of the Forum.

9. Legal and Evidential Modification Orders Update –

The Form was presented with an update on the Legal Orders and Evidential Modification Orders across the Vale of Glamorgan.

10. Member Briefing: Maintenance –

The Forum received a presentation from Mr. Teague, which covered the following Public Rights of Way related areas:

- Background / Reason for Definitive Maps
- Maintaining and Protecting – Highway Authority responsibilities
- Maintaining and Protecting – Landowner responsibilities
- Structures and Furniture
- Livestock
- Cultivation.

Following the presentation, Mr. Teague offered Forum members the opportunity of participating in a day of practical / volunteer work.

AGREED – T H A T the Secretary e-mail / contact Forum members, asking those who are interested in participating in a day of practical / volunteer work to contact Mr. Teague accordingly.

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RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Vale of Glamorgan Local Access Forum meeting be noted.

Reason for decision

To note the minutes.

C3274 COMMUNITY ACTION SELF HELP (CASH) SCHEME (REF) -

The Community Liaison Committee on 5 July, 2016 considered the above report of the Managing Director.

The Section 151 Officer presented the report which had been prepared following a Request for Consideration from Barry Town Council.

In presenting the report, the Section 151 Officer advised that since July 2015 only one scheme could be put forward from each Town / Community Council and that all Town and Community Councils had been advised of the changes, with the request in April 2016 that any applications for grant be received by the Council by the end of April 2016. £30,000 had been included in the 2016/17 Capital Programme for the CASH grant scheme and grant awards would not be more than 30% of the Town / Community Council's precept to ensure the schemes progressed were proportionate to the size of the Town / Community Council.

Although the representative from Barry Town Council advised that he had not been given any information with regard to the request, Councillor N.P. Hodges stated that he had been present at the Town Council meeting when the request had been suggested. Councillor Hodges explained that as a result of the change of criteria, it was now set out in a way that larger Town / Community Councils would not be able to successfully apply for a grant in the future. Councillor M.R. Wilson from Penarth Town Council also commented on this aspect.

The Member for Cowbridge advised that although there were only nine applications and that she understood what both the Barry and Penarth Town Councils were saying, she did not agree with the suggestion to amend the criteria as their precepts were higher than those of other Community Councils and that the pot of money should not be used for large Town / Community Councils as it would not be fair to the smaller Community Councils. The Member for Llandow also advised that such

grants could be a lifeline for small Community Councils. However, it was noted that out of the 26 Town and Community Councils in the Vale, only nine applications had been received.

Councillor Hodges, in response, advised that Barry Town Council had also signed up to the Charter like other Town and Community Councils and felt that in the interest of fairness the criteria should be reviewed.

Following a vote it was subsequently

AGREED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet be requested to review the criteria for Community Action Self Help (CASH) Schemes.

(2) T H A T Cabinet be requested to remove percentages detailed in the current criteria in order that all Town and Community Councils can have the opportunity to apply for the grants.

(3) T H A T Cabinet be requested to consider increasing the £30,000 allocation for schemes in order that more opportunities can be encouraged.

Reasons for recommendations

(1&2) In order that Cabinet can reconsider the criteria in light of its unfairness to a number of Town and Community Councils in the Vale of Glamorgan.

(3) In order that more opportunities can be provided for grant funding.

Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Community Liaison Committee

RESOLVED – T H A T the comments from the Community Liaison Committee be noted and a further report be presented to Cabinet outlining how the Community Action Self Help Scheme works alongside other grant schemes and the Council's reshaping services agenda.

Reason for decision

To illustrate how the Council's various grants schemes are operated.

**C3275 REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST
APRIL TO 31ST MAY 2016 (REF) -**

The Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care on 18 July, 2016 considered the above report of the Director of Social Services.

The purpose of the report was to bring to the attention of the Scrutiny Committee the position in respect of revenue and capital expenditure for the period 1st April to 31st May, 2016.

Council, on 2nd March, 2016 (Minute Nos. 885 and 884 respectively) approved the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2016/17. In setting the Social Services Budget for 2016/17, the use of £970,000 from the Social Services Fund had been approved.

Following changes to the remit of the Scrutiny Committees, Leisure, Parks, Sport and Play budgets were now included in the regular monitoring framework.

With regard to the Social Services Revenue Budget, as it was still early in the financial year, the forecast for Social Services was shown as a balanced budget. A table and graph setting out the variance between profiled budget and actual expenditure to date and the projected position at year end was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Children and Young People Services – The major issue concerning this service for the coming year would be the continued pressure on the children's placements budget. Work continued to ensure that children were placed in the most appropriate and cost effective placements. However, it should be noted that due to the potential high cost of each placement, the outturn position could fluctuate with a change in the number of Looked After Children. This budget would be closely monitored during the year.

Adult Services – The major issue concerning this service for the coming year would continue to be the pressure on the Community Care Packages budget. This budget was extremely volatile and was influenced by legislative changes such as the National Living Wage and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014, which both came into force in April 2016. It was considered that this budget would overspend by year end but, at this early stage of the year, the level was difficult to predict. Final negotiations regarding fee levels had yet to be concluded with some service providers but proposed increases were already above the level of inflation

provided for within the budget. The service also continued to be affected by the pressures of continued demographic growth and the Community Care Packages budget would have to achieve further savings this year of £300,000. Further details regarding the potential overspend would be assessed and provided to Committee in the next monitoring report. The service would strive to manage growing demand and some of these initiatives may be funded via regional grants in the current financial year. However, the level of grant funding for the year had yet to be fully determined and it was not necessarily guaranteed on an ongoing basis. Committee would be provided with further details as they become clearer through the year.

Leisure Services – It was early in the financial year and it was projected that this service would outturn within budget at year end.

The Social Services Directorate was currently required to find savings totalling £2.257m by the end of 2019/20 and this target was analysed by year in the following table. The surplus shown and the savings brought forward figures were as a result of the foster carer recruitment project, which was being developed in addition to the required savings targets. This surplus could be used to mitigate any increase in savings to be found in future years.

Year	Savings Required £'000	Savings Identified £'000	In Year Surplus/ (Shortfall) £'000	Cumulative Surplus/ (Shortfall) £'000
Savings Brought Forward		110	110	110
2016/17	1,002	1,078	76	186
2017/18	605	605	0	186
2018/19	320	320	0	186
2019/20	330	330	0	186
TOTAL	2,257	2,443		

Appendix 2 provided an update on the individual areas of saving within the Social Services Budget Programme.

Within Adult Services, there was £100,000 of the full year saving generated from the Hafod Homes transfer to offset against the £300,000 saving for Residential Services shown at A6. Currently, there were no other formalised plans in place to find the remaining £200,000 of this saving. Further consideration would have to be given to the way in which this saving could be fully achieved during the year. With regard to

the Care Package Budget Reduction at A3, while there was significant pressure on this budget, schemes had been put in place to deliver savings in this area by transferring domiciliary care clients to direct payments, by putting in place additional reablement capacity and by establishing a review team.

Appendix 3 to the report detailed the savings required to be achieved this year in Leisure Services.

Appendix 4 detailed financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 31st May, 2016.

Cemetery Approach – Cabinet, on 15th June, 2015, approved this £500,000 scheme, funded by £250,000 from the Council and the other £250,000 from a contribution to be made by Barry Town Council. The Additional Highways / Environmental Improvement scheme was not fully committed and it had been requested that £100,000 be vired to this scheme to allow for new road resurfacing to be undertaken as part of the works. During 2015/16, expenditure of £45,000 was incurred on this scheme therefore the 2016/17 budget would be £555,000 following the virement.

Appendix 5 provided non-financial information on capital construction schemes. From this Appendix it could be seen that most of the previous year's schemes had now commenced. Start dates had also been provided for new schemes for this financial year and these would be monitoring closely to identify if capital schemes started to slip and to identify if further action needed to be taken.

