CABINET

Minutes of a Cabinet meeting held on 5th July, 2021.

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.

Also Present: Councillors O. Griffiths, Mrs. S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson and L.O. Rowlands.

C611 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Part I minutes of the meeting held on 21st June, 2021 be approved as a correct record.

C612 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

C613 CARDIFF AND VALE TEST TRACE PROTECT SERVICE SUPPORTING ETHNIC MINORITY COMMUNITIES (DL/ER) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) (REF) –

The reference from the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee of 10th June, 2021 was presented to Cabinet as contained within the agenda.

The Leader in referring to the reference, drew attention to:-

- The significant amount of work carried out by Vale of Glamorgan Officers in conjunction with external partners (Health, Police, etc.);
- The work of the Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) which had been exemplary.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration had been present at the meeting and had praised the Communications Manager and the Head of Policy and Business Transformation for their work on the whole agenda across the region. Work was ongoing as part of the Test, Trace, Protect service to contact those in the community who were within groups that were not coming forward for vaccinations compared to some others.

Councillor Williams said that a great deal of work had been carried out to reach such a diverse population within the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff by SRS.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the work of the Cardiff and Vale Test, Trace, Protect service in supporting ethnic minority communities in accessing COVID-19 testing and vaccination be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be noted.

(3) T H A T the report be circulated to all Councillors, members of the Public Services Board and members of the Equalities Consultative Forum for their information and awareness.

(4) T H A T Officers working in partnership across the board be thanked for the amount of work carried out as part of the Cardiff and Vale Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) service.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) Having considered the report.

(3) To provide Members and partners with information on the work in this arena of activity.

(4) To show appreciation for the partnership work carried out as part of the Cardiff and Vale Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) service.

C614 LICENSING ACT 2003 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2021-2026 (DEH) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) (REF) –

The reference from the Statutory Licensing Committee of 15th June, 2021 was presented to Cabinet as contained within the agenda.

The Leader in referring to the reference, drew attention to the fact that the following had also been included in the Policy document:

- The comments of the South Wales Police regarding recognition of use of the South Wales Police Traffic Light System as a tool for enforcement purposes;
- The comments from Llantwit Major Town Council which had requested making the wording of the Policy more robust in dealing with anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the amendments to be made to the Draft Statement of Licensing

Policy be approved.

(2) T H A T the Statement of Licensing Policy be referred to Council for approval on 26th July, 2021.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that the Council, as licensing authority fulfils its duty under the Licensing Act 2003.

(2) To refer the matter to Full Council to seek approval to adopt the Policy for the next five year period.

C615 PROJECT ZERO - DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE PLAN (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) (REF) –

The reference from the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee of 16th June, 2021 was presented to Cabinet as contained within the agenda.

The Leader asked Cabinet to note the reference at this stage as the comments made within the reference had also been incorporated into the Cabinet report listed as Item 12 on the Cabinet agenda.

RESOLVED – T H A T the feedback from the Corporate Performance and Resources and Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committees be noted and the matter further considered under Item 12 of the Cabinet agenda.

Reason for decision

To consider the reference and report under Item 12 of the Cabinet agenda.

C616 CARDIFF BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE –

The minutes of the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee held on 2nd June, 2021 as contained within the agenda were submitted.

The Leader in referring to the minutes, drew attention to:

- An interesting discussion concerning pollution incidents and investigations;
- The repair and reopening of the sluice gates for migratory fish.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration had been present at the meeting and congratulated Councillor Parker for being re-appointed as Chair for another year.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee meeting held on 2nd June, 2021 be noted.

Reasons for decisions

To note the minutes.

C617 CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report advised that the year-end revenue position was breakeven after net transfers to reserves of £12.206m, made up of £946k drawn down from the Council Fund and £13.152m transferred into specific reserves. The Council Fund now stood at £11.868m as at 31st March, 2021.

A revenue savings target of £247k was set for 2020/21 and this target was achieved in the year.

The Housing Revenue Account was also able to increase the level of its ringfenced reserve to £12.0m after achieving a £4.052m surplus.

There was capital expenditure during the year of £78.360m which required funding of £2.745m to be drawn down from reserves.

The Leader said that the year end revenue position was reflective of some transfers into the reserves as a result of the pandemic and some additional Welsh Government funding for schools, etc.

The Housing Revenue Account increase was largely as a result of the pandemic and Officers not being able to carry out work in tenant's houses as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

The last year had been particularly difficult as a result of the pandemic, and Welsh Government had supported all Local Authorities with additional funding as described in the report.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration said that the report would also be considered at Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on the 8th July, 2021 as well as other Committees and Cabinet Members would be available to discuss and address any matters in depth as required at each meeting as part of ongoing detailed discussions before the final report was submitted to full Council.

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 financial measures taken and proposed be approved.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To approve the report and the financial measures taken and proposed.

(2) To enable the Scrutiny Committee responsible for finance to review the year end position.

C618 REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST MAY, 2021 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report advised that the revenue position for 2021/22 would continue to be challenging for the Council both operationally and financially due to the ongoing implications of the COVID-19 pandemic. This impacted both as a result of incurring additional expenditure but also from a loss of income.

Confirmation had been received from Welsh Government that funding to cover some of the issues would be received up to 30th September, 2021.

An efficiency target of £500k had been set for the year and services were currently working towards achieving their targets. There were some issues remaining relating to unachieved savings targets from previous years.

Adverse variances were being projected for some services this year and the use of reserves would be required to resolve those issues in the short term.

The Leader said that the issuing of the £735 payment in relation to the financial recognition for the Social Care Workers scheme had already started.

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 2021/22 Revenue Budget be noted.

(2) T H A T the virements required in the Learning and Skills and Resources Directorates be approved.

(3) 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 2021/22.

(2) To re-align the budgets.

(3) To advise Members of financial position.

C619 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST MAY, 2021 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report provided an update on the progress of the Capital programme for the period 1st April to 31st May, 2021. Details by scheme are shown in Appendix 1.

The report set out requested changes to the 2021/22 and future years' Capital Programme.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration said that over the last week she had been signing off the tenders for schools maintenance to take place over the summer holidays, and was pleased to see work being assigned to local businesses or those close to the Vale of Glamorgan in order to boost the local economy.

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 2021/22 Capital Programme be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

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

- Highway Works at Weycock Cross - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £73k to be funded from s106 monies.
- Housing Improvement Programme 2021/22 - That the 2021/22 budget of £36.754m is allocated as set out in paragraph 2.16.
- North Penarth Open Space -Increase this budget to £102k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from s106 monies.
- Clos Tyniad Glo/Clos Peiriant Play Area - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £56k to be funded from s106 monies.
- Windmill Lane Play Area - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £63k to be funded from s106 monies.

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

- Childcare Offer Capital Grant - Increase the Childcare Offer Capital grant – Welsh Medium scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £150k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Ysgol Y Deri Demountable works - Include a new scheme on the 2021/22 Capital Programme called 'Ysgol Y Deri Demountable works', with a budget of £181,180, to be funded from capital receipts.
- Schools Maintenance Capital Grant - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £2.258m to be funded from Welsh Government grant, and to also approve the switching of scheme funding within the Education programme.
- ICF Grant Ysgol Y Deri - Increase the Education Contingency scheme budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £59k of monies carried forward from 2020/21.
- Dinas Powys Primary School Playground Works - Include a new scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme called 'Dinas Powys Primary School Playground Works' with a budget of £15,821 to be funded by a revenue contribution from the School.
- Band B Contingency - vire £300k from the Whitmore High School scheme and £800k from the Pencoedtre High School scheme as set out below in the 2021/22 Capital Programme:-
  - Band B Primary Provision in the Western Vale £80k
  - Band B St David's CIW Primary School £75k
  - Band B Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg £45k
  - Band B Contingency £900k
- Flying Start Capital Grants - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £150k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Social Services ICF Capital Grants - Increase the ICF Ty Dyfan and Cartref Dementia Improvements budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £244k of internal monies carried forward from 2020/21.
- Resource Recovery Facility (Waste Transfer Station) - Increase this scheme by £857k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from a Welsh Government Grant.
- Circular Economy - Reuse Shop - Increase this scheme by £30k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme, to be funded from the Neighbourhood Services & Transport reserve.
- Transport grants - Include grant schemes totalling £2.907m (detailed in paragraph 2.19 below) onto the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from Welsh Government grants.
- Highway Refurbishment - Include a budget of £755k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Small Scale Work Grant - Include a budget of £237,379.50 into the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government and to vire £41,890.50 from the Flood Risk Management budget to this budget.
- ICF - Penarth Older Persons Village - Increase the ICF - Penarth Older Persons Village budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £300k of internal monies carried forward from 2020/21.
- Local Nature Partnership Cymru Grant - Increase this budget by £50k to be funded by a grant.

- Access Improvement Grant - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £62,098 to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Building Strong Communities Fund - Increase Building Strong Communities Fund scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £26.5k to be funded from the Stronger Communities revenue budget.
- Hwb Programme - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £1,015k to be funded £712k grant from Welsh Government, £100k revenue contribution from schools and £153k contribution from the Policy revenue budget and a virement of £50k from the ICT allocation scheme already included in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.

(5) T H A T the following changes to the 2021/22 and future years Capital Programme be approved:-

- Band B Schemes - Reprofile the Band B schemes as set out in the table in paragraph 2.10, and to increase the overall budget by £900k to be funded from Welsh Government grant.
- Penarth Library Refurbishment - Increase this budget by £22k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from the Library reserve.
- Flying Start - Skomer Road Boiler Upgrade - Vire the £40k budget to a new scheme called 'Flying Start - Security Shutters at Skomer Road'.
- Cross Common Road Bridge - Vire £10k from the Highway Structures scheme to this scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Llanmaes Flood Risk Management - Increase this scheme budget by £66k match funding which will be funded from the Neighbourhood Services and Transport reserve.
- HRA New Build- Bring forward £100k from the 2022/23 Capital Programme into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Neighbourhood Services Asset Renewal including toilets, signage and benches - Vire £7k to the Coastal Infrastructure budget.
- Penarth High Level Glazing - Vire £120k of the Leisure Centre works scheme to the Penarth High Level Glazing scheme budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Improvement works to the footpath infrastructure on Old Port Road, Wenvoe - Increase this budget to £13.5k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from s106 monies.
- ENABLE Grant - Include this scheme on the 2021/22 Capital programme with a budget of £177,320 to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- WLGA Food Poverty Grant - Increase this scheme by £28,859 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from the Welsh Local Government Association.
- Goodshed Repayment to Welsh Government - Increase the Capital Programme by £200k (£100k in 2021/22 and £100k in 2022/23) to be funded from capital receipts.

<u>Reasons for decisions</u>

(1) Having regard to the progress on the Capital Programme.

(2) To advise Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme.

(3) Having regard to the use of Delegated Authority.

(4) Having regard to the use of Emergency Powers.

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

C620 CABINET QUARTERLY WORK PROGRAMMES – APRIL TO JUNE 2021 AND JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2021 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report sought Cabinet approval and any comments in respect of the progress update for the quarter April to June 2021 and the updated Cabinet Quarterly Forward Work Programme from July to September 2021.

The Leader said that for the quarter April to June 2021, the majority of reports had been completed with only one or two deferred as a result of the pandemic to a future Cabinet meeting.

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 updates to the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme for April to June 2021 (Appendix 1 to the report) be agreed.

(2) T H A T the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme July to September 2021 attached at Appendix 2 to the report be endorsed.

(3) T H A T the Annual Strategic Cabinet Work Programme at Appendix 3 to the report be updated in line with Recommendations (1) and (2) above and uploaded to the Council’s website.

<u>Reasons for decisions</u>

(1) To monitor progress.

(2) To approve the Work Programme for July to September 2021.

(3) To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000, subordinate legislation and the Council's Constitution in setting annual work programmes.

C621 PROJECT ZERO - DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE PLAN (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report advised that the draft Climate Change Challenge Plan set out the Council's response to the climate emergency and the work that would be undertaken as part of Project Zero.

The draft plan detailed eighteen challenges and the steps the Council proposed to take to meet those challenges as part of Project Zero. Those challenges were framed around the need to demonstrate strong leadership, fulfil our responsibility to current and future generations and to make a difference now.

The draft plan also detailed some of the work already underway across the Council as part of work to adapt to and mitigate the impact of climate change. That work also formed part of Project Zero.

The report detailed the consultation undertaken on the draft Plan, the resulting feedback and revisions to the Climate Change Challenge Plan.

The report also detailed some of the ongoing engagement as part of Project Zero and the recent Welsh Public Sector net zero guidance issued by Welsh Government to calculate carbon emissions.

The report also set out the timetable for the plan being approved and endorsed by Council.

Consideration of the revised Plan by Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as attached at Appendices C and D were duly noted and the resolutions agreed by Cabinet.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration said that it had been two years since the Motion to Council to declare a climate emergency and a great deal had happened since that time, not least a pandemic. Councillor Burnett was pleased with the partnership working relationship with the Public Services Board.

The pupils of Barry Island Primary School had already questioned Cabinet Members and made suggestions for consideration, and a number of schools already had their own plans and projects in place. They also had a dashboard they could use to monitor carbon usage within their own schools and levels of engagement had been positive across 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 the revised draft Climate Change Challenge Plan (Appendix A to the report) be approved.

(2) T H A T the feedback (Appendix B to the report) received through the recent consultation undertaken from 24th March to 12th May, 2021 be noted.

(3) T H A T the comments and recommendations of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (Appendix C to the report) and the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Appendix D to the report) which considered the revised draft Plan in June 2021 be noted.

(4) T H A T the ongoing engagement being undertaken as part of the work around Project Zero be noted.

(5) T H A T the new Welsh Public Sector net zero reporting guide issued on the 24th May, 2021 and detailed later in the report be noted.

(6) T H A T, subject to Resolutions (1) to (5), the Climate Change Challenge Plan be approved and the report referred to Council at its meeting on 26th July, 2021 for endorsement.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable Cabinet to consider the draft Plan following the consultation process.

(2) Having considered the feedback (Appendix B) received in response to the consultation on the draft Plan.

(3) Having considered the comments and recommendations of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (Appendix C) and the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Appendix D) which considered the revised Plan in June.

(4) Having considered the continuing engagement being undertaken as part of Project Zero.

(5) Having considered the publication of the new Welsh Public Sector net zero reporting guide.

(6) To enable Cabinet to approve the Council's Climate Change Plan and for it to be considered by Council for endorsement.

C622 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report provided Cabinet with a high-level overview of the current position regarding coronavirus and the Council's current arrangements to respond and recover from the pandemic.

The report also provided an update on the latest position for Council services and the regional arrangements for managing the public sector response to the pandemic, and specific aspects of this, including mass vaccinations and the Test, Trace, Protect service.

The Council's Recovery Strategy adopted in late 2020 had provided a framework for progressing the strategic recovery of the organisation and an update on this was included for Members' information and consideration, alongside the results from the recent staff well-being survey.

It was recommended that Cabinet refer the report to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee with regards the Council's approach to managing the impact of the pandemic and to the Governance and Audit Committee as further contextual information when considering the Corporate Risk Register. Given the importance of the report, it was also recommended that the report be shared with all Elected Members and the Council's Public Services Board partners for their information.

The Leader advised that since 23rd June the national position had changed and drew attention to the latest position as of 5th July as below:

- As at 5th July, 2021, the latest coronavirus data that was available for the rolling seven days showed 123 new cases had been diagnosed in the Vale of Glamorgan, with a case rate of 53.3 per 100,000 of population;
- As at 5th July, 2021, the positive proportion of tests carried out was 5.4%;
- As at 5th July, 2021, the comparator figures for Wales was 3,015 cases with a case rate of 41.2per 100,000 of population and the positive proportion of tests carried out being around 5%;
- This was a significant increase in recent weeks as coronavirus measures had been eased;
- The Delta variant was now the most prevalent in Wales;
- Current hospital admissions were not very high and those affected did not seem to require previous levels of hospital treatment, but hospitals were feeling the strain of levels usually associated with winter for diagnosis and treatment which had not been possible during the height of the pandemic;
- The Leader encouraged anyone who had not had a vaccination to do so in order to protect themselves and those around them;
- The current surges in those affected were within the 10-29 age groups, suggesting it was not as severe amongst the older population, but the younger generation were still capable of passing it on.

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 Appendix A be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

(3) T H A T the report be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for consideration alongside the Council's Corporate Risk Register.

(4) T H A T the report be sent to all elected Members, Town and Community Councils and members of the Public Services Board for their information.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the ongoing work underway in response to, and recovery from, the coronavirus pandemic, including the results from the most recent staff well-being survey.

(2) To provide Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to consider the Council's response to, and recovery from, the coronavirus pandemic.

(3) To provide Governance and Audit Committee with the latest information for context when considering the Corporate Risk Register.

(4) To provide an update to the Council's stakeholders.

C623 USE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR'S EMERGENCY POWERS (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report advised Cabinet of the exercising of Emergency Powers by the Managing Director since the last report of 12th April, 2021.

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 use of the Managing Director's Emergency Powers as contained within the report be noted.

Reason for decision

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

C624 CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report communicated the progress made throughout 2020/21 against five objectives and additional targets contained within the Corporate Asset Management Plan 2019-2022 (more specifically detailed in the table at Appendix A).

The report also provided Cabinet with an overview of the work that had been undertaken in relation to property assets following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic had meant that some actions had to be delayed, however others had been accelerated to reflect the urgency of certain asset related decisions. New work streams and projects had been established to respond to the specific requirements associated with the pandemic as they had arisen.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration said that the Property Team had been available throughout the pandemic and passed on her thanks to all staff for all their work over the last fifteen months working within difficult circumstances. The Leader proposed an additional recommendation to reflect thanks from Cabinet to all staff who carried out such functions and made sure the Asset Management Plan continued to function despite the pandemic, as well as carrying out staff surveys.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

With the addition of Recommendation (4), Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the progress made against the targets set by the 2019-22 Corporate Asset Management Plan as described in the report and Appendix A be noted.

(2) T H A T the work undertaken in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, specifically in relation to how the Council's property assets had been utilised in response to the same be noted.

(3) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for their consideration of progress against the targets set out in the Corporate Asset Management Plan.

(4) T H A T Officers working to ensure the continuation of the Asset Management Plan be thanked for the amount of work carried out during the pandemic.

<u>Reasons for decisions</u>

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

(3) To enable the Committee to consider the progress against the Corporate Asset Management Plan and provide any comments back to Cabinet.

(4) To show appreciation for the work to ensure the continuation of the Asset Management Plan.

C625 CONSULTATION RESPONSE: WELSH GOVERNMENT'S RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN FOR AN ANTI-RACIST WALES (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report summarised key aspects of the Welsh Government's draft Race Equality Action Plan for an Anti-Racist Wales (REAP) and brought to the attention of the Cabinet a draft response to the consultation on the Plan (Appendix A).

The Welsh Government had issued a consultation document outlining draft proposals for a Race Equality Action Plan with many actions relevant to Local Authorities. This was informed by research, existing evidence, engagement with community leaders and stakeholders, and shaped by people's lived experience.

The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) has produced a document (Appendix B to the report) highlighting where there would be work for Local Authorities.

To inform the Council's draft response to the consultation, comments from officers across Council Services, the Ethnic Minority Staff Network and the Equalities Consultative Forum had been sought. These had been incorporated in the draft response (Appendix A to the report).

The consultation period ends on 15th July, 2021.

Councillor Gray said the report contained important messages. He had attended the Welsh Government consultation launch event and a wide array of organisations and ethnic minorities were in attendance from across Wales. They had been uniform in agreeing that that was the right message and direction and it was up to all concerned to commit to making the country anti-racist. It was important to engage and debate the issues and felt the response was comprehensive.

Councillor Burnett looked forward to the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee being able to give the report due consideration. She had taken the education consultation response to a meeting of the Education Cabinet Members in the Consortium and the contributions were a catalyst for discussion and hoped that the same would be the case at Scrutiny Committee.

The Leader said that similarly to Project Zero, this would be an ongoing matter for discussion.

Councillor Williams said he had attended the Ethnic Minority Group in the Vale of Glamorgan where there had been a diverse range of attendees who were positive

and constructive about the need for change and was interested to hear alternative points of view being put 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 content of the report and appendices be noted.

(2) T H A T the draft consultation response as described in Appendix A to the report be approved.

(3) T H A T the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure set out in Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution in order to meet the deadline set by the Welsh Government of 15th July, 2021 be approved.

(4) T H A T any comments received from the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee and Equalities Champion be forwarded to Welsh Government to supplement the Council's submitted response.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having the opportunity to consider the Council's draft consultation response to the Welsh Government's Draft Plan.

(2) To gain approval for the Council's consultation response.

(3) The reporting of the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure is a requirement of the Council's Constitution.

(4) To enable any views of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee and the Council's Equalities Champion to be submitted to Welsh Government having regard to the scheduling of the Scrutiny Committee's meeting.

C626 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.

C627 MINUTES (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14) –

The Part II minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st June, 2021 referred to Item 17 of that agenda concerning the 'Penarth Heights Landslip 2016' report.

The decision was not for publication by virtue of paragraph(s) 13 and 14 of part 4 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 due to commercial sensitivity of the issues involved.

The detail was made available to Members of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and relevant Vale of Glamorgan Council Officers.

RESOLVED – T H A T the Part II minutes of the meeting held on 21st June, 2021 be approved as a correct record.