

CABINET

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 21st September 2020.

The Cabinet Agenda is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor N. Moore (Chairman); Councillor L. Burnett (Vice-Chairman); Councillors B.T. Gray, P.G. King, K.F. McCaffer, Mrs. M.R. Wilkinson and E. Williams.

C329 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September, 2020 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

C330 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C331 STATEMENT –

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources referred to the previous Cabinet meeting where people were asked to be vigilant, stay safe and avoid contact in order to stop the spread of infection, but that matters had escalated since then. There had been a local lockdown in Caerphilly, followed by a lockdown in Rhondda Cynon Taf, and an announcement had been made that morning advising Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Merthyr Tydfil and Bridgend would also have local lockdown measures. As a result, the Vale of Glamorgan would be surrounded by locked down areas. COVID-19 has not gone away, clearly shown by the rise in cases in some of those areas.

Thankfully the number of cases currently present were low, but had risen again; the Leader asked the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan to stay vigilant, to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser, to stay within their close bubble and keep 2-metres apart should a journey be necessary so as to not pass it on if they may have it, or indeed, catch it from anybody else.

**C332 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2019/20 (L)
(SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES)**

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report the purpose of which was to inform Cabinet of the annual review report on Treasury Management 2019/20 and outline the Council's Treasury Management options for the period 01st April 2019 to the 31st March 2020.

The report outlined the changing economic conditions in both the UK and other world economies during the last financial year which did have an effect on treasury management options that were carried out during the year.

The Council's primary objectives for the management of its investments are to give priority to the security and liquidity of its funds before seeking the best rate of return. These investments attract a slightly more favourable rate of return than investing in the UK, placing the majority of funds as investments with other Local Authorities which gives more favourable returns than with the UK government, but still gave priority to the security of funds invested.

For the first time in 2019/2020 the Council made use of the UK Treasury Bills as an alternative to investing with Local Authorities. This provided more flexibility regarding how monies were invested.

When managing the Council's debt, the primary aim was to ensure long-term affordability. The Council last year continued to finance a significant proportion of capital expenditure from internal resources. As a result, the Council's external borrowing was well within the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary set for 2019/20 and limited the debt charges paid during the year.

With regard to the treasury management operations for 2019/20, all treasury management activity undertaken during the financial year complied with the amended approved strategy, the CIPFA Code of Practice, and the relevant legislative provisions.

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 Annual Treasury Management Report 2019/20 be accepted and referred to Full Council on 21st September, 2020 for approval.

(2) T H A T the use of article 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution (Urgent Decision Procedure) in respect of Resolution (1) above be authorised.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To accept and refer the report to Council.

(2) The annual report on Treasury Management 2019/20 is reviewed by Council as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

C333 VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL REPORT (IMPROVEMENT PLAN PART 2) 2019/20 (L) (SCRUTINY - ALL)

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report the purpose of which was to present the draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report (Improvement Plan Part 2) 2019/20, which outlined progress towards achieving the Council's Well-being (Improvement) Objectives agreed in April 2019. The report also incorporated an end of year position statement on corporate risks, an annual review of progress against regulatory proposals and the Head of Internal Audit's opinion on the Council.

Due to the timetable set by legislation and the revised schedule of Council meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it had not been possible for Scrutiny Committees to review the Annual Report prior to it being presented for Cabinet's consideration on 21st September, 2020. In order to ensure the views of all Members are considered, it was proposed that the Plan is referred directly to Full Council (21st September, 2020) for their consideration. The majority of information contained within the Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report had previously been reported to all Scrutiny Committees and Cabinet as part of quarterly performance reporting throughout the year. Consultation had been undertaken with the Strategic Leadership Team and relevant Sponsoring Directors for their respective areas.

Certain aspects of performance, most notably, end of year national performance indicator information and national benchmarking data had not been available to enable comparison of performance. Statutory statistical obligations from the Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government's Public Accountability Measures were suspended indefinitely at the end of 2019/20 to enable focus of energies on supporting communities through the worst of the COVID-19 global pandemic. When the data became available, it would be reported to Members as appropriate and as part of quarterly performance reports.