In clarifying the future layout of the reports, the Committee agreed that information regarding Leisure Services savings would be provided on a quarterly basis and that it should be split up between leisure and grounds maintenance.

The Chairman raised concern in relation to the £270,000 savings for the domiciliary care budget. In reply, the Operational Manager (Accountancy) explained that the savings had been agreed by Cabinet and that these would be reviewed as part of the budget settlement process for next year. There would be opportunity to discuss the savings target later on in the year.

In reply to a query regarding the number of saving projects that had a red flag status, the Head of Adult Services advised that saving targets for this year included some severe challenges, such as the National Minimum Wage. He added that for savings target A3 (Care Packages Budget reduction), it was planned that savings could be achieved by increased use of direct payments and also through reablement services. He also advised that he was confident that savings could be achieved in this area,

but he was concerned about the ability to meet increased demand. He also said that savings for residential services (saving target A6) were challenging. The current position was that only £100k of the £300k saving on this line would be achieved. However a review of provision was underway which, if considered viable, would require extensive consultation with staff and trade unions.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the position with regard to the 2016/17 revenue and capital monitoring be noted.
- (2) T H A T progress made in delivering the Social Services Budget Programme be referred to Cabinet for its consideration.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet be informed of the Scrutiny Committee's concerns that the budget, as presently constituted, is not sufficient to meet service demand and costs.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) In order that Members are aware of the position with regard to the 2016/17 revenue and capital monitoring relevant to this Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) That Members are aware of the progress made to date on the Social Services Budget Programme.
- (3) In order to inform Cabinet of the Committee's concerns in relation to the Social Services budget.

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Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care.

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and thanks be given to the Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care for their continued scrutiny of the Social Services Budget Programme.

Reason for decision

To note the contents of the report and thank the Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care for their continued scrutiny of the Social Services Budget Programme.

C3276 REGIONAL COLLABORATION FUND END OF PROGRAMME REPORT – REMODELLING SOCIAL CARE AND INTEGRATION WITH HEALTH (REF) -

The Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care on 18 July, 2016 considered the above report of the Director of Social Services.

The Head of Adult Services presented the report, the purpose of which was to update on the work that had been carried out over the past three years to remodel social care and integrate services with health using the Regional Collaboration Fund (RCF).

The report advised that in 2013/14, through the RCF, Welsh Government had approved funding to the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Councils to establish collaborative and innovative projects which would assist with the development of remodelled adult community health and social care services. The programme was established on a three year basis with indicative funding for Years 2 and 3 subject to the budget being available.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council managed the overall administrative arrangements for the RCF grant for the three years of the programme. It had worked successfully with the City of Cardiff Council, the University Health Board (UHB) and third sector organisations on a number of projects that had delivered the required outcomes for the RCF.

A Programme Manager was appointed at the end of May 2014 to establish programme / project management arrangements to oversee and monitor progress. Appendix 1 detailed the Programme Governance structure.

The programme focused initially on six projects:

- Effective Community Resource Teams
- Enhanced services for people with learning disabilities
- Enhanced Occupational Therapy services
- Assistive technologies
- Streamlined integrated assessment
- Improved commissioning.

Further details on the evaluation of projects delivered in Year 1 of the programme were contained in Appendix 2. Appendix 3 contained the 2014/15 end of year summary report setting out progress made for each of the projects and highlighting the benefits realised. Case studies were included to provide evidence of the difference these projects were making to the lives of people who used the services.

In 2015/16 the RCF funding was reduced and so the projects were realigned, building on the lessons learned from Years 1 and 2. The programme focused on two projects, Enhanced Reablement Services and Enhanced Services for People with Learning Disabilities. The RCF grant proved invaluable in enabling the region to pilot delivery models of working that brought together health, social care and housing resources.

The final progress report that was set out in Appendix 4 was produced in May 2016. The last two projects had now become business as usual, with additional support provided through the Intermediate Care Fund. The services would continue to be monitored through the new Regional Partnership Board and Appendix 5 detailed the new governance arrangements which would oversee continued integration of health and social care services.

The Chairman, in querying the regional approach, was advised that the City of Cardiff Council and the Vale would still be working together in some project areas, but on the whole, it was a mixed picture. The Committee noted that because the Health Board was now in control of the finances, it would be likely that a new integrated approach would be required.

In addition, the Head of Adult Services advised Members that the Intermediate Care Fund was now being used to progress the projects that had begun under the RCF grant. This was a fairly complicated picture, but this did include a lot of housing related projects. In terms of working with Cardiff Council, he advised that there would not be much point in working together if there were different service models in operation, but he did allude to the similarities between the day service strategies for both Councils.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) To provide Members with an update on how the Regional Collaborative Fund had been used to contribute to remodelling Social Care and integrating services with health across the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan regions.

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At the meeting, the Director of Social Services noted that the Vale of Glamorgan Council managed the Regional Collaboration Fund on behalf of the City of Cardiff Council, the University Health Board and third Sector Organisations, and had been successful in implementing six projects that were outlined in the report that contributed to help remodel Social Care and integrating health services.

Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and Officers be thanked for preparing and implementing the schemes outlined in the report.

Reason for decision

To note the contents of the report and express thanks to Officers for their hard work.

C3277 UPDATE REPORT ON DOMICILIARY CARE WITHIN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (REF) -

The Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care on 18 July, 2016 considered the above report of the Director of Social Services.

The Interim Head of Business Management and Innovation presented the report, the purpose of which was to update Members on issues faced by Domiciliary Care providers within the Vale of Glamorgan.

The report advised that there were 39 domiciliary care providers registered with the Council's approved provider list, 36 of these currently supported citizens on a regular basis.

The Independent Sector provided 97% of the care hours commissioned to support the assessed care and support needs of citizens in the Vale. The Vale spent £11,376,567 on domiciliary care in the last financial year, with an anticipated further

£2m increase in spending on domiciliary care in this current financial year as demographic factors were causing rising levels of need and demand.

Previously, the Scrutiny Committee received a report regarding the Council's position in respect of 1st Grade Care at its meeting held on 4th January, 2016. Following that meeting, Members requested a six monthly update on domiciliary providers. Members noted that there had not been any further incidents in relation to 1st Grade Care. As planned, 1st Grade Care completed all the steps outlined within their Action Plan to the satisfaction of the Council's Contract Monitoring Officers. There had been no further actions taken in regard to this agency.

Members would also be aware that the Vale of Glamorgan Council had recently terminated its contract with Gabriel's Care Limited. This followed a period when the agency was under embargo and an Action Plan had been developed to support the agency to meet required standards. However, although some improvements were noted, these were modest and unsustainable, leading to the Authority's decision to terminate their contract.

Local Authorities in England and Wales were obliged to undertake an annual review of fees paid to providers of care and support services. There was no statutory duty to offer an increase in fees following a review or at any specific time during the financial year or to follow any particular process in calculating appropriate fees. There were however some additional factors that needed to be considered for the 2016/17 financial year, such as changes to legislation and case law that had generated financial pressures for providers of services, including domiciliary care.

The key issues that had caused anxiety for providers in domiciliary care on a national and local basis were as follows:

- Introduction of the National Living Wage for over 25s
- Minimum wage for under 25s
- Payment for all work related time, including the requirement to pay staff for travelling time and
- Auto-enrolment in pension schemes.

The Interim Head of Business Management and Innovation advised Members that in recognition of financial pressure experienced by agencies providing domiciliary care, the Council had awarded a 3.5% increase on hourly rates from 6th April, 2016. In the allocated budget for Social Services provision had been made for a 1% increase in the rates paid to domiciliary care agencies. All providers within the Vale of Glamorgan were informed of this decision and were also given the option of meeting

with the Authority's officers if they felt that the increased fees would have an adverse and unsustainable impact upon the financial viability of their business.

