

## CABINET

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

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

Also present: Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson.

### **C828           ANNOUNCEMENT –**

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Leader read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

### **C829           UKRAINE –**

The Leader commented about the invasion and war that was occurring in Ukraine – a democratic European society, a Sovereign State and Country in its own right with a democratically elected Government.

He said it was abhorrent that Russia had invaded the Country and expressed shock, horror and despair for the suffering experienced by the Ukrainian people as the events had unfolded over the last week.

He was appreciative of the way in which other European nations had mobilised in terms of support and assistance, particularly the selfless manner in which those directly neighbouring nations (and others) had not faltered in providing sanctuary to those fleeing war and the consequences of the unwarranted invasion.

The Vale of Glamorgan seemed very far away from the crisis, but there were already people within the organisation, both Members, officers, residents and whole communities who were asking ‘what can we do?’

The Authority was looking at all Council investments, along with procurement channels to establish precisely what links, if any existed with Russia or Russian Businesses. The Leader was aware through conversations with other Leader Colleagues that was also being done across the Cardiff Capital Region and beyond.

Questions were being asked as to whether any investment links existed within the Pension scheme, and if so, to take the appropriate action where necessary.

The Authority would be cooperating with the Welsh Local Government Association to ensure that any support required was coordinated across the local government family, whatever that support may be.

He was aware that some support schemes had already been put in place for donations etc., as well as funding schemes being set up by people like MS Mick Antoniw who had direct family links with the Ukraine.

The Leader had already been asked if the Authority would be supporting any refugee plans that may be put in place and the simple answer was 'Yes', as had been done with other refugees who needed shelter, support and solace. However, that could not be put in place unless support packages were agreed by the UK Government as confirmed by the First Minister for Wales that morning.

He fully expected the Home Office to make some commitment in the near future given the number of people massing at the Ukrainian borders. The Home Office had already created the global "UK Resettlement Scheme", which came into operation 12 months ago, so the policy mechanism existed to potentially receive evacuees / refugees.

However, as there was no idea what the migration status of these individuals was or indeed their preferred choices, it was difficult to offer much further detail. He was confident that many would want to return home, should things stabilise.

The Leader would ensure that the Authority's website and media channels would keep everyone informed if there were any announcements from UK Government.

He concluded that these were certainly dark days which he had not expected to have seen in his lifetime, but which brought into focus the reasons why in Europe the twinning arrangement and diplomacy existed between all European people and their countries, which ensured stable, peaceful and safe environments to work, live and raise families.

The Vale of Glamorgan's thoughts were with the Ukrainian People.

### **C830            APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –**

This was received from Councillor M.R. Wilkinson.

### **C831            MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

### **C832            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations were received.

**C833 RURAL ROADS POLICY (REF) –**

The reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 was presented.

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport advised that Councillor Michael Morgan had contacted the Leader and was thanked for his representations which followed up on the points made at Scrutiny Committee that led to the recommendations in the reference. Councillor King thanked Councillor Morgan for his acknowledgment of the 20mph schemes in Peterston-Super-Ely and Aberthin, as well as the Welsh Government sponsored scheme in St. Brides Major.

Each of those schemes would inform the Authority about their effectiveness alongside other measures to improve pedestrian and wider active travel safety and aligned with work towards getting people walking and moving around in a more sustainable way as spelt out in Project Zero. It also helped pave the way for the introduction of the Welsh Government's legislation that would see the existing 30mph speed limit default to 20mph. Most spare capacity of the Highways Team was being diverted to that implementation expected early summer next year, as discussed at Scrutiny Committee.

However, the Committee's recommendations had allowed reflection and consultation with officers, and while it was not believed that there was a requirement for any specific road policy, it was considered that there may be a need for an authority-wide traffic management and road safety policy that linked with both the 20mph default speed limit and plans for greater active travel opportunities and officers have been asked for that review.

Councillor King asked Cabinet to accept the recommendations within the reference but have regard to his comments.

Councillor Gray felt that was a sensible approach considering the nature of the dangers faced by people using rural roads but characterizing them as part of a rural roads policy may not capture some of the environments which may not be featured as rural but still have the same issues, such as no footpaths or inappropriate speed limits.

He felt that the matter needed to be properly understood and once the review that Councillor King had described was completed then all concerned would be in a much better position to suggest to the next administration that they that they look closely at how safety could be improved and underpinned the desire to have more active travel.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

**RESOLVED – T H A T** the comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and subsequent comments from Councillor Morgan be noted and considered further by the next Administration as part of an authority-wide traffic management and road safety policy that linked with both the 20mph default speed limit and plans for greater active travel opportunities, further to officer review.

