

**CABINET**

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

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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.

Also Present: Councillors Ms. J. Aviet, V.P. Driscoll, Mrs. S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson and A.R. Robertson.

**C500 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**C501 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations were received.

**C502 STATEMENT –**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources referred to the decreasing rate of COVID-19 infections in the Vale of Glamorgan, as well as ongoing vaccination programmes, including an increase in the numbers of residents who had received their second vaccination. However, COVID-19 remained present and the Leader reminded residents that precautions still needed to be taken and those who had only received their first vaccination would still need to follow current guidance. The Leader thanked all residents who had taken the time and made the effort to comply with the restrictions and he hoped that such efforts would soon see a return to infection levels as low as they had been a year ago.

**C503 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN (IMPROVEMENT PLAN PART 1) 2021-22 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) -**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek Cabinet endorsement of the draft Annual Delivery Plan (Improvement Plan Part 1) 2021-22

The report set out how the draft Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) had been developed including the feedback received during the consultation and scrutiny of the draft plan.

The ADP was the Improvement Plan (Part 1) for 2021-22 and was aligned to the Council's four Well-being Objectives.

The ADP detailed the activities that would be undertaken in 2021-22 to deliver those objectives within the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the Council's Recovery Strategy.

The commitments within the ADP would be reflected in annual Service Plans together with service improvement targets which would detail how different Council services would contribute to the delivery of the four Well-being Objectives.

Work had commenced to develop the Service Plans which would be presented to the relevant Scrutiny Committees in March together with proposed service improvement targets for 2021-22. These would be considered by Cabinet following Scrutiny Committees' review.

Publishing the Well-being Objectives at the start of the financial year would enable statutory obligations to be met in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFGA), both of which placed specific duties on the Council in relation to objective setting and reporting. Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, the Council was required to publish its Well-being Objectives by 31<sup>st</sup> March each year and to keep those under review. Under the Local Government Measure, the Council also had to set annual Improvement Objectives and publish those as soon as possible at the start of the financial year.

The Leader added that as this was a matter to be considered by Full Council at the next meeting, he moved to amend Recommendation (1) to include the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure.

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 draft Annual Delivery Plan (Appendix A to the report) be endorsed and referred to Council for consideration and approval and that the Urgent Decision Procedure set out in Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution in respect of Recommendation (1) be approved.

(2) T H A T the approach taken this year to draft the Annual Delivery Plan and the relationship with Annual Service Plans be noted.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that the Annual Delivery Plan could be presented to Council in April for consideration and endorsement as part of the Improvement Plan (Part 1)

for 2021-22 and reporting of the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure is a requirement of the Council's Constitution.

(2) To ensure that Cabinet were aware of how the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy and other key documents have informed the Annual Delivery Plan which would provide the framework for annual Service Plans.

**C504 THE IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON OUR COMMUNITIES - MARCH 2021 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) -**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to provide an update on the impact of Coronavirus on communities in the Vale of Glamorgan and seek approval to disseminate this work to partner organisations.

The updated Community Impact Assessment explored how the COVID-19 pandemic had continued to impact communities in the Vale of Glamorgan based on the latest data and research available at the time of writing.

The Community Impact Assessment was initially considered by Cabinet in 2020 and provided an important evidence base to inform the Council's Recovery Strategy.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions that had been necessary to protect those in our communities most vulnerable to the virus and to try to limit the pressures placed on the National Health Service and Social Care had been critical to tackling the spread of the virus. However, there had been wide ranging effects as a result of both. The report built on the picture developed in the initial analysis published in September 2020 to further explore, through national and local research, data and findings, the impact that the last six months had had on lives in the Vale. A summary of the headline findings against key themes had been included within the report.

The information and analysis within the Community Impact Assessment had been used in developing the Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2021/22.

The Leader and Cabinet also added thanks to the Officers for all the work that had been undertaken in preparing the report.

He also referred to paragraph 2.8 of the report which discussed cases, deaths and vaccinations and that no-one would have thought this time a year ago that we would still be facing challenges as a result of the pandemic and in Level 4 since Christmas 2020.