Nine providers of domiciliary care had met with officers of the Council to discuss the implications of the 3.5% fee increase. The majority of agencies proposed that, if they were to meet the contractual arrangements of the Council and remain financially viable, any increase in fees this year would need to be in the region of 7-8%.

The Chairman, in querying whether the providers were content with the 3.5% increase, was advised that there was a variety of differences with each individual provider. A Committee Member stated that a concerning scenario was the additional £2m that had been identified in relation to cost pressures and that this represented a 16% increase for agencies which was at odds with the 3.5% that had been offered. The Committee Member also queried previous proposals around a monthly / year agreement and he questioned the timescales in relation to the implementation of this. In reply, the Interim Head of Business Management and Innovation stated that it was important to clarify for Members the process involved with care agencies. She summarised that overall, a 3.5% increase had been offered and implemented and that of the 39 agencies in the Vale, only nine had come back to seek an opportunity to discuss this with Officers. At present, the Council was working with these providers and was undertaking an evaluation of their business situations in order to ensure service continuity. With regard to the £2m increase, the Committee noted that this was based on demand for services and growth and was not related to the change in fees. A big part of the increase costs for providers related to the National Living Wage, around which, the South East Wales Improvement Collaborative was undertaking work to evaluate the impact. In addition, a review was being undertaken by the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales (CSSIW) around the domiciliary care market in Wales, which would be reported on in September 2016.

With regard to the monthly / year agreement with fees, the Committee was reminded that this related to the residential care sector, which was a three year arrangement. It was recognised that discussions for next financial year would need to commence, but the Interim Head of Business Management and Innovation indicated that this would be following conclusion of discussions regarding this year's rates for individual care homes. She further advised that under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act, there was the requirement to jointly commission care home placements and that this work would also be commencing in the Autumn, but that preliminary discussions had already taken place.

As a follow up to the comments relating to domiciliary care, a Committee Member stated that it was important to ensure that there was not a 'race to the bottom', in

which, the Council provided barely acceptable levels of care. He expressed concern around the need to provide appropriate training and that commissioning of services might be based solely upon costs. In reply, the Interim Head of Business Management and Innovation stated that quality of care was a critical factor and this was why the Council requested to evaluate the business models of care agencies and was why the Service required agencies to be compliant with regulations. She also indicated that a lot of discussion was planned on outcome based commissioning for the domiciliary care provision.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan's response to provider performance concerns, including actions being taken to improve the monitoring of providers' performance and the support offered to provider organisations be noted.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for its consideration.
- (4) T H A T the Action Plan related to Operation Jasmine and the proposed joint work with Cardiff Council be noted.
- (5) T H A T the Scrutiny Committee receives an update report in six months' time.

Reason for recommendations

(1-5) To ensure that Members continue to exercise effective oversight of the important functions undertaken by the Social Services Directorate.

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After the item had been presented, the Director of Social Services commented that the work to monitor Domiciliary Care was ongoing and update reports would be provided to the Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care every six months.

Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report, and recommendations 2 and 4 of the Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care as listed below, be noted:

- T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan's response to provider performance concerns, including actions being taken to improve the monitoring of providers' performance and the support offered to provider organisations be noted.
- T H A T the Action Plan related to Operation Jasmine and the proposed joint work with Cardiff Council be noted.

Reason for decision

To note the contents of the report.

C3278 DRAFT CORPORATE STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED CARE AND SUPPORT AND ACTION PLAN 2016 – 2019 (REF) -

The Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care on 18 July, 2016 considered the above report of the Director of Social Services.

The Head of Children and Young People Services presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise the Scrutiny Committee of progress in developing a draft Corporate Strategy for Children Who Need Care and Support and also provided a summary of the associated Action Plan for 2016-19.

The report advised that the decision to develop a Corporate Strategy was a direct consequence of the workshop hosted by the Corporate Parenting Panel in 2015 that included Elected Members and officers from across the Council. The draft Corporate Strategy and Action Plan was attached at Appendix 1.

The draft Strategy set out how the Council was going to work collaboratively so that the Council could improve the general wellbeing of children and young people who needed care and support, for whatever reason.

The draft Strategy identified how the needs of children, young people and their families would be met within the resources available to the Council during the period 2016-19. The document described the level of care and placements that the Council wanted to provide and commission for Looked After Children. It also focused on all stages of the care journey, detailing how the Council would support children in need of care and support and their families to stay together whenever it was safe to do so in order to minimise the risk of children becoming looked after.

In order to deliver the objectives set within the draft Strategy, relevant strategic plans in all Directorates would need to reference this document, and funding decisions taken in one area should not materially disadvantage the most vulnerable group of children and young people.

The report advised that the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Cross Directorate Corporate Strategy Management Team would be asked to oversee delivery of the Strategy, monitoring the impact.

The draft Strategy included an Action Plan which demonstrated the commitment of the Directorates in working towards the shared goals. As a result, the draft Strategy and the associated Action Plan would continue to be live documents, requiring regular reviews as progress was made.

The draft Corporate Strategy would focus on the following areas:

- Preventing the need for statutory interventions and provision of care and accommodation
- Managing the increasing expectations and demand for help and support
- Managing the ongoing reductions in budgets and the need to prioritise service delivery to those most in need.

The Chairman commented that the Strategy represented an excellent piece of work and that the Action Plan clearly set out how the Council should take a strategic and corporate approach to children and young people who need care and support.

A Committee Member then raised two points for clarification. The first was whether enough resources had been allocated to Tier 2 of the Model of Integrated Children and Young People Services. In reply, the Head of Children and Young People Services stated that there had been a 12% reduction in the funding allocated to Families First and this had meant some difficult decisions for the Council. Members noted that a further more detailed report on the Families First Programme was scheduled for the September meeting and so more information could be provided then.

The second point of clarification was in relation to the overlapping of geographical boundaries that existed between Families First and Communities First. The Head of Children and Young People Services advised that within the Vale there were four strands of work aligned to tackling poverty, each of which had its own management board. Therefore, discussion was required on the areas that these boards covered

and how their work could be better aligned in order to complement one another. This work was ongoing.

The Committee was pleased to see a number of innovative actions included within the Strategy's Action Plan, such as the possible exemption or reduction in the amount of Council Tax paid by foster carers.

With regard to support provided to young people not in education, employment or training, a Committee Member queried whether the use of Section 106 monies had been considered as a way of providing training opportunities. In response, the Head of Children and Young People Services advised that this would be noted as a suggestion, but would require discussion across Council Directorates and service areas.

A Committee Member also suggested whether a Mission Statement could be included that would outline what the Council wanted to achieve. This would be something that would also be considered.

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress made in developing a new Corporate Strategy and Action Plan for Children Who Need Care and Support to replace the current single Directorate Children and Young People Services Commissioning Strategy be noted.

(2) T H A T the draft Strategy and the associated Action Plan be referred to Cabinet for its consideration.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To provide Members with the opportunity to exercise oversight of a key strategic development for the Council.

(2) In order for Cabinet to consider a Council wide strategy for children who need care and support.

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Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee Healthy Living and Social Care.

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the draft Corporate Strategy for Children Who Need Care and Support and Action Plan 2016-2019 attached at Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed and adopted as a corporate policy.
- (2) T H A T staff be thanked for all their hard work in developing the draft Corporate Strategy.

Reasons for decisions

- (1-2) To endorse the draft Corporate Strategy for Children Who Need Care and Support and thank staff for their hard work.

C3279 OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013-2016: END OF YEAR REPORT FOR 2015/16 (REF) -

The Scrutiny Committee Corporate Performance and Resources on 26 July, 2016 considered the above report of the Managing Director.