Significant progress had been made toward achieving our vision, giving an overall performance (RAG) status of GREEN for the Corporate Plan.

The Insight Board Action Tracker incorporated all our regulatory proposals for improvement as well as areas for further development identified by the Council (pages 93 to 97).

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) That the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report (Improvement Plan Part 2) 2019/20 be considered and endorsed and referred to Full Council on 21st September, 2020 for approval.

(2) T H A T the use of article 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution (Urgent Decision Procedure) in respect of Resolution (1) above be authorised.

(3) T H A T following consideration by Cabinet and Members at Full Council, the Annual Report be referred to Audit Committee for final oversight of the Council's performance for 2019/20 including progress against its regulatory recommendations/ proposals for improvement.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure the Council fully discharges its duties under both the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WBFNG) and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (LGM) to publish an annual review of council performance against its Well-being (Improvement) Objectives by 31st October as per the statutory timetable.

(2) The Urgent Decision Procedure is required in order for the report to be considered by Council in advance of 31st October, which is the statutory publication date for this report under the Local Government Measure (2009).

(3) To ensure Audit Committee has final oversight of Council's progress in addressing recommendations/ regulatory proposals for improvement.

C334 CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY STRATEGY (L) (SCRUTINY - ALL)

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report the purpose of which was to seek Cabinet approval for the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy (attached at Appendix A to the report).

The Strategy was structured around the three phases to the Council's management of the pandemic: response, transition and recovery.

Reflecting on the learning from the response had identified a series of recovery themes which had been aligned with the Council's Well-being Objectives drawn from the Corporate Plan 2020-25.

Informed by a Community Impact Assessment, Economic Impact Assessment and the reflective learning from staff, partners and Members, a number of strategic recovery priorities had been identified. These priorities provided the strategic direction for services to develop recovery plans and would inform the Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2021/22.

The report provided a commentary to the structure and content of the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy and sought endorsement for the Strategy and the approach to developing and delivering it.

It was recommended that the report be referred to all Scrutiny Committees for awareness and the identification of any specific areas of activity that could be reflected in future work programmes. The Leader noted that some Scrutiny Committees had already received presentations and others were due to shortly. The

report also recommended sharing with partners of the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their awareness and to ensure continued integration and coordination of activity in the interest of our residents' well-being.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration advised she had been present at Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee where education outcomes within the Strategy had been discussed and gave her thanks to all teams concerned for their effort during and since lockdown to ensure schools were open.

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health advised the Strategy had also been discussed at Health Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee which he had attended, having a focus on Social Services' response during the pandemic. With cases rising again, it was important to note that the Strategy included the ability to return to a response phase to manage any further issues that may arise. The Cabinet Member also thanked staff within Social Services and from other Service Areas for their response to the pandemic and continued delivery of services.

The Managing Director advised that some time had been spent within the response phase since the first lockdown in March 2020 and noted it would be vital looking forward and put recovery actions in place where possible whilst dealing with issues that still fall within the response phase as COVID-19 had not gone away. Scrutiny Committees would have an opportunity to have an input into how the Council would move forward into the recovery phase.

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 contents of the report and the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy (Appendix A) be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy (Appendix A) and the proposals contained in the report relating to its delivery be endorsed.
- (3) T H A T the report and the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy (Appendix A) be referred to all Scrutiny Committees for their consideration in identifying any particular area(s) of focus for the Committees' forward work programmes.
- (4) T H A T the report and the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy be shared with members of the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils.
- (5) T H A T Cabinet receive further updates on the progress made against the priorities contained in the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy in due course.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide Cabinet with an overview of the work undertaken in response, transition and recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic.
- (2) To provide a framework for action to be taken in recovering from the pandemic.
- (3) To provide Committees with an overview of the work undertaken in response, transition and recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic and to allow the identification of any particular area(s) of focus for scrutiny activity.
- (4) To provide these organisations with an update on the work being progressed by the Council.
- (5) To provide Cabinet with updates and enable oversight of progress made in delivering the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy.

C335 THE KYMIN, PENARTH (L) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION)

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval to declare The Kymin surplus to the Council's requirements and to market the house and a proportion of the gardens.