The Deputy Leader referred to economic impact and that the Regeneration team had been compiling ongoing facts and figures that would be presented as a report to Cabinet later in the year which would consider proposals going forward.

Councillor Gray also referred to the depth of detail contained in the report. In terms of Social Services, he noted within the report that the normal means by which

children requiring contact with Social Services kept in touch had reduced, as well as the exponential rise in unpaid carers and the effects on their wellbeing.

Councillor Mrs. Wilkinson referred to the amount of work that had been done to assist those facing or experiencing homelessness, also noting a rise in domestic abuse cases as a result of the pandemic. Some of the planned house building had started prior to the outbreak of the pandemic and was now back on track to provide some additional social housing going forward.

Councillor Williams also echoed the depth of detail in the report, including factual figures rather than anecdotal evidence. He noted and recognised the work done by Shared Regulatory Services alongside the Police to keep residents and businesses safe, as well as the Legal team who had responded to all the legislative changes as a result of the pandemic.

Cabinet requested adding a fourth Recommendation to thank the Vale of Glamorgan Council staff who worked throughout the pandemic for adapting the way they worked and ensured that critical services could continue during the pandemic, including waste management and recycling, and finance teams who administered over £50m of grants, etc.

The Managing Director thanked Cabinet for their comments concerning staff, and for drawing attention to the impact that the situation had had on the Council for the last twelve months and the staff's positive response to that situation. Staff had dealt with the numerous challenges effectively and efficiently. He thanked the Senior Leadership Team and the staff as a whole for taking on new ways of working, making decisions quickly to be able to respond to demand, responding to new regulations and guidance and to embed the best ways of working from the last twelve months when going forward.

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 Impact Assessment be noted and approved for publication.
- (2) T H A T the Impact Assessment be shared with all Elected Members, the Vale of Glamorgan Public Service Board partners and Town and Community Councils via email and the findings used by Council services in the future development of policies and services.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet receive a periodic update on aspects of the Community Impact Assessment throughout the year in parallel with the reporting of Corporate Performance.

(4) T H A T all the Vale of Glamorgan Council staff who worked to ensure that critical services could continue during and throughout the pandemic be thanked.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure the findings from the Impact Assessment are shared and used to inform work across the Council.
- (2) To ensure that partners are aware of the significant and wide-ranging impacts that COVID-19 has had on the community.
- (3) To enable Cabinet to maintain oversight of the different impacts arising from the pandemic and consider the Council's response in parallel with the cyclical reporting of Corporate Performance.
- (4) To thank all Vale of Glamorgan staff for their efforts in serving the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan.

**C505 Q3 SICKNESS ABSENCE REPORT 2020/2021 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to update Members on the sickness absence statistics for the 9-month period from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.

The report set out the sickness absence figures for the 9-month period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 as part of the agreed performance management arrangements.

There had been a significant decrease in absence levels during the first nine months of 2020/2021 compared with the same period for the previous financial year. The absence rates were set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report and showed a decrease from 7.62 days lost per FTE (April to December 2019) to 6.12 days lost per FTE (April to December 2020). The target for quarter three (April to December 2020) was set as 6.68 days lost per FTE.

There continued to be a review of absence cases which took place on a monthly basis, particularly reviewing staff with absences over 4 weeks and those who had regular absences to provide early intervention and support. Absence was discussed at Directorate Management Teams as part of their service-based action plans.

Support to teams continued whilst they undertook their duties supporting those most vulnerable in the community, the Council had and would continue to roll out a comprehensive package of wellbeing support. This had been rolled out since November 2020 with the focus on physical, mental and financial wellbeing and in addition to the support currently available via Care First and Occupational Health.

The Health and Safety Teams were also working with the Organisational Development Team to roll out ergonomic risk assessments to all those employees working from home to ensure they had the appropriate equipment available.

Figures for the comparison for the rest of the Welsh Authorities would not be available until later in the year, but those would be shared when available. The annual target for the Vale of Glamorgan Council was set as 9.2 days lost per FTE.

The performance management approach to absence management would continue throughout 2020/21 with further updates provided to Cabinet and Scrutiny as required.

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 report and the nine-month (Quarter 1, 2 and 3 of 2020/21) sickness absence figures provided in Appendix A to be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration, with any comments referred back to Cabinet for further consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To bring matters to the attention of Members of the Cabinet in line with corporate objectives.

(2) To enable the Scrutiny Committee to maintain a continued focus on the management of sickness absence throughout all services of the Council and to make recommendations to Cabinet, as appropriate.

**C506 RENEWING RESHAPING: THE NEXT STEPS FOR TRANSFORMATION (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Leader presented the report the purpose of which was to provide Cabinet with an update on the development of the Council's transformational change programme and seek approval to consult in its further development.

The Council's transformational change programme, Reshaping Services, had been operating since 2015. Over time the Reshaping Services Programme had adapted to the different context within which the Council was operating.

In 2019/20 Audit Wales undertook a review of the Programme and the findings of that review were reported to Cabinet and were referenced in the report.

The Coronavirus pandemic had provided an opportunity to transform services at pace and scale and it was important that the learning from this was not lost with any return to normalcy.

The report set out proposals for the renewal of the Reshaping Programme around three new arenas of reshaping activity which were deliberately both inward and outward facing. The arenas contained an ambitious set of strategic priorities encapsulating all areas of the Council's work and were reflective of a desire to make greater links across our community and partners.

It was proposed that the report be scrutinised by the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee and shared with all Elected Members for their information. During the first quarter of 2021/22, the specific work packages associated with the three Reshaping arenas would be engaged upon and further defined, with a view to reporting progress periodically to Cabinet and the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

The Deputy Leader looked forward to a full discussion at Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Gray noted the positive way that relationships with external partners over the last year had been able to positively continue and enhance the provision of services within the community.

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 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the proposals outlined in the report for developing the transformational change programme, The Reshaping Programme, for the coming years be endorsed.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for their consideration, all Elected Members, the Vale of Glamorgan Public Service Board partners and Town and Community Councils for information by email as part of developing the programme.
- (4) T H A T Cabinet receive further updates quarterly on the progress of the programme.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To appraise Cabinet with an overview of the development of the next phase of the Council's transformational change programme.

- (2) To enable the further development of the programme.
- (3) To ensure the lead Scrutiny Committee are involved in the development of the programme, that all Elected Members were aware of the work underway and that information is shared with strategic partners.
- (4) To ensure Cabinet are regularly updated and able to provide oversight for the programme.

**C507 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2020 TO 31ST JANUARY 2021 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -**

The Leader presented the report the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the progress on the 2020/21 Capital Programme for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 and to request changes to the Capital Programme.

The report provided an update on the progress of the Capital Programme for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021. Details by scheme were shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

The report set out any requested changes to the 2020/21 and future years' Capital Programme.

The Leader noted that delivery of the Capital Programme had been challenging over the last year, however progress had been made across the whole Programme. There had been some movement since the last Monitoring Report as a result of receipt of Welsh Government grant funding, use of Section 106 monies and some slippage to 2021/22.

The Deputy Leader referred to capital investment in Learning and Skills over the year, where over £54m investment made and only £600k slippage which would be completed by September 2021. Councillor Burnett thanked the Education Property Teams and contractors working with the Council, noting that Whitmore High School would be delivered early and children able to attend in advance of the September target date.

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 progress made on the 2020/21 Capital Programme be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

(3) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority in relation to the following be noted:

- Education Asset Renewal Contingency - Carry forward £100k of this budget and vire to within the Band B Programme.
- St David's Highway Works s106 - Increase the Capital Programme by £127k; £16k in 2021/22 and £111k in 2021/22, to be funded from s106 monies.
- Everyone Garden Education Centre - Include this new scheme into the 2020/21 Capital Programme with a budget of £20,000 to be funded by a grant from Natural Resources Wales.
- The Knap Gardens Water and Biodiversity Project - Bring forward £8k from 2021/22 to the 2020/21 Capital Programme.
- TRI Thematic Grants Programme - Allocate a budget of £152,923 from the Targeted Regeneration Investment to the Thematic Grants Programme scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme plus increase the budget by £10,400 to be funded from the Capital Economic Regeneration Reserve and vire a budget of £27,830 from the Barry Regeneration Project Development Fund. Schemes are detailed in paragraph 2.39.
- Windmill Lane Play Area - Increase the Capital Programme by £68k; £5k in 2020/21 and £63k in 2021/22, to be funded from s106 monies.

(4) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers in relation to the following be noted:

- Penarth Library LED Lighting - Include this new scheme on to the 2020/21 Capital Programme with a budget of £16,036 to be funded £13,500 from a Salix SEELS loan and £2,536 from the Energy Management Fund.
- Home Learning Laptops - Include this new scheme on to the 2020/21 Capital Programme with a budget of £50,051 to be funded from the School Rationalisation reserve.
- Band B Programme - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £1,050k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government. That the released monies have been allocated as set out in paragraph 2.7.
- Cashless Catering Solution - Include this new scheme with a budget of £44,285 into the 2020/21 Capital Programme, to be funded by a contribution from the Catering Equipment reserve.
- Digital Exclusion Fund - Increase this scheme by £6,650 in the 2020/21 Capital Programme, to be funded by a Welsh Government grant.
- Wick Primary Security Lobby - Increase this scheme budget by £2,886 in the 2020/21 Capital Programme, to be funded by a virement of £2,595 from the High Street Primary Playground Resurfacing Asset Renewal Scheme and £291 virement from the St Brides Major Security Fencing Scheme.
- Penarth Esplanade Highway Infrastructure Improvements - Include this new scheme with a budget of £150k into the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded from capital receipts.
- Ogmore by Sea Car Park Refurbishment - Increase this scheme budget by £9k in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded from the Neighbourhood Services and Transport reserve.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme - Increase this scheme budget in the 2020/21 Capital Programme by £15k to be funded from the Vehicle Fund.

- Penarth Leisure Centre High Level Glazing Panels - Include this new scheme on to the Capital Programme with a budget of £60k, to be profiled £15k in 2020/21 and £45k in 2021/22. The £15k will be funded by a revenue contribution from the Leisure Centre Maintenance budget and the £45k will be funded from the Miscellaneous Building Fund reserve.
- Sports Wales Grant - Include a new scheme with a budget of £30k on the 2020/21 Capital Programme called Romilly Tennis Courts and to also increase the Sports Wales Grants scheme by £38.9k in the 2020/21 Capital, both to be funded by a grant from Sports Wales.
- All Wales Play Opportunities Grant - Include a new scheme on the 2020/21 Capital Programme with a budget of £132,973, to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Road Safety 20mph Pilot St Brides Major - Include this scheme with a budget of £76,473 in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- ICF - Penarth Older Persons Village - Vire £573K from the HRA acquisition budget and to approve its inclusion in the Council's capital programme to enable feasibility work to continue and incur costs for the Penarth Housing with Care Complex, pending receipt of the ICF grant award.

(5) T H A T the following changes to the 2020/21 and future years' Capital Programme be approved:

- Childcare Offer Capital Grant - Carry forward £550k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Barry Island Primary Drainage - Carry forward £30k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Romilly Primary WC Refurbishment - Vire £3k from the Llandough Primary WC Refurbishments scheme to this scheme within the 2020/21 Capital Programme.
- Victoria Primary WC Renewal (Staff) - Vire £4k from the Victoria Primary WC Renewal scheme to this scheme within the 2020/21 Capital Programme.
- St Richard Gwyn High School External Canopies - Include this scheme with a budget of £23,725 in the 2020/21 Capital Programme, 50% will be funded via the COVID Local Authority Hardship grant and 50% would be funded by a revenue contribution from the Saint Richard Gwyn delegated school budget.
- St Illtyd Primary Fire Precaution Works - Carry forward £17k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Disability Access - Carry forward a budget of £4k and vire it to the DDA scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Cashless Catering Solution - Increase this budget by £4k in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded by a contribution from the Catering Equipment reserve.
- Asbestos Removal - Carry forward £19k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Radon Monitoring - Carry forward £35k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.

- Security - Vire £2k to the Wick Primary Security Lobby scheme for security signage in the 2020/21 Capital Programme and carry forward £41k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Radon - Carry forward £10k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Resurfacing at Port Road West from Cwm Ciddy to Dragon's Tail Roundabout - Vire £22k to the Visible Services Highway Improvement scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme.
- Penarth Leisure Centre, Lift Renewal - Carry forward £45k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, Lift Renewal - Carry forward £45k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Highway Structures - Carry forward £65k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Dinas Powys Library Bridge - Carry forward £13k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme and vire it to the Murchfield Access Bridge scheme.
- Eastern Shelter Resurface Roof - Carry forward £80k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Street Lighting Energy Reduction Strategy - Reduce this budget in the Capital Programme to £1,650k and to carry forward £700k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Court Road Depot - Carry forward £349k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Vale Enterprise Centre New Windows - Carry forward £69k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Tackling Poverty - Carry forward £133k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Building Strong Communities Fund - Request to increase this budget in the 2020/21 Capital Programme by £56k to be funded from the Building Strong Communities revenue budget.
- Upgrade of backup and recovery infrastructure - Carry forward £165k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Replace Network Switches - Carry forward the £12k budget into the 2021/22 Capital Programme and to also vire the budget to the Upgrade of backup and recovery infrastructure Scheme.
- Hwb Programme - Increase budget by £1,463,951 in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded from £1,419,663 Welsh Government grant and £44,288 from school revenue budgets.

### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To advise Cabinet of the progress on the Capital Programme.
- (2) To advise Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme.
- (3) To advise Cabinet of the use of Delegated Authority.
- (4) To advise Cabinet of the use of Emergency Powers.

- (5) To allow schemes to proceed in the current and future financial years.

**C508 REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2020 TO 31ST JANUARY 2021 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the progress relating to revenue expenditure for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.

The revenue position for 2020/21 was challenging with additional pressure for the Council both operationally and financially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This had impacted both as a result of incurring additional expenditure but also from a loss of income. Funding had been provided by Welsh Government to cover some of the issues.

An efficiency target of £247k had been set for the year and while it was anticipated that this would be achieved, some issues remained relating to unachieved savings targets from previous years.

Adverse variances were being projected for a number of services this year and the use of reserves would be required to resolve those issues in 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 the position with regard to the Authority's 2020/21 Revenue Budget be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To inform Cabinet of the projected revenue outturn for 2020/21.
- (2) To advise Members of the financial position.

**C509 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SPECIALIST RESOURCE BASE AT WHITMORE HIGH SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2021 (DL/ER) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the outcome

of the statutory notice to establish a specialist resource base at Whitmore High School from September 2021.

Between 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, the Council consulted on a proposal to establish a specialist resource base at Whitmore High School. The base would provide additional support for up to 20 pupils with Autism Spectrum Condition. The Council received 19 responses by the closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. Consultees were asked to indicate whether they 'support', 'do not support' or have 'no opinion' the proposal. 100% of respondents (19) indicated that they were in favour of the proposal.

On 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2020, Cabinet considered the consultation report which included an overview of the feedback submitted during the consultation period. Cabinet determined to progress the proposal through the publication of a statutory notice, which was published on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. In accordance with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, any person could object to the proposal within 28 days from the publication of the statutory notice.

The Council received no objections by the end of the 28 day objection period. A decision was now required on whether to implement the proposal to establish a specialist resource base at Whitmore High School from September 2021.

The Deputy Leader advised she had recently visited the school to review the proposed site of the specialist resource base.

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 report, the consultation document, consultation report and statutory notice be noted.
- (2) T H A T the implementation of the proposal to make regulated alterations under section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code 2018 by establishing a specialist resource base at Whitmore High School from September 2021 be approved.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having ensured that all views submitted during the consultation exercise were taken into account as part of the decision-making process.
- (2) Following the completion of a period of statutory notice, a decision was required on whether to implement the proposal to establish a specialist resource base at Whitmore High School from September 2021.

**C510 CENTRE FOR LEARNING AND WELLBEING - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER (DL/ER) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –**

The Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report, which sought Cabinet approval for the acceptance of a competitive tender for the construction of the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, Cabinet approved the proposal to transform specialist education by:

- establishing a specialist resource base at Gladstone primary school as a satellite of Ysgol Y Deri from September 2021;
- discontinuing Y Daith and establishing a new Centre for Learning and Wellbeing under the management of Ysgol Y Deri from September 2021; and
- constructing a new building for the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing pupils on the Court Road Depot site in Barry opening from January 2023.

A competitive procurement exercise had been undertaken using Lot 7 of the South East Wales Schools and Capital Funding (SEWSCAP) contractor framework to construct the new Centre for Learning and Wellbeing on the Court Road Depot site.

These had subsequently been evaluated by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and AECOM (Multi-disciplinary Consultancy) in accordance with the criteria stated in the tender documentation.

Further details of AECOM's tender evaluation were outlined in the Part II item on the agenda.

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 report be noted and the recommendations considered in connection with the Part II report later in the agenda.

Reason for decision

To allow Part I and II reports to be considered together.

**C511 HOOD ROAD GOODS SHEDS REGENERATION PROJECT (INNOVATION QUARTER, BARRY WATERFRONT) (DL/ER) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The purpose of the report was to report a proposed lease for land alongside the Goods Sheds building.

The Hood Road Goods Sheds development was located at the Innovation Quarter (in Barry Waterfront) within the land edged red and edged blue in Appendix A to the report, which was detailed in the separate Part II report submitted to the Cabinet meeting. Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, the developer (DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited) had delivered a multi-million pounds award winning mixed-use development in collaboration with the Council, Welsh Government and Newydd Housing Association.

Within the land edged red the developer had converted the Goods Sheds building into a mix of commercial units and live-work/residential apartments; constructed a Ship Containers village accommodating restaurants/street food outlets, commercial/office units; and in collaboration with Newydd Housing Association facilitated a new block of affordable and private market apartments (Junction House). Within the adjoining land edged blue, DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited had also facilitated the delivery of enhanced external areas and converted railway carriages into commercial units.

The purpose of the report was to advise of a separate Part II Report submitted to this meeting outlining the proposed long-term disposal of the land edged blue to the developer.

The Leader requested that should the report be agreed following discussion under Part II, that the Appendix be made available online for completeness.

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 successful delivery of the Hood Road Goods Sheds regeneration project be noted.
- (2) T H A T the proposed long-term disposal of the land edged blue in Appendix A to the report, detailed in a separate Part II report submitted to this Cabinet meeting, be noted.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

**C512 ESTYN THEMATIC REVIEW OF SUPPORT FOR LEARNING COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS AND PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS (DL/ER) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the outcome

of Estyn's review of the Council's support for learning communities in schools and the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) during the period March to October 2020.

During the Autumn term 2020, Estyn undertook a thematic review of the work of Local Authorities between March and November 2020 to support learning communities in schools and PRUs.

The outcome of this work in the Vale of Glamorgan was outlined in Estyn's letter which was shown in Appendix A to the report.

Although Estyn had not formulated a judgement in relation to the support provided to schools and the PRU in the Vale of Glamorgan, several noteworthy practice cameos were highlighted in the letter.

The Deputy Leader thanked Education, School staff and Youth Services for their work to support vulnerable learners, keeping contact with them via hub provision or telephone throughout the pandemic. Councillor Burnett thanked all staff concerned for adapting their practices, often at very short notice, and supporting children and young people over the last year. It was noted that the Inclusion Team had also worked extremely hard to put together individual plans to support learners at home suffering from anxiety or other factors.

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 outcome of Estyn's Review of the Council's work to support learning communities in its schools and the Pupil Referral Unit be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To inform the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee of the outcome of Estyn's thematic review work in the Vale of Glamorgan and allow consideration of the matter by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

#### **C513 MILLWOOD BOWLING CLUB – LEASE (LAC) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –**

The Leader recommended that this item be deferred to the next Cabinet meeting for consideration as comments had been received that required clarification after the publication of the report.

It was therefore

RESOLVED – T H A T the report be deferred to the next Cabinet meeting in order to clarify comments received after the publication of the report.

Reason for decision

To consider newly received comments before bringing the report back to the next Cabinet meeting.

**C514            DINAS POWYS TRANSPORT NETWORK WELTAG STAGE TWO PLUS (NST) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport presented the report to update Cabinet on progress with the WelTAG Stage Two Plus Outline Business Case and make recommendations for the next steps.

The report provided Cabinet with an update on progress of the Dinas Powys Transport Network WelTAG Stage Two Plus Outline Business Case study.

The Stage Two plus study had been completed by technical consultants Arcadis Consulting Ltd and assessed the Do-minimum scenario plus four options in consideration of an enhanced transport network through the Dinas Powys transport corridor, including:

- Option A - Bypass – Green Route (east of Dinas Powys interconnecting with the A4055 at Cardiff Road and the Merrie Harrier Junction);
- Option B - Bypass – Pink Route (east of Dinas Powys interconnecting with the A4055 at Cardiff Road and the Merrie Harrier Junction, inclusive of an interim roundabout near Murch Road);
- Option C - Multi-modal;
- Option D - Bypass (Green Route) and Multi-modal.

It was recommended that the study was taken forward for completion of a 12-week statutory public consultation exercise during the 2021/22 financial year subject to funding being approved by Welsh Government for continuation of the work. The consultation would be undertaken prior to a decision being made to progress a preferred option to WelTAG Stage Three.

On the basis of the current WelTAG Stage Two Plus study, it was considered that Option D had merit in being taken forward for further consideration at the next stage of assessment (subject to the completion of public consultation), based on the potential social, cultural and economic benefits and value for money identified.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

The Cabinet Member noted that the scheme had unfairly become known as the Dinas Powys Bypass, but that the scheme contained considerably more than just a bypass. He also noted that work to date had been funded from within

Neighbourhood Services and Transport reserves and was not sustainable work without assistance.

Councillor King added that he had received an email from a resident prior to the meeting, but that the issues raised were not pertinent to the current report, as Cabinet had decided previously not to pursue the longer road link into Barry, a decision that had been supported via the Scrutiny process and by Dinas Powys ward Members. Councillor King intended to reply to the resident explaining the situation and would also refer the correspondence to the Chair of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for consideration, together with the Cabinet report, which may wish to explore some of the concerns raised in the email.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on the Dinas Powys Transport Network WeITAG Stage Two Plus study be noted.
- (2) T H A T, subject to Welsh Government providing Local Transport Grant Funding in 2021/22, the project be taken forward for completion of a 12-week statutory public consultation exercise prior to a decision being taken by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to progress to a WeITAG Stage Three study.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting
- (2) A transport grant submission had been made to Welsh Government for 2021/22 to allow for public consultation on the WeITAG Stage Two Plus report in line with WeITAG (2017) guidance. Following that consideration by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to determine whether to go forward to Stage Three with the recommended option.
- (3) To allow consideration of the matter by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

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The Leader noted there were two items for discussion under Part II of the agenda. As those matters were considered sensitive, it was necessary to move into private session where confidential matters could be discussed under Part II. Therefore, the Cabinet Officer would ensure that the recording was closed at this point and would ensure that only relevant parties remained to hear the detail of the items being discussed.

Following the meeting, the outcome of the Part II discussion would be formally

captured as part of the minutes of the meeting, advising all parties of the final decision of the Cabinet for these items.

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#### **C515 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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.