The Outcome Agreement was an agreement with the Welsh Government for a three year period that required the Authority to deliver on performance activity and associated targets in line with the national Programme for Government in return for an incentive grant of c£1.2m. The current Agreement covered the period from 2013 to 2016. In the summer of 2015, Welsh Government announced that this third and final year of funding would not be tied into the level of performance achieved; instead, the funding would be automatically directed into the Authority's Revenue Support Grant (RSG) for 2016/17. This meant that payment for performance against targets in 2015/16 was assured and the Outcome Agreement did not carry the same level of financial risk associated with previous years. However, the activities were still crucial to improvements set by the Council and so it was nonetheless important to monitor and report on the performance against the Agreement for its final year.

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the progress made against the actions and performance measures, along with a summary of the Outcomes achieved.

Based on the Council's own self-assessment and the scoring range set out in the below table, it had been concluded:

Outcome Agreement theme 1 has been scored as Fully Successful – 2 points
 Outcome Agreement theme 2 has been scored as Fully Successful – 2 points
 Outcome Agreement theme 3 has been scored as Fully Successful – 2 points

Outcome Agreement theme 4 has been scored as Partially Successful – 1 point

Outcome Agreement theme 5 has been scored as Fully Successful – 2 points.

Table 1: Outcome Agreement Scoring	
Definition	Points award
Fully Successful	2
Partially Successful	1
Unsuccessful	0
Previously the Outcome Agreement needed to achieve at least 8 points from a possible 10 across the 5 themes to gain the full annual grant	

In calculating the scores on the Outcome Agreement as a whole, performance across all five themes indicated that the Council had been fully successful in achieving the majority of targets and actions relating to Year 3 of the Agreement and could have attained 9 points out of a possible 10, therefore securing full payment of the grant as previously achieved in the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15. The Scrutiny Committee was made aware that this would have been subject to agreement by the Minister in previous years.

It was indicated that a small number of targets were not achieved (which were identified by a symbol ☹) and in those instances proactive action was being taken to ensure that they were achieved for 2016/17, as part of the new Performance Management Framework. Quarterly monitoring would ensure performance was achieved.

Paragraphs 10 to 26 of the report provided a summary of the Council's conclusions on the five outcome areas for the Vale of Glamorgan and related to the following outcomes which also included associated achievements:

- Outcome 1: Supporting the local economy
- Outcome 2: Increasing school achievement
- Outcome 3: Improving the lives of older people
- Outcome 4: Improving social housing
- Outcome 5: Reducing landfill.

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Council's achievement of Year 3 Outcomes (as set out in Appendix 1 to the report) and as outlined in the Outcome Agreement 2013-16 be noted.

(2) T H A T it be recommended to Cabinet that those areas where the Council had not achieved its targets continue to be monitored by the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s) as part of the new Performance Management Framework.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) In acknowledgement of achievements in regard to the outcomes listed in the Outcome Agreement 2013-16 for the third and final year of the Agreement.

(2) To ensure that the Council achieves the agreed targets and outcomes for 2015/16 as set out in the Outcome Agreement with Welsh Government.



At the meeting the Leader highlighted that the Council had been fully successful in achieving four out of the five Outcome Agreements and the remaining Outcome Agreement regarding Improving Social Housing was due to be completed by the end of September.

Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee Corporate Performance and Resources

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and Officers be thanked for their hard work.

Reason for decision

To note the contents of the report and express thanks to officers.

C3280 LICENSING ACT 2003 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2016-2021 (REF) -

The Statutory Licensing Committee on 26 July, 2016 considered the above report of the Director of Environment and Housing.

The Committee received a report on the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy which was the subject of a statutory consultation period between 15th June and 19th July, 2016.

The Licensing Act 2003 places a duty on Local Authorities to develop a Statement of Licensing Policy that promotes the licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

A list of consultees was included in Section Four of the policy and a Public Notice of the consultation was published on the Vale of Glamorgan Council website.

A list of the responses with proposed amendments to the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy was attached at Appendix A to the report.

The amended Draft Statement of Licensing Policy for the five year period 2016 - 2021 was attached at Appendix B to the report.

The Licensing Team Manager informed the Committee that there had been four responses to the consultation which were attached to the report at Appendix A. The responses received were from the following:

- Councillor David Moody Jones – Peterston Super Ely Community Council
- Councillor R.J. Bertin – Vale of Glamorgan Council Elected Member
- Barry Town Council
- Josef Prygodzicz – Public Health Wales.

As a result of the consultation response two amendments to the draft policy had been suggested. Following on from Barry Town Council response it was suggested that 'Town and Community Councils' were added to the list of examples of representatives within the 'Review' section of the policy. As a result of the response from Public Health Wales it was proposed that, as Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Councils both came under the remit of the Cardiff and Vale UHB, the explanatory paragraphs supplied by the UHB explaining its role as a Responsible Authority be included in the Vale of Glamorgan's Policy at the end of Section 8 covering "Representations". The proposed amendments were detailed in full within Appendix A to the report.

Following presentation of the report, a discussion took place during which the following matters were raised:

Matters raised by Members	Responses
<p>When a licence was renewed, was it automatically reviewed, and would information in relation to injuries emanating from the licensed premises be automatically included within that review?</p>	<p>The Licensing Team Manager advised that licences are granted for an indefinite period and therefore would not automatically be reviewed, however any Responsible Authority or person can ask for the review of a licence. This usually occurred when a premises had significant problems which had not been resolved through the Responsible Authorities, otherwise a licence would last indefinitely.</p>
<p>Are the triggers for the review of a licence less stringent than previously?</p>	<p>The Operational Manager advised they were not, they remained the same. Reviews tended to result from concerns from the public or Responsible Authorities which usually involved issues such as antisocial behaviour or the concerns around the licensing objectives.</p>
<p>How would the Licensing Authority encourage greater community involvement, which was a key aim of the Licensing Act 2003? The Member expressed the view that the public was often not aware of licence applications in their immediate area, as notices were scant and information not easily available. Furthermore, there was no obligation to advise neighbours near a premises that an application had been made.</p> <p>Was it possible for the Authority to write to residents to inform them of licence applications in their area?</p>	<p>The Legal Officer advised that there were certain requirements in relation to the advertisement of applications that needed to be carried out statutorily. All Local Members were contacted when there was a new licensing application in their ward. There would be cost implications if all neighbours were to be sent letters. The Licensing Authority had a strict procedure to follow, and if this was not followed it would affect the granting of a licence.</p>
<p>How would the Licensing Authority ensure greater community involvement?</p>	<p>The Operational Manager for Neighbourhood Services advised that the Licensing Authority was required to</p>

	<p>follow a statutory process and there was facility within this process for greater community involvement to allow the public to feed into the decision making process. Local Authorities are obliged to consult Members as part of the process, however he was not aware of any Local Authorities that went the extra mile by sending letters to all neighbouring properties as was done in the Planning process.</p> <p>If there was an issue when a licence is granted, the mechanism for calling for a review of a licence was fairly straightforward. A licence can be called in for review by Members, and local residents can be involved in the process through their local Member. Residents can also call for a licence review and have their voice heard via this process.</p>
<p>Were Town and Community Councils informed of licensing applications as a matter of course?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>If local residents missed notices or the Town or Community Council did not relay information relating to licensing applications in the local vicinity, people would be unable to object as they were unaware of an application.</p>	<p>A Member advised that the review process was a safety net, if any of the four licensing objectives were being contravened by a premises; then any individual does have the right to call for a review of the licence, and a licence can be withdrawn if there is a breach of any of the four licensing objectives.</p>
<p>If stronger measures in relation to community involvement were not stipulated within the Statement of Licensing Policy, how would greater community involvement in the licensing process be encouraged?</p>	<p>The Legal Officer advised that the document was a policy statement. The Licensing Authority followed a statutory process which was aimed at supporting people.</p> <p>The Operational Manager advised that the document was a statement which reflected the general ethos of the</p>