This report provided Cabinet with an update regarding The Kymin which had previously been let to Penarth Town Council and which reverted to the Council's control in April 2020. The report set out proposals to declare The Kymin surplus to the Council's requirements. It was proposed to advertise a long lease opportunity of the Building and part of the grounds and to consider future options for the retention of the remainder of the grounds. A further report would be provided in due course to present to Cabinet the outcome of the advertisement process in order to inform any decision in relation to the disposal of The Kymin and a small part of the grounds in close proximity. At that time, a decision would also need to be taken as to whether the Council should proceed to advertise the loss of public open space associated with the curtilage of The Kymin itself that would be required by legislation.

The report asked for delegated authority to be given to the Director of Environment and Housing in consultation with the Managing Director, Leader and Deputy Leader to consider the short, medium and long term options for the retention of the remainder of the site as public gardens (as identified on the plan at Appendix B) and a further report be brought to Cabinet in due course to consider the options.

The Kymin was a detached Victorian house situated within mature landscaped gardens of approximately 2 hectares. The Building was not listed but had been identified as a "County Treasure". The presumption, therefore, would be that the building be retained for the benefit of the local area and wider community.

The building and grounds had been let to Penarth Town Council, but notice had been served on the Council to terminate the Agreement during 2019; the Agreement terminated on 31st March, 2020. Between serving notice and the asset returning to the Council, dialogue continued with the Town Council. Since the return to the Council's control, maintenance of the land and building had been the responsibility of the Local Authority.

When instances such as this arose and a building or asset becomes available, the Council's standard process required consideration of alternative uses by the Local Authority. This was in line with the requirements of the Council's 'Disposal Protocol'. This ensured that consideration was given to how assets could be used, prior to considering whether they were no longer required by the Council.

The Insight Board was therefore consulted to establish if there was any internal proposal for the re-use of the property. The opportunity was considered by Insight Board on 27th February, 2020, when it was established that there were no internal proposed uses for The Kymin and therefore it was concluded that the property was surplus to the Council's requirements and as such, an alternative productive use of the building for the benefit of the town could be sought.

To inform the future strategy for The Kymin and grounds, officers had made enquiries of both the National Trust and The Landmark Trust to ascertain their interest in considering The Kymin as one of their Historic Buildings.

The Landmark Trust confirmed that as they were a small charity with very limited funds, they could take only a few buildings each year and as The Kymin did not have the historic interest that they are looking for at present, they regretted that it was not something that they wished to pursue.

The National Trust had also confirmed that due to very challenging times, they would not be able to take on any additional buildings such as The Kymin at this time.

Following the consideration by the Insight Board and the contact with the bodies described above it was proposed that any disposal relating to The Kymin and grounds should consider the building (with some grounds) as being separate from the remaining grounds in recognition that the retention of some of the grounds was important for local residents.

For this reason, it was proposed that the building and land identified on the plan at Appendix A to the report be advertised for sale (by virtue of a long lease) for specific uses that would be set out in a Marketing/Planning Brief which would accompany the marketing process. It was proposed that those uses would be limited to community, hotel and restaurant type uses. The remainder of the grounds (Appendix B) would not be included in this disposal.

Following the conclusion of marketing, it was proposed that a further report would be presented to Cabinet outlining the results of the marketing process. This would enable a preferred bidder to be identified and to set out any terms and conditions.

In disposing of the building and land, an element of public open space would be disposed of. In order for the Council to consider this element of the disposal, the potential loss of public open space would be required to be advertised in accordance with legislation. The Council was required to advertise the loss of public open space pursuant to s.123 Local Government Act 1972 and also The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015.

S.123 (2A) stated that where a disposal consisted of or formed part of an open space the Council could not dispose until it had placed notices in a newspaper circulating in the area on two consecutive weeks and considered any objections that might have been received by them.

Under both sets of legislation, the Council must consider any objections received and give them due consideration. It was for this reason that it was recommended that any resolution being made in relation to the disposal of the property was subject to these processes and due consideration of the outcome by Cabinet of the public open space processes in a further report.

As described above, some of the land within the boundary of The Kymin was not included in the proposed area for disposal. This land was shown in Appendix B to the report. The Council was committed to retaining this land as public open space for the enjoyment of local residents. However, it was acknowledged that the Council did not have to directly manage this land (as had been the case in the recent past whereby Penarth Town Council maintained the grounds in addition to occupying The Kymin building).

As such, the Council would (in parallel with the processes described above regarding the building and grounds proposed for disposal) be considering options for the future management of the grounds shown at Appendix B, either directly or by working with others.

Penarth Town Council recently indicated their interest in taking on a longer-term commitment in relation to part of the grounds. Officers had met with officials and Elected Members of the Town Council on site to discuss their interest. However, at the time of writing, there had been no formal response from the Town Council to progress any further with this interest.

The Leader added that the use of the building and small grounds needed to be for the use of Penarth.

Additional information and comments had been received from local Members and the Leader of Penarth Town Council:

15th September, 2020 – Councillor Rhiannon Birch, Leader of Penarth Town Council.

Morning.

As leader of Penarth Town Council, I would like to make the following comments. I am disappointed that the Vale council and the Town council were unable to come to an agreement about the use of the property , either in full or in part, for the direct

benefit of the people of Penarth. I felt that the meeting Town Council representatives and officers had with Vale council officers in August had left the door open for future discussions, but it is clear that the decisions had already been made. I am also surprised that the vale Council feels able to offer a 25 year lease to an outside organisation when this was not offered to the Town Council. Whatever the history, it is obvious that the Town Council would make decisions about the property for the benefit of Penarth residents, rather than a commercial entity.

It is also disappointing that the Town council only found out about future plans for the property through forwarded emails, I would have expected all Vale councillors for Penarth to have been informed as a matter of courtesy, it is a key site in Penarth and is of importance outside the ward.

Whatever the plans for the site, I would like the community of Penarth to be reassured that the right of way currently enjoyed by residents, and access to the part of the grounds outside the proposed boundary , will be retained.

I look forward to your response,

Yours sincerely, Rhiannon Birch. Leader of Penarth Town Council.

19th September – Councillor Neil Thomas

I am disappointed that discussion over the future if this County Treasure has not included the ward councillors until this late stage.

My preferred option would have been to have granted a long term, 25 year lease to Penarth Town Council a couple of years ago which would have enabled application for various grants and loans to improve the estate and building.

For the future I would hope to see the building and grounds kept as a public access building for the benefit of the town.

I would remind you that this property only came under the control of the Vale of Glamorgan due to the vagueries of the numerous changes in local government over the years though it was originally in the ownership of Penarth Urban District Council. If the property is to be leased separately as suggested then more detailed information is now required to delineate where the divisions will be.

The grounds will be expensive to maintain and the joint access and parking must be resolved.

I would hope that the property as a whole remains accessible to the community of Penarth and our visitors as previously.

Regards

Neil Thomas

15th September – Councillor Ruba Sivagnanam

The future of the Kymin is an extremely important issue for my ward and I feel a week of consultation is not enough for me and Neil to gauge the views of our residents and importantly the PTC. So I would ask for more time for us and you to properly consider views and have a conversation with you as to what if any interest has been shown by third parties including PTC in the Kymin.

Any decision about the Kymin will have a profound effect in my ward ; I am well aware that the building requires a great deal of work however, it is vitally important to me that the Kymin remains an asset for the use of the people of Penarth. Along with the Pier that area of Penarth attracts visitors as well as locals and is a jewel in terms of location and its wildness and I would not wish to see any use of the Kymin which curtails its use for Penarthians.

There is such an interest in the Kymin that it is important that we work together to get all the comms right including consultation!

*I look forward to hearing from you Tom. I would be grateful if you could use this email address for the time being as my VOG email is still not working.
Best regards,*

Ruba

When considering the comments received, the Leader agreed with the Leader of Penarth Town Council who had been disappointed not to be able to have come to an agreement about the use of the property, but that would have had to have happened before the lease was surrendered to the Council. The door was open for future discussions with Penarth Town Council as part of the marketing exercise. The offer of the 25-year lease would be open to both outside organisations as well as the Town Council. The preference was noted for the property to be for the use of local residents rather than a commercial entity and there is a proviso in the marketing conditions which would expect the town to have an input and use of the site and the grounds would be retained for public use.

There were comments concerning a lack of information and time to consider the matter; the Leader clarified that this was the normal procedure and local Members could make comments on the report, as had been actioned. There was an option for all parties to come forward and make any views known as part of the marketing exercise.

The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture stated she knew how well loved The Kymin is by the residents of Penarth. There had been some misunderstanding of the language and terminology used by the Council; the word 'disposal' suggested the Council had no care or concern for the building and that was not correct, simply there was no use for the building within the Local Authority. All Members would love for it to stay within community use and it would be interesting to see what came forward as part of the marketing exercise so the building and grounds could thrive.

The South Lodge was due to be rejuvenated shortly using exactly the same for The Kymin.

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health echoed comments made by the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture and agreed that without the detail in the report the use of words like 'disposal' could be misinterpreted with regards the loved local asset. The report stated public access to the grounds would be maintained. Paragraph 2.7 of the report referred specifically to community, hotel and restaurant type uses and this process allowed for ongoing use of the building for the community and did not preclude the Town Council from bidding for the long-term lease. Any future community commercial use should maintain the feeling of those mature gardens, as stated in the report.

He added that time had been taken to liaise with third sector organisation National Trust Landmark Trust for their interest and the report was a first step in trying to secure the future of a community asset and it had been disappointing to see some negative comments made by some parties as a result of not having read the comprehensive report.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration added that the building had not been used for over a year and needed to be brought back into productive use as soon as possible. The legal language that had to be used could get in the way of understanding; words such as 'disposal' and 'marketing' seemed to imply the Council was looking for the best financial outcome, but it was more important to retain public use in a sustainable manner. Should there not be an appropriate or acceptable bid through the marketing exercise then the bid would not be accepted.

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport noted that as it currently stood, the building was not fit for purpose; toilets were upstairs which could not accommodate anyone who was mobility impaired, the rooms were small and there was a basic kitchen. It was hoped that whatever the building would be utilised for would make it more fit for a community service.

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 background to The Kymin returning to the Council's control be noted.
- (2) T H A T The Kymin building and grounds identified on the plan at Appendix A to the report be declared surplus to the Council's requirements.
- (3) T H A T the Director of Environment and Housing be authorised to instruct the Head of Finance in consultation with the Managing Director, Leader and Deputy Leader, to advertise The Kymin and grounds on a long lease basis (boundary shown

on plan at Appendix A to the report) on the basis of a Marketing/Planning brief setting out specific uses as described in the report.

(4) T H A T a further report be presented to Cabinet outlining the results of the marketing process, set out under Resolution (3) above, in order to identify a preferred bidder and to set out any terms and conditions without prejudice to Resolution (5) below.

(5) T H A T following the marketing exercise set out in Resolution (3), the report in pursuance of Resolution (4) above, will also consider the need or otherwise to advertise the loss of public open space under both s.123 Local Government Act 1972 and the Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015.

(6) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with the Managing Director, Leader and Deputy Leader to consider the short, medium and long term options for the retention of the remainder of the site as public gardens (as identified on the plan at Appendix B) and a further report be brought to Cabinet in due course to consider the options.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To advise Cabinet of the position with The Kymin (building and grounds) reverting to the Council's control as of 1st April, 2020.

(2) To ensure that the requirements of the Council's policies are adhered to.

(3) To comply with legal processes relating to the potential loss of public open space.

(4) To update Cabinet on the outcome of the marketing process.

(5) In order to comply with legal requirements relating to the disposal of public open space and playing fields.

(6) To secure the long-term future of the remaining grounds as public gardens.

C336 MATTER WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT - RESOLVED - T H A T the following matter which the Chairman had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading be considered.

C337 TOWN CENTRES RECOVERY MEASURES (L) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION)

(Urgent by reason of the need to consider town centres recovery measures in Barry, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Penarth because of the COVID-19 pandemic)

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report, the purpose of which was to grant delegated authority to support COVID-19 recovery measures required in the Vale of Glamorgan's town centres and associated budget management arrangements.

In June of this year, the Welsh Government asked the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) Local Authorities to consider re-purposing elements of the Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI), Thematic Grants Programme 2020/21 budget allocation to allow a much greater degree of flexibility in adapting to the changes required in town centres because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Up to £3.5m of the 2020/21 budget allocation was available and may be used by the CCR Local Authorities to deliver measures which support the recovery of town centres. It had been decided that monies could be repurposed to consider a greater degree of flexibility in adapting to changes needed in town centres as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. The allocation to the Vale of Glamorgan came to the amount of around £500k.

The Council would prioritise its share of this investment in the following town and district centre shopping areas (as defined in the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026):

High Street/Broad Street, Barry Town Centre;
 Holton Road, Barry Town Centre;
 Cowbridge Town Centre;
 Llantwit Major Town Centre; and,
 Penarth Town Centre.

In August of this year, urban design consultants were commissioned by the Council to prepare an audit report and undertake concept design work for the above-mentioned shopping areas. The objectives of the project were to:
 facilitate trade and economic recovery;

- enable and encourage the public to visit our town centres safely and with confidence;
- enhance the aesthetics of the area; and,
- make a lasting positive impact.

Recommendation (1) would allow the Council to negotiate and agree any variations to the terms of the Service Level Agreement regarding the Targeted Regeneration Investment, Thematic Grants Programme for South East Wales (Cardiff Capital Region), to re-purpose funds to deliver measures to support the recovery of town

centres. Recommendation 2 will allow the required legal documentation to vary the terms of the Service Level Agreement to be prepared, completed and executed.

Recommendations (3)-(7) (inclusive) would enable the effective governance and administration of the re-purposed funds; and, facilitate future investment and development opportunities, which support the recovery of the Vale of Glamorgan's town centres.

Recommendation (8) was required due to the changes required in the Vale's town centres because of the pandemic and the need to review the criteria for support on a regular basis to ensure that they reflected any new Welsh Government guidance.

The timescales for the project in terms of design, procurement, consultation and delivery (by the end of March 2021) were extremely challenging. In the next few days the consultants were due to present their place overviews and preliminary findings, which would generate two distinct but complementary workstreams, namely quick-win projects to be delivered in 2020/21 financial year; and, a menu of legacy projects looking beyond the short-term.

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 delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to undertake all necessary actions to negotiate and agree any variations to the terms of the Service Level Agreement regarding the Targeted Regeneration Investment, Thematic Grants Programme for South East Wales (Cardiff Capital Region) required to allow the Council to re-purpose funds to deliver measures to support the recovery of town centres.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation to vary the terms of the Service Level Agreement regarding the Targeted Regeneration Investment, Thematic Grants Programme for South East Wales (Cardiff Capital Region).

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to approve the use of the re-purposed Targeted Regeneration Investment, Thematic Grants Programme for the year 2020/21.

(4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education

and Regeneration and the Head of Regeneration and Planning to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the Targeted Regeneration Investment, Thematic Grants Programme for the year 2020/21, as appropriate.

(5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation with third party grant applicants where required.

(6) T H A T the Head of Regeneration and Planning in conjunction with the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to negotiate terms and conditions for the appointment of third-party suppliers/providers where required.

(7) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services in conjunction with the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer be authorised to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation to enable third-party suppliers/providers to be appointed where required.

(8) T H A T the use of Article 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised in respect of the above recommendations.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To allow the Council to agree any variations to the terms of the Service Level Agreement.

(2) To prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation to vary the Service Level Agreement.

(3) To approve the use of the re-purposed funds for COVID -19 recovery measures in Vale of Glamorgan town centres.

(4). To enable the Targeted Regeneration Investment, Thematic Grants Programme capital allocation for the year 2020/21 to be managed effectively and to allow project preparation work to either continue or commence and, in doing so contribute to the delivery of COVID-19 recovery measures in Vale of Glamorgan town centres.

(5) To prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation with third party grant applicants where required.

(6) To allow project preparation work to either continue or commence and, in doing so contribute to the delivery of future investment and development opportunities in Vale of Glamorgan town centres.

(7) To prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation with third-party suppliers/providers where required.

(8) In recognition of the urgent need to support on-going and emerging COVID-19 recovery measures required in Vale of Glamorgan town centres because of the pandemic.