#### **C516 CENTRE FOR LEARNING AND WELLBEING - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER (DL/ER) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPH 14) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –**

The Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek Cabinet approval for the acceptance of a competitive tender for the construction of the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, Cabinet approved the proposal to transform specialist education by:

- establishing a specialist resource base at Gladstone primary school as a satellite of Ysgol Y Deri from September 2021;
- discontinuing Y Daith and establishing a new Centre for Learning and Wellbeing under the management of Ysgol Y Deri from September 2021; and
- constructing a new building for the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing pupils on the Court Road Depot site in Barry opening from January 2023.

A competitive procurement exercise had been undertaken using Lot 7 of the South East Wales Schools and Capital Funding (SEWSCAP) contractor framework to construct the new Centre for Learning and Wellbeing on the Court Road Depot site.

Five tenders were received by the closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021. These had subsequently been evaluated by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and AECOM (Multi-disciplinary Consultancy) based on the criteria stated in the tender documentation.

It was recommended that the tender be accepted from Morgan Sindall.

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 appointment of Morgan Sindall to undertake pre-construction design and procurement services for the proposed Centre for Learning and Wellbeing be approved.
- (2) T H A T the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to execute the Professional Services Contract with Morgan Sindall for the pre-construction design and procurement services.
- (3) T H A T a further report be received when the full cost of the works had been determined to enter into the NEC4 Option A (Lump Sum with Activity Schedule) Contract.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure the Council was able to deliver the Centre for Learning and Wellbeing as part of the Band B 21st Century Schools Programme.
- (2) To permit execution of formal contracts between the Council and Morgan Sindall.
- (3) To ensure the full cost of the scheme was determined before the NEC4 Option A (Lump Sum with Activity Schedule) Contract was entered into.

**C517 HOOD ROAD GOODS SHEDS REGENERATION PROJECT (INNOVATION QUARTER, BARRY WATERFRONT) ((DL/ER) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPH 14) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) -**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration presented the report, the purpose of which was to facilitate the long lease disposal of land alongside the Hood Road Goods Sheds to DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited.

The Hood Road Goods Sheds development was a regeneration project located at the Innovation Quarter in the heart of Barry Waterfront. In accordance with Cabinet Minute C3416 the Council disposed by virtue of a 999 years lease the land edged red in Appendix A to the report to DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited. Despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, the developer had successfully redeveloped the Goods Shed property and its site, to deliver a £8–9m award winning mixed-use development in collaboration with the Council, Welsh Government and Newydd Housing Association.

As part of the Goods Sheds development, the developer also purchased an underlease from Cambrian Transport Limited (the tourist railway operator) for the

adjoining land edged blue in Appendix A. The underlease between the two parties expires during 2030 and thereafter the land reverts to the Council which owns the freehold interest of the land edged blue. Within the land edged blue DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited has invested and facilitated the physical delivery of enhanced external areas and converted railway carriages into commercial units for a florist, delicatessen and space for artists/crafts-persons along with a small cinema. The repurposed railway carriages are generating additional jobs, an enhanced visitor destination and are providing for a strong sense of place respecting the towns industrial heritage and complements the tourist railway.

Considering the additional investment by the developer and the regeneration benefits of the repurposed railway carriages and enhanced external spaces within the land edged blue, the purpose of the report was to seek authority to dispose of the said land to DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited by virtue of a long lease. The proposed lease for the additional land edged blue would commence during 2030 (after the underlease expires between DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited and Cambrian Transport Limited and would be coterminous with the existing 999 year lease for the Goods Shed already granted to DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited.

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 authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration and Planning (in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, Managing Director and Head of Finance) to agree terms to dispose of the site indicatively edged blue (on the plan at Appendix A) at a premium and by virtue of a 999 year lease to DS Properties (Goods Shed) Limited subject to Welsh Government consent.

(2) T H A T authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, execute and complete all legal documentation required to facilitate the disposal of the land indicatively edged blue in Appendix A

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To authorise the long lease disposal of the site indicatively edged blue in Appendix A to DS Properties (Good Shed) Limited, subject to Welsh Government consent.

(2) To authorise the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, execute and complete all legal documentation for the land transaction.