Reason for decision

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

**C834 POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS: MINI REVIEW (REF) –**

The reference from Community Liaison Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 was presented.

Discussion at the meeting had centred on the mini review and proposed changes to some polling places and polling station numbers and the number of electoral wards.

The Chief Executive advised that Welsh Government had contacted the Authority with regards to the forthcoming local government elections advising of the need for Welsh Government to revise their Order relating to electoral arrangements for the Vale of Glamorgan Council insofar as the previous Welsh Government Order did not include reference to certain communities falling within the area of the respective electoral wards as follows:

- In respect of the ward of Cowbridge the previous Order referred to the area of the electoral ward as being the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian and the community of Penllyn, whereas the community of Llanfair should also have been included.
- In respect of the ward of Dinas Powys the previous Order referred to the area of the electoral ward as being the communities of Dinas Powys and Michaelston, whereas this should have referred to the communities of Dinas Powys, Michaelston-Le-Pit and Leckwith.
- In respect of the ward of Sully the previous Order referred to the area of the electoral ward as being the community of Sully, whereas the community of Lavernock should also have been included.

The amendments caused no significant issue, but as the latter was linked to the reference it was sensible for Cabinet to be made aware and to note the changes that Welsh Government would need to change by way of a new Order which would be progressed by 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

**RESOLVED – T H A T** the previous reports concerning the Polling Places and Polling Stations Mini Review be endorsed subject to the reported amendments and that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to amend any typographical errors to associated documentation as necessary.

Reason for decision

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

**C835 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-23 (REF) –**

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 was presented.

The Leader highlighted that the reference was associated with Agenda Item 18 and would also be sent to Full Council.

Some of the changes and updates within the Annual Delivery Plan were outlined to the Committee. Councillor Johnson had expressed concern that feedback and responses were representative of the public rather than certain individuals and groups with specific agendas. Councillor John also raised a query concerning Objective 4 concerning options for community organisations to operate facilities such as sports grounds, parks, open spaces, allotments and public conveniences as part of the Council's Transformation Programme. It was agreed that the query would be referred back for advice from the Council's legal officers, but was also important to point out that the objective was broader than just public open spaces.

The Committee endorsed the consultation report on the draft Plan and the updated draft Annual Delivery Plan following consultation and recommended it to Cabinet for consideration.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

**RESOLVED – T H A T** the reference be noted and considered alongside Agenda Item 18.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions alongside Agenda Item 18.

**C836 WELSH LANGUAGE PROMOTION STRATEGY (REF) –**

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 was presented.

The Leader highlighted that the reference was associated with Agenda Item 19.

There were items raised by Committee Members concerning the challenge of learning Welsh where there were gaps in learning schedules and discussion groups in local communities. There was also comment on whether the action plan needed to have a sharp focus on what could be achieved over the coming years with some targets considered possibly too generic.

One of the comments was in terms of whether or not social clubs or groups could learn to speak conversational Welsh, including deprived and minority groups. There

was a request for Councillors and officers to learn and to use Welsh both inside and outside their roles to be explored, which was a facility that was available on a regular basis.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – That the reference be noted and considered alongside Agenda Item 19.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions alongside Agenda Item 19.

**C837           CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION – REGIONAL CABINET – 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2022 –**

The minutes of the Cardiff Capital Region – Regional Cabinet held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 as contained within the agenda were submitted.

The Leader highlighted that the Joint Working Agreement, Proposed 2022/23 Joint Committee Revenue Budget, media.cymru Full Business Case and Report of the Investment Panel had been discussed at the meeting.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Cardiff Capital Region – Regional Cabinet held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

**C838           REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2022 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report to advise of the progress relating to revenue expenditure for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

The Council continued to work with the challenges 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 (WG) that funding to cover some of the issues would be received up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and a number of additional one off sources of grant funding had been confirmed by WG since December 2021. Given the late allocation of these grants, some would be used to displace existing funding and some would be transferred directly to reserves.

An efficiency target of £500k had been set for the year and services were working towards achieving their targets, however, it was currently anticipated that savings may not be fully achieved this year. There still remained some issues 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 these 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 2021/22 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 2021/22.
- (2) To advise Members of financial position.

**C839 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2022 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -**

The purpose of the report was to advise Cabinet of the progress on the 2021/22 Capital Programme for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 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, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022. Details by scheme were shown in Appendix 1 to the report. The report also set out requested changes to the 2021/22 and future years Capital Programme.