	<p>Licensing Act and how it operated and was perhaps not reflective of exactly what the Authority did over and above the statutory requirements. He advised that having attended many licensing reviews, he was of the view that residents and communities did have a good mechanism through which they could give their own testaments, which could be done through local Members or in person at public protection committees.</p>
<p>Writing to neighbours to advise of applications in their area was a reasonable request. There would be a cost but it would not be too great if letters were only sent to the immediate neighbours.</p>	
<p>If a licence was called in for review, who would be responsible for bringing the evidence from neighbours' complaints to the review?</p>	<p>The Legal Officer advised that if there was a complaint made about a licensed premises, in order to encourage greater community involvement, the Licensing Authority would provide support and assistance to individuals during the process, for example with diaries and statements, and work actively with the Police, particularly in relation to issues of crime and disorder and would encourage the community as a whole. The Statement of Licensing Policy was a general Statement about how the Authority would bring about greater community involvement and the exact approach taken would depend on a case by case basis.</p>

<p>The Licensing Authority could strengthen the involvement of Town and Community Councils to encourage greater community involvement in the Licensing decisions.</p> <p>A Member expressed the view that his Ward was very rural and therefore it would be difficult to write to the neighbours. He felt that working with the Town and Community Council on these issues worked well and concurred that their role in the process could be strengthened to be more proactive.</p>	<p>The Operational Manager for Neighbourhood Services advised that any greater community involvement should be welcomed, however the Authority would need to decide which neighbours to write to. Furthermore, the Authority received a lot of applications and there was no statutory guidance on this matter. He suggested that officers could look at other Local Authorities to see how they managed the process and come back to the Committee and see how the Policy could be bolstered in this area.</p>
<p>The Authority could look at working with other Licensing Authorities to see how the Council could increase local involvement in the process.</p> <p>The statement should include greater detail about how increased community involvement would be achieved. Community involvement should take place prior to Licensing decisions being made.</p> <p>The Licensing team could look at the process used in the Planning department in terms of consulting neighbours.</p> <p>Could it be included within the document that the Licensing Authority would write to neighbours in regard to applications in their area as is done by Planning?</p> <p>There was a contrast between the Planning and Licensing processes in that neighbours were notified if there was a planning application in their area, but this was not the case in the licensing</p>	<p>The Operational Manager advised that the Statement of Licensing Policy was a policy statement intended to support the aims of the Licensing Act. It was not supposed to detail exactly how this would be done. The main issue concerned the paragraph relating to greater community involvement, the Committee could review the way it was worded and look at how the Licensing Act aimed to deliver greater community involvement.</p> <p>The Legal Officer advised that if an extra layer was added into the policy, it could open the system up to potential problems in trying to carry out the Licensing function. For example, how would 'local resident' be defined? If this were to be stipulated within the policy and was not done, the Authority would be non-compliant with its policy. The policy was a general statement; however these types of issues could be looked at outside of the policy.</p> <p>The Operational Manager reiterated that the statements within the draft policy</p>

<p>process, yet licensing could cause huge disruption. The public had difficulty getting through to the Police 101 line at night and the Police force was stretched to full capacity and unable to provide more support. The public was unaware that they needed to contact the Council in relation to Licensing problems. If no complaints were reported, a complaint would be dealt with as a new issue and not taken seriously.</p>	<p>were general statements. They could look at additional consultation measures, which could include the use of social media and report back to the Committee. He also advised that any costs involved in writing to residents could not be recovered, but he was happy to go away and look at the practices of other Local Authorities around statutory obligations in this area and options to bolster this aspect of the policy. If the policy was amended it would need to be consulted on again. He advised that the report could also include operational statistics for the Licensing department in the last 12 months, such as applications received, licences issued and renewed.</p>
<p>Other departments, such as Cleansing, wrote out to the public when needed, the cost couldn't be too great and local Members could deliver them to the immediate neighbours. The Council's website could be used, with links to Licensing matters in the different wards. The feeling of the room was that the Authority should improve its communication in this area.</p>	

Following consideration of the report and the matters discussed, the Committee

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the proposed amendments to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021 be approved.
- (2) T H A T the amended Statement of Licensing Policy be referred for comment to Cabinet and to Council for approval on 28th September, 2016.
- (3) T H A T a report be drafted in relation to how the Licensing Authority can encourage greater community involvement in the Licensing process, taking into

account the approach of other Local Authorities, and the report be brought to a future meeting of the Statutory Licensing Committee for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1&2) Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires a Licensing Authority to determine its Policy with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions and to publish a statement of that policy. The determination of the Statement of Licensing Policy is a Council function.

(3) In order to provide the Committee with information in relation to the approach of other Local Authorities on this matter and to provide Members with assurance that the Licensing Authority was encouraging greater community involvement in the licensing process.

Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Statutory Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED – T H A T the proposed amendments to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021 be approved and referred to Council for approval on 28 September, 2016.

Reason for decision

Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 required a Licensing Authority to determine its Policy with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions and to publish a statement of that policy. The determination of the Statement of Licensing Policy was a Council function.

C3281 WEBCASTING OF MEETINGS (REF) -

The Democratic Services Committee on 26 July, 2016 considered the above report of the Head of Democratic Services.

The webcasting of meetings of the Planning Committee was one of the ways in which the Council had sought to increase accessibility in terms of its decision-making processes. with the “end product” being comparable to Local Authorities who had engaged external providers of a webcasting service. Subject to Members' views, it was proposed that webcasting be extended to include meetings of Full Council. This

would further demonstrate the Council's commitment to the process. Whilst consideration had been given to the possibility of including other meetings in the process, by its very nature, such an approach would have immediate resource implications. For example, the concept of webcasting Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees would result in approximately 70/80 meetings having to be resourced (i.e. ICT officer attendance), the majority of which took place in the evening. In the current climate, in which savings were constantly having to be effected, it was not considered that incurring additional staffing costs of such a scale could be justified.

Any costs associated with the expansion of webcasting to include meetings of Full Council would be met from within existing resources.

Members supported the concept of extending the existing arrangements to include, on a trial basis, meetings of Full Council. It was agreed that an "internal" trial webcast should take place (as had occurred with the Planning Committee) in order that any adjustments required could be made prior to live webcasting commencing.

Officers pointed out that, in terms of configuring the equipment to webcast a Full Council meeting, there would be significant differences compared to the arrangements for Planning Committee. These included the fact that there would be a lot more Members present and, importantly, the Council's Constitution contained a requirement for Members to stand when addressing meetings of Council. This contrasted with the "fixed" position of Members sitting in a Planning Committee meeting.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet be recommended to agree the extension of webcasting of the Council's meetings to include Full Council, the first meeting of which would be an internal exercise in order that any issues arising could be addressed prior to the subsequent commencement of live webcasting of Full Council meetings.

(2) T H A T the Head of Democratic Services consider whether any amendments to the Council's Constitution will be required to facilitate effective webcasting of Full Council meetings and, if so, to report to Full Council accordingly..

Reason for decisions

(1&2) To further improve accessibility in terms of the Council's decision-making processes.

After this item had been presented, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Education commented that the webcasting of Council Meetings demonstrated the Council's ongoing commitment to increased accessibility of meetings to the public.

Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Democratic Services Committee.

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and the extension of webcasting of the Council's meetings to include Full Council be agreed.

Reason for decision

To further improve accessibility in terms of the Council's decision-making processes.

C3282 OUTCOME OF THE WALES AUDIT OFFICE CORPORATE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2016 INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT 2015 – 2016 (L) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -

Cabinet was informed of the extremely positive outcome of the Wales Audit Office (WAO) Corporate Assessment 2016 which incorporated the Annual Improvement Report 2015-16.

In 2013-14, the WAO commenced a four year cycle of Corporate Assessments of authorities in Wales, this being in addition to an annual programme of improvement studies and audits of Council activity. The Corporate Assessment of the Council was carried out during the early part of 2016 and the report was published on 25 August, 2016. The purpose of the Corporate Assessment, as described by the WAO, was to provide a position statement of an authority's capacity and capability to deliver continuous improvement. The assessment process considered an authority's track record of performance and the key arrangements in place to deliver continuous improvement.

During March 2016, Auditors from the WAO carried out a range of one to one interviews with staff and Members, focus groups with Members and officers and gathered evidence to inform the outcome of the assessment process. The fieldwork was preceded by considerable research. Prior to the publication of the final report on 25 August, the Managing Director of the Council had been afforded an opportunity to

comment on the findings of the WAO and, where appropriate and accepted, his comments had been taken into account and reflected in the final report.

A copy of the full report was attached at Appendix A to the report and could also be viewed via the following link:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/99566004543c1bbaf2572c5fa/files/453A2016_VoG_AI_R_english.pdf

A copy of the WAO press release issued on 25 August was attached at Appendix B to the report. The press release made it clear that the Council had a clear vision of what it wanted to achieve and that current work was helping ensure that the Council was well placed to continue securing improvement. The Auditor General for Wales, Huw Vaughan Thomas was quoted as saying: 'It is very positive to see a local authority receive such a good report and see that they had committed to looking at developing key services, such as ICT to deliver more efficient services. I encourage the authority to continue the high standard as they deliver their proposed changes to key services'.

A press release issued by Mark Drakeford, Local Government Secretary was also attached at Appendix C to the report. Mr Drakeford A.M. was quoted as saying; 'I'd like to congratulate the Council on this excellent report. As the Auditor General points out, there is a clear line of sight in what the local authority wants to achieve and how it intends to improve the lives of the people it serves'. He goes on to say: 'the Cabinet is working very effectively with senior managers to drive change and meet local needs....I'm confident that through the effective leadership already demonstrated, the Council will be able to make key changes to public services'.

The report was extremely welcome and provided firm and robust evidence that, despite increasing pressures on Council budgets and demands on services, the Council was performing efficiently.

The main report included a rationale for making the Proposals for Improvement and it was noteworthy that, in many instances, the proposals reflected work that was already underway or planned.

At the meeting, the Leader highlighted the very positive statement from the Local Government Secretary attached at Appendix C to the report along with the comments of the Auditor General for Wales at Appendix B to the report and noted that post publication, Steve Barry of the Wales Audit Office had requested to make a presentation to Full Council and the Audit Committee on the Corporate Assessment.

The Leader also made reference to Appendix 2 attached to the report in relation to scrutiny, which read that:

“The Council set out its intention to make changes to its scrutiny arrangements in 2016-17, including restructuring the committees as part of a wider review of its performance management framework. This has since been implemented, and the remits of the five scrutiny committees have been re-designated to reflect the Council’s four wellbeing outcomes (set out in the Corporate Plan)”.

The Leader was pleased to note that this was in line with the aims of the administration. He finished by giving his thanks to the Managing Director for his hard work and leadership in achieving this excellent outcome.

In agreement with the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Education highlighted paragraph 43 of the Corporate Assessment Report 2016 attached at Appendix A to the report which read that:

“A significant majority of members and officers we spoke to during this assessment referred to a rapidly developing culture of openness and transparency in their working relationships. They felt this was fostering engagement in change and improvement activities, as well as more confidence in discussing and resolving issues. This is providing a sound foundation for the future as the Council moves into the implementation of proposals emerging from the RSP.”

She also highlighted paragraph 7 of the report, explaining that the report “provided firm and robust evidence that, despite increasing pressures on our budgets and demands on our services, we are performing efficiently.” She noted that this again was one of the key aims of the administration.

The Cabinet Member for Visible, Leisure and Regulatory Services commented that he wished to congratulate Officers on their hard work and first class preparation for the audit. He believed that this result reinforced the position of the Vale of Glamorgan Council as the top performing Council in Wales.

In agreement with her colleagues, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Social Care & Health gave her thanks to staff for their hard work resulting in this exceptional outcome.

In conclusion of this item, the Managing Director stated that he was very pleased to note that all of the proposals for improvement outlined by the Wales Audit Office were already being progressed. Finally, he thanked Members for their support during

the Corporate Assessment, particularly in relation to the development of the new Performance Management framework and Scrutiny arrangements.

This was a matter for Executive decision

Having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein, the Leader recommended an alternative set of recommendations to that in the report in light of the Auditor Steve Barry from the Wales Audit Office wishing to attend Council and present his report personally, Cabinet therefore

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T Cabinet welcome and note the very positive outcome of the Wales Audit Office Corporate Assessment Report 2016, and the Annual Improvement Report 2015-16.
- (2) T H A T a report be submitted to the next Cabinet meeting on 26 September, 2016 on the progress being made towards the Proposals for Improvement, as outlined in the Wales Audit Office Corporate Assessment Report 2016 attached at Appendix A to the report, and how they will be implemented.
- (3) T H A T a copy of the report be referred to Full Council, and Auditor Steve Barry from the Wales Audit Office be invited to present the report to all Members.
- (4) T H A T after the meeting of Council on 28 September, 2016 the report be referred to the Audit Committee for consideration.
- (5) T H A T the thanks of Cabinet be extended to all those concerned who contributed to the assessment, and all staff be congratulated for their hard work in achieving such a positive outcome for the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To note the outcome of the Corporate Assessment process.
- (2) To ensure that progress against the Proposals for Improvement was undertaken efficiently and in a timely manner.
- (3) To inform Members of the outcome of the Wales Audit Office Corporate Assessment Report 2016.

- (4) To ensure that Audit Committee considered the report.
- (5) To thank staff for their hard work in achieving such a positive outcome.

C3283 REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST JULY 2016 (L) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ALL) -

Cabinet was advised of the progress related to revenue expenditure for the period 1 April to 31 July, 2016.

On 2 March, 2016 Council approved the Revenue and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budgets for 2016/17 (minute no 885 and 883 refers respectively).

The Learning and Skills Directorate was projecting an adverse variance of £672k at year end and the Social Services Directorate was anticipated to outturn with an adverse variance of around £1m. Proposals to mitigate the position were outlined in the report. The Housing Revenue Account budget was projecting an outturn within target. The position by service was shown in the following table.

Directorate/Service	2016/17	2016/17	Variance
	Original	Projected	(+) Fav
	Budget	Outturn	(-)
Adv	£'000	£'000	£'000
Learning and Skills			
Education and Schools	94,346	95,071	(725)
Use of Reserves/Identified Savings	0	(672)	672
Libraries	2,051	2,051	0
Adult Community Learning	277	277	0
Youth Service	1,081	1,032	49
Catering	1,489	1,489	0
Arts Development	115	111	4
Social Services			

Children and Young People	14,858	14,858	0
Adult Services (1,000)	39,906	40,906	
Use of Reserves/Identified Savings	0	(1,000)	1,000
Business Management & Innovation	295	295	0
Youth Offending Service	696	696	0
Environment & Housing			
Visible Services	20,068	20,068	0
Transportation	4,834	4,834	0
Building Services	0	0	0
Regulatory Services	2,056	2,056	0
Council Fund Housing	744	744	0
Public Sector Housing (HRA)	(22)	(22)	0
Managing Director & Resources			
Resources	982	982	0
Regeneration	2,172	2,172	0
Development Management	896	896	0
Private Housing	11,262	11,262	0
General Policy	16,660	16,660	0
Total	214,766	214,766	0
Met from General Reserve	-1,500	-1,500	0
Grand Total	213,266	213,266	0

Learning and Skills - The Directorate was projected to outturn with an adverse variance of £672k at year end. £500k had been set aside in the Schools Placements reserve to be used as a one off contribution in 2016/17 to mitigate part of the shortfall while further Reshaping Services work was undertaken by the Directorate.

Social Services - The Directorate was projected to outturn with an adverse variance of £1 million at year end. The service would strive to manage growing demand and try to mitigate the position and some initiatives may be funded via regional grants in the current financial year. It was proposed that up to £1 million was used this year from the Social Services Legislative Changes fund to cover the shortfall. The report outlined that Cabinet would be provided with further details during the course of the year.

Environment and Housing – It was currently projected that the service would outturn within target at year end.

Managing Director and Resources - It was currently projected that the service would outturn within target at year end.

2016/17 Savings Targets - As part of the Final Revenue Budget Proposals for 2016/17, a savings target of £9.289m was set for the Authority. Attached at Appendix 1 to the report was a statement detailing all savings targets for 2016/17 and the projected outturn. Services were working towards fully achieving their savings targets, however at this stage of the year it was anticipated that not all the savings would be made and there could be a shortfall of £586k.

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 position with regard to the Authority's 2016/17 Revenue Budget be noted.
- (2) T H A T up to £1 million from the Social Services Legislative Changes reserve be used to assist the Adult Services budget with its projected adverse variance.
- (3) T H A T the Director of Social Services makes every effort to mitigate the adverse position and reports back any measures that can be taken.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To note the projected revenue outturn for 2016/17.

- (2) To assist the service with its adverse variance.
- (3) To identify the savings to meet the estimated shortfall.

C3284 CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST JULY 2016 (L) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ALL) -

Cabinet was advised of the progress on the 2016/17 Capital Programme for the period 1 April to 31 July, 2016.

Council on the 2 March, 2016 (minute no 884 refers) approved the Capital Programme for 2016/17 onwards.

Appendix 1 attached to the report detailed financial progress on the Capital programme as at 31 July, 2016. For all schemes where it was evident that the full year's budget would not be spent during the year, the relevant officers were required to provide an explanation for the shortfall and this would be taken to the earliest available Cabinet.

Appendix 2 attached to the report provided non-financial information on capital construction schemes with a budget of over £100k. Where a budget shown in Appendix 1 was more than £100k but was made up of several schemes that individually were less than £100k, the scheme was not included in Appendix 2.

After this item had been presented, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Education highlighted the second page of Appendix 1 attached to the report, which detailed that over £20 million will be spent on schools in the Vale of Glamorgan during the period 1 April to 31 July, 2016. She also noted that over 30 play areas had been regenerated since 2012, during the current administration.

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 use of Delegated Authority to amend schemes within the Barry Regeneration Project Development Fund and the Visible Services and Education Asset Renewal budgets be noted.

- (2) T H A T the following changes to the 2016/17 Capital Programme be approved:-
- ICF Longmeadow Court - An increase of £219k to be funded from the Intermediate Care Fund.
 - Boverton Flooding - Virement of £28k from the Additional Highways / Environmental Improvement scheme to this scheme.
 - Ogmere By Sea Sustainable Transport - An increase of £30k to be funded from s106 monies.
 - Salisbury Road Play Area - An increase of £50k to be funded from the Visible Services Reserve.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To advise Cabinet of the use of Delegated Authority.
- (2) To allow schemes to proceed in the current financial year.

**C3285 USE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S EMERGENCY POWERS (L)
(SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ALL) -**

Cabinet was notified of the exercising of Emergency Powers by the Managing Director since the last report in April 2016.

This was a matter for Executive decision

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

RESOLVED – T H A T the exercising of the Managing Director's Emergency Powers as indicated below be noted –

- (a) Domestic Abuse Service Grant - Purchase of Target Hardening Equipment

Authority to increase the 2015/16 Capital Programme by £43,500 to be funded by the above Welsh Government grant.

(Scrutiny Committee - Housing and Public Protection)

- (b) Rural Development Programme

Authority to increase the 2015/16 Capital Programme by £40,619 to be funded by the above grant from the Welsh Government.

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

- (c) Metro Fund Grant Funding 2015/16 and 2016/17 Phase 3 - Culverhouse Cross to St. Athan via Cardiff Airport Bus Priority Corridor

Authority to increase the 2015/16 and 2016/17 Capital Programme following the acceptance of grant offer for further metro Fund transport by the Welsh Government for £48,585 for the 2015/16 and £599,624 for 2016/17 to enable the housing developer Bellway Homes to deliver bus priority measures including a bus lane and bus priority measures on Port Road to Culverhouse Cross.

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

- (d) School Investment Strategy - Use of Reserve

Authority to increase the 2016/17 Capital Programme Gwenfo Primary Expansion Scheme by £70,000 which was to be funded from the School Investment Strategy Reserve.

(Scrutiny Committee - Lifelong Learning)

- (e) Llanmaes Flood Risk Management Scheme - Direct Award of Outstanding Design and Development Work

Authority to negotiate a fee proposal with Mott MacDonalds and enter into an appropriate contract. The value of additional works estimated at £80,000. Authority was also sought to negotiate and direct award orders to Mott MacDonalds to undertake time critical work i.e. ecological surveys, modelling and ongoing liaison with Natural Resources Wales to ensure the scheme continued to progress to construction in the current financial year.

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

- (f) Maximising the Employment Potential of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast

Authority to increase the 2015/16 Capital Programme by £7,850 funded by a contribution from Dunraven Estate Properties Limited to cover the cost of a

marine engineering consultant to oversee the implementation of slipway works.

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

(g) Barry Island Causeway Improvement Scheme

Authority to slip £60,000 in respect of the below projects into the 2016/17 Capital Programme and vire into the Causeway Improvement Scheme budget to cover increased construction, design and supervision costs of the scheme:

- £19,000 (831215 Asphalt Renewal - Drainage)
- £41,000 (8315130 Flood Risk Management).

(Scrutiny Committee - Economy and Environment)

(h) Proposal to Increase Welsh Medium Secondary School Places: Cabinet report 2 June, 2016

Authority to amend / clarify the consultation start date in respect of the above matter from 26 June, 2016 to 20 June, 2016 (as correctly stated in Appendix B to the Cabinet report of 6 June, 2016) to enable the related consultation process to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the requirements of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

(Scrutiny Committee - Learning and Culture)

(i) Application to Welsh Government for Grant Funding and to Accept Grant Funding in respect of Boverton Flood Alleviation Scheme

Authority to submit a grant funding bid and subsequent acceptance of grant funding and inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016/17, subject to signed grant acceptance for the Boverton Flood Alleviation Scheme to expedite progress and maximise spend during the current financial year.

(Scrutiny Committee - Environment and Regeneration)

(j) 2015/16 Capital Slippage Request

Authority for slippage of unspent but committed capital budgets for 2015/16 into 2016/17 as set out in the attached appendix to the Emergency Powers

form and on the basis that the matter would be report to Cabinet on 11 July, 2016.

(Scrutiny Committee - Corporate Performance and Resources)

Reason for decision

To note the use of the exercising of Emergency Powers by the Managing Director since the last report in April 2016.

C3286 PLANNING OBLIGATIONS ON 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS OF 25 UNITS OR LESS (RE) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) -

Cabinet was asked to consider the introduction of a policy to apply nil financial planning obligations on 100% affordable housing developments of twenty-five units or less delivered either by the Council or its four Housing Association partners.

The Local Planning Authority (LPA) had commenced work on preparing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which would act as a mechanism for charging developers a set levy to provide infrastructure (such as roads, schools, open spaces etc.) in the local authority area dependent on the type and size of development proposed, and its location within the Vale of Glamorgan. Once CIL was adopted in the Vale of Glamorgan, social housing would be eligible for relief from the CIL levy, in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended), which came into force on 6 April, 2010.

In light of this, it was recommended to waive the requirement to impose any planning obligations on 100% affordable housing sites of twenty five dwellings or less, developed in the Vale of Glamorgan by the Council or the four housing association partners zoned by Welsh Government in the County, in order to maximise the use of Council funding and any subsidy in advance of CIL being adopted. The threshold for 25 residential units or less would be in alignment with the current residential development maximum threshold for community facilities provision through planning obligations, as set out in the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) 2015 approved by Cabinet on 14 December, 2015 (Cabinet Minute C3022 refers).

At present, the Council as the Local Planning Authority applied its draft Planning Obligations SPG (2015) in the first instance to most developments of this kind. If this impeded the viability of the development, such matters would be negotiated on a site

by site basis having regard to the strong presumption in favour of affordable housing arising from the Council's evidence on housing need.

Whilst there were several examples of planning permission being granted with zero or reduced S106 obligations on this basis, as it stood this did not provide the degree of certainty to the Council's Housing Service and partner housing associations that was required. A list of the size and type of obligations received since 2010 could be found at Appendix 1 attached to the report.

The Council's house building programme would focus on delivering as many highly adapted homes as possible to meet the specific needs of households on the Accessible Homes Register. It would therefore be important to ensure that the maximum funding available through the Housing Business Plan was directed at the delivery and build costs of the social rented homes, without which families in housing need and communities were unable to thrive.

In respect of the four partner housing associations zoned to develop in the Vale of Glamorgan by Welsh Government, these were registered social landlords (RSLs) as defined in Part 1 of the Housing Act 1996, who were registered with the Welsh Government pursuant to Section 3 of that Act. As part of the statutory requirements for being an RSL, they were required to be not for profit organisations and Welsh Government had in place a robust regulatory framework under which they were reviewed and governed.

The housing associations also delivered many community benefits in addition to the delivery of affordable housing, as well as training and work opportunities for local people. In addition, by developing affordable housing in rural communities for local people who were unable to afford to rent or buy a property in the area they were assisting them to remain within their support networks and bring social and economic benefits to the area. This in turn helped to create sustainable communities, including supporting the village schools and businesses.

The Council's Housing Service in its enabling role determined which affordable housing sites met the Council's strategic priorities and which should be supported by subsidy from Welsh Government.

At the meeting, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Social Care & Health stated that she welcomed this report as the proposed policy would provide the opportunity for Housing Associations to make the most of small developments and address the definite need for more affordable accommodation in the Vale of Glamorgan.

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 it be agreed to waive the requirement to seek financial obligations through Section 106 of the Planning Act on 100% affordable housing sites of twenty-five units or less developed in the Vale of Glamorgan by the Council or the four housing associations zoned by Welsh Government to develop in the County; Hafod Housing, Newydd Housing, United Welsh Housing and Wales & West Housing.
- (2) T H A T subject to approval of Resolution 1 above, the draft Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPG approved by Cabinet on 14 December, 2015 (Minute No. C3022 refers), be amended to include this exception.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) In order to maximise the use of Council funding and Social Housing Grant or other such subsidy made available by Welsh Government for the development of affordable housing, in advance of the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- (2) To ensure the SPG were up-to-date and reflect Cabinet's resolution.

**C3287 SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TRANSPORT POLICY (BSHT)
(SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) -**

Cabinet was informed of the results of the consultation exercise carried out in respect of an amended school/college transport policy and approval was sought for the amended policy to be implemented from 1 September, 2017.

Three distinct policies existed for mainstream school, additional learning needs and Post 16 College transport. On 9 May, 2016 (Minute number C3175 refers) Cabinet agreed to undertake a consultation on a revised School and College Transport Policy and that the results of that consultation process be reported back to Cabinet.

The consultation process took place from Monday 13 June, 2016 until Wednesday 20 July, 2016. The relevant consultation documents were made available bilingually on the Council's website and also on request in paper format. Colleges, schools, parents/pupils, the Welsh Government, neighbouring authorities and community councils were all advised that the consultation process was taking place.

Official written responses to the consultation were received from Barry Town Council, Welsh St Donats Community Council, Penarth Town Council, Vale of Glamorgan Youth Cabinet and an individual parent. Communication was also received verbally from neighbouring authorities and Welsh Government officials.

The written responses received were attached at Appendix A to the Report. Although not many responses were received, this was expected as the combined policy saw little change with no effect on the majority of residents in the Vale of Glamorgan.

As a result of the representations received several changes had been made to the Draft Policy. The changes to the Draft Policy were tracked and shown at Appendix B attached to the report. Although the response from a parent had been included as part of the responses to the consultation, the matter was being dealt with separately as it formed part of an education admissions issue.

Appendix C attached to the report contained the final proposed Policy taking into account all of the consultation comments received. The changes made to the Policy as a result of the consultation exercise enhanced its clarity adding additional references to legislation and clearer definitions. The Policy would be enacted from September 2017.

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 feedback from the consultation exercise attached at Appendix A to the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the publication of the revised school and college transport policy attached at Appendix C to the report by 1 October, 2016 be approved.

- (3) T H A T the use of article 14.14 of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised to enable the publication of the revised school and college transport policy attached at Appendix C to the report by 1 October, 2016.
- (4) T H A T the revised school and college transport policy attached at Appendix C to the report be approved for implementation from 1 September, 2017.

Reasons for decisions

- (1-3) To ensure the revised school and college transport policy was published by October 2016 so that it can be implemented from 1 September, 2017.
- (4) To enable one transport policy document to be used for mainstream, additional learning needs and college transport.

C3288 CEMETERY ROAD PARK SCHEME – AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MAIN WORKS (VLRs) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) -

Approval and delegations were sought to allow the award of the main works contract for the Cemetery Road Park Scheme.

The report outlined proposals to construct a park and small community building on the Council's land holding to either side of Cemetery Road in Barry and, upon completion, to provide a long lease to the Barry Town Council in order that it could take over control and maintenance of the new park.

Barry Town Council had agreed to co-fund the scheme construction costs and had entered into an arrangement with the Council to co-fund the scheme providing £250,000 towards the costs. The Vale of Glamorgan Council had been funding the scheme feasibility costs and the ground preparation works to date and had set aside further funds to allow delivery of the scheme. The Capital Programme allocation for the scheme was £550,000. This was inclusive of the Barry Town Council funding which would be drawn down as required against expenditure.

Although the scheme included proposals for both a small community building on the site and the renovation of the small World War 2 air raid shelter, these items had not been included in the current tender package. The main landscaping works were the subject of a planning application which was approved in 2014 but that application did not include a community building. A planning application had recently been

submitted for the proposed community building and its construction would be the subject of a further procurement exercise in due course along with the air raid shelter refurbishment.

This was a matter for Executive decision

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

RESOLVED – T H A T contents of the report be noted and the matter be considered alongside the Part 2 report to be heard later on the agenda.

Reason for decision

To consider the report alongside the Part 2 report.

C3289 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC -

RESOLVED - T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

C3290 CEMETERY ROAD PARK SCHEME – AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MAIN WORKS (VLRs) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPH 14) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) -

Approval and delegations were sought to allow the award of the main works contract for the Cemetery Road Park Scheme.

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 main works contract for the delivery of the park scheme at Cemetery Road, Barry be awarded to Ground Control Ltd under the provisions of a JCLI Landscape Works contract at a value of £418,920.98.

- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Environment and Housing Services, the Managing Director, the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Visible, Leisure and Regulatory Services, following written agreement by the Barry Town Council as co-funders of the scheme, to execute, sign and seal the works agreement and to provide an appropriate Letter of Intent in advance of the contract form to enable mobilisation of the works to site.
- (3) T H A T the use of article 14.14 of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised in respect of resolutions 1 and 2 above.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To enable the contract award.
- (2) To provide delegated authority to enter into the works contract and provide an appropriate Letter of Intent to allow mobilisation of the works.
- (3) To enable the contract award without delay in order to allow mobilisation of works at the site as soon as possible in an effort to avoid the works programme running into the winter season.