The Deputy Leader commented that work to schools happens in school holidays and any works carried out during the Easter holidays often falls within the next financial year. Such works also demonstrate a commitment not only in terms of the building of new schools but also making sure that existing schools are maintained.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

## RESOLVED -

(1) T H AT the progress made on the 2021/22 Capital Programme be noted.

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

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

- Romilly Primary School Flooring - Vire £14k from the Education Asset Renewal Contingency budget, to this scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Caerleon Road Footpath - Include a new scheme in the Capital Programme with a budget of £2,000 in 2021/22, and £122,411 in 2022/23 to be funded from S106 monies.
- Murch Community Sports Facilities - Increase the Capital Programme by £12k in 2021/22, and £185k in 2022/23, (£197k in total) to be funded from Section 106 monies.
- Building Strong Communities Fund - Increase the Capital Programme by £203k in 2021/22, using £180k S106 monies received from a nearby development, and £23k Stronger Communities revenue budget.
- Building Strong Communities Fund - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £400k to be funded from s106 monies.

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

- Ysgol Sant Curig All Weather Football Pitch - Include this scheme onto the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £23,532, to be funded by a revenue contribution from the school.
- Ysgol Bro Morgannwg Water Heater - Include this scheme onto the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £10,314 to be funded by a revenue contribution from the school.
- Band B Programme - Vire surplus funds from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg (£103,827) and Whitmore High School (£166,203) to the Saint David's Primary School scheme (£132,890) and the Primary Provision in the Western Vale scheme (£137,140).
- Various Education Schemes - Amend the approved budgets as set out in the table in paragraph 2.6 below by viring budgets between the schemes and also viring £6.5k from the Education Contingency scheme.
- Flying Start - Skomer Road Crèche - Increase this budget by £30k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from a Welsh Government grant.
- All Wales Play Opportunity Grant 2021/22 - Increase the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2021/22 scheme budget by £11k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme, to be funded by a revenue contribution from the school.
- Penarth Marina Land Slip Works - Increase the budget by £32,415 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme which is to be funded by a contribution from the Policy revenue budget.

- Metro Enhanced Framework (MEF) Scheme - Include this scheme onto the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £100k, to be funded from a grant.
- Neighbourhood Services Highway Improvements - Increase this scheme budget by £500k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from additional 2021/22 general capital funding.
- Community Renewal Fund - Barry Bands Together - Include this new scheme with a budget of £11k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from the UK Government.
- Local Nature Partnership Grant - Increase this scheme budget by £45k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme which will be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.

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

- Schools Decarbonisation Programme PV Panels - Include this scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £85k, to be funded £69k from the Salix recyclable fund in the Energy Management Reserve and £16k revenue contribution from the CRC Legacy budget.
- Band B Schemes - Reprofile the Band B schemes as set out in paragraph 2.9.
- All Schools Condition Surveys - Carry forward £62k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- All Schools Covid Response Works - Carry forward £80k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme and to vire to the All Schools Condition Survey - Urgent Works Arising scheme budget.
- All Schools Condition Survey - Urgent Works Arising - Carry forward £130k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Albert Primary External Repairs (Stores) - Carry forward £45k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Albert Primary Replacement windows / wet rot - Carry forward £40k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Holton Primary Drainage Repairs - Carry forward £50k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Holton Primary Window Replacement & Remedial Wall Ties - Carry forward £20k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Rhws Primary Windows Refurbishment Phase 5 - Carry forward £30k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Albert Primary External Repairs - Carry forward £20k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- St Illtyd's Primary Fire Precaution Works - Carry forward £17k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Wick & Marcross Primary Rewire - Carry forward £60k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Peterston Super Ely Primary Suspended Ceiling Renewal Phase 1 - Carry forward £74k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Ysgol Sant Curig Boiler Renewal - Vire £18k from the Romilly Primary KS2 Boiler Renewal scheme to the Ysgol Sant Curig Boiler Renewal scheme.

- Education Asset Renewal - Contingency - Carry forward £170k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- St Illtyd's Primary Doors - Carry forward £38k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Wick & Marcross Primary Internal Alterations - Carry forward £140k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Ysgol Sant Curig Security Lobby - Carry forward £54k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- St Richard Gwyn Ventilation Scheme - Include a new scheme with a budget of £14k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from the Welsh Government ventilation in education settings grant.
- Llansannor Primary WC Refurbishment - Carry forward £60k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Band B Primary Provision in the Western Vale - Rename this scheme Band B South Point Primary School.
- Ysgol Y Deri Minibus - Increase this scheme budget by £20k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a revenue contribution from the school.
- Salisbury Road No. 91 (YOS) External Repairs Phase 2 - Carry forward £15k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Flying Start - Skomer Road Crèche - Change the name of this scheme to Crèche and Community Enterprise Centre building works.
- Penarth Leisure Centre, High Level Glazing - Carry forward £170k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Barry Leisure Centre Boiler Renewal - Carry forward £155k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- New Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) - Carry forward £350k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Barry Island On street Parking Restrictions - Include a budget of £35k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a revenue contribution from the Highways budget.
- Vehicles Renewal Fund - Bring forward £196k from the 2022/23 Capital Programme into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Dinas Powys Sustainable Transport - Carry forward £191k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Ty lolo Hostel - Lift installation - Vire £20k from the Emergency works scheme to this new scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- HRA New Build - Carry forward £1.250m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- HRA Internal Works - Carry forward £250k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- HRA External Works - Carry forward £354k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Individual Schemes - Carry forward £124k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Common Parts - Carry forward £641k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Emergency Works – Carry forward £81k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- IHP -Heating retrofit - Carry forward £100k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.

- Environmental Works - Carry forward £1.397m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Energy Efficiency - Carry forward £965k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Cosmeston Works Programme - Carry forward £120k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Central Promenade Café Roof, Barry Island - Carry forward £50k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Cowbridge Livestock Market Regeneration Budget - Carry forward £22k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Penarth Heights Public Art - Carry forward £80k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Ventilation & Lighting Upgrade to Contact One Vale - Carry forward £240k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme
- ICT Allocation - Carry forward £47k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- City Deal - It is requested to reprofile the City Deal budget as set out in paragraph 2.66.

#### 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.

#### **C840 FINAL PROPOSALS FOR THE REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report, the purpose of which was to set out final proposals for Cabinet members to consider, before making their recommendations to Council, in respect of the final revenue budget for the financial year 2022/23.

The initial budget proposals presented to Cabinet in November 2021 outlined the potential financial picture for the Council in 2022/23. At the time the report was drafted, the Council had not received the provisional settlement from Welsh Government (WG) for 2022/23 and therefore the budget was modelled on four scenarios - a cash flat settlement, -1% and +1% and an increase similar to 2021/22 4.42%.

The provisional settlement was received on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 from Welsh Government (WG), which gave a headline increase of 10.51% over the current year. Taking into account adjustments, this was an increase in funding of £17.883m

(10.64%) from the previous year. The final settlement was not due to be received until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

In setting the proposed budget for 2022/23, funding had been provided towards cost pressures. An efficiency target of £500k had been proposed for 2022/23 which covered all service areas. It was considered that the target set was at a level that could be achieved by services.

It was proposed that the Band D Council Tax rate be set at £1,396.35 for 2022/23 which was an increase of 2.9% from the current year.

WG had provided indicative increases of 3.5% for 2023/24 and 2.4% for 2024/25. Whilst it had been possible to set efficiency targets at a lower level in recent years this might not be the case going forward and in light of projected levels of shortfall in future years, services were requested to continue to plan ways of achieving further efficiencies which would be innovative and transformational with regards to service delivery.

The Leader said it had been intended to bring the report forward earlier, but there had been a lot of uncertainty concerning the amount of money that was coming forward from Welsh Government. He said that the budget under consideration was achievable, and Cabinet was asked to recommend the report to Full Council. Although the Authority had received a good settlement, there were still significant cost pressures which would continue and there was a need to protect the base budget going forward and use reserves for specific purposes.

The Deputy Leader said there would be more time to discuss and debate the report at Full Council but pointed out that in terms of the learning and skills budget, additional funding was available for those children with the greatest need. She was delighted that schools were again being funded above their Standard Spending Assessment. Councillor Burnett said that European funding had been lost for the Rural Regeneration Team who had done superb work in the rural Vale and as such a replacement team would be funded and expanded across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Councillor Gray said that the budget report had been through a comprehensive journey and was appreciative of the funding made available by Welsh Government, in particular with regard to Social Services. There were additional points of funding available through the year for Social Services and it was important to use those reserves and keep them to a manageable level. He supported the recommendations and looked forward to the debate at Full Council but was pleased at the level of funding for Social Services.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

RESOLVED -

**T H A T the following be recommended to Council:**

- (1) Fix the budget for 2022/23 at £272.554 million including a provision of £290k for discretionary rate relief to rural shops and post offices and charitable organisations.
- (2) Approve the budgets for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix C to the report and in the following table:

	£000
Schools	104,953
Strategy, Culture, Community Learning & Resources	8,956
Additional Learning Needs	3,334
Standards and Provision	3,547
Directors Office	242
Children & Young People	18,581
Adult Services	53,816
Resource Management & Safeguarding	7,742
Youth Offending Service	730
Neighbourhood & Transport Services	28,190
Building Services	0
Regulatory Services	2,103
Council Fund Housing	1,444
Resources	983
Housing Benefits	692
Regeneration	2,419
Development Management	1,300
Private Housing	413
General Policy	34,109
Use of Reserves	(1,000)
Grand Total	272,554

- (3) Approve the recommendations regarding Net Growth for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix D to the report and efficiencies set out in paragraph 2.42 of the report.
- (4) Endorse the proposed draft report on Education Budget and Indicator Based Assessment (IBA) at Appendix A and the Director of Learning and Skills make arrangements for it to be forwarded to the School Budget Forum.

**T H A T the following be approved:**

- (5) The Director of Learning and Skills be granted delegated powers to determine the amount of money to be allocated to the schools' delegated budgets after consultation with the Schools Budget Forum.

(6) The reclassification of reserves as set out at Appendix F to the report be approved.

(7) The use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 14.14 of the Council's Constitution in order for the final proposals for the Revenue Budget 2022/23 to be referred to full Council on 7th March, 2022.

**T H A T the following be noted:**

(8) The Council Tax bandings for 2022/23 for its own purposes (excluding Police and Town and Community Council precepts) for a base budget of £272.554m.

Band	Council Tax £
A	930.90
B	1,086.05
C	1,241.20
D	1,396.35
E	1,706.65
F	2,016.95
G	2,327.25
H	2,792.70
I	3,258.15

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To set the 2022/23 budget in line with statutory requirements.
- (2) To allocate budgets to services.
- (3) To reduce risk to services and balance the budget.
- (4) To present the report to the Schools Budget Forum.
- (5) To set out delegated authority in relation to the allocation of the Education and Schools budget.
- (6) To ensure that reserves are both adequate in purpose and level.
- (7) To ensure this matter is referred to Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022
- (8) To ensure that Members are aware of the Council Tax Bandings associated with the base budget proposed in this report.

**C841 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2022/23 AND FINAL CAPITAL PROPOSALS 2022/23 TO 2026/27 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The purpose of the report was to set out final proposals for Cabinet members to consider, before making their recommendations to Council, in respect of the final capital budget for the financial year 2022/23 to 2026/27 and to consider the Capital Strategy for 2022/23.

The report provided the Council's Capital Strategy for 2022/23 at Appendix 1 to the report. The Capital Strategy provided a framework which outlined how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contributed to the provision of corporate objectives, along with an overview of how associated risk was managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.

The report set out the Council's proposed Final Capital Programme for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27 at Appendix 2 to the report. The total value of capital schemes over the next 5 years was £253.764m. This included £43.230m for the Band B 21st Century Schools Programme and £142.602m for the Housing Improvement Programme. Council funding of £2.3m for investment in highways during 2022/23 had been included in the Capital Programme.

The Deputy Leader advised that she was pleased to see continued work for Sustainable Communities for Learning and ongoing asset renewal and took the opportunity to also congratulate the pupils going to South Point Primary School, or Ysgol Gynradd Trwyn y De, whose new school was being opened that day with pupils to be in attendance from 2nd March, 2022. The Deputy Leader further stated that she looked forward to discussing the report fully at Full Council.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

**RESOLVED -**

**T H A T** Cabinet recommend to Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022:

- (1) The Capital Strategy 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
- (2) The final Capital Programme for the years 2022/23 to 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 2 be approved.
- (3) The Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be granted delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the 2022/23 to 2026/27 Housing Improvement Programme as appropriate.
- (4) The Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be granted delegated authority to

make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the 2022/23 to 2026/27 Asset Renewal budgets as appropriate.

- (5) The Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be granted delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to S106 funded schemes subject to Member consultation as required under the existing process.
- (6) The Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be granted delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from Energy Management Schemes.
- (7) The Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be granted delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the Building Strong Communities Fund schemes.
- (8) The Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be granted delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B programme (Previously 21st Century Schools schemes).
- (9) T H A T the reprofiling of the Housing Improvement Programme for the years 2022/23 to 2026/27 as shown in paragraph 2.51 of the report be approved.
- (10) T H AT the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 14.14 of the Council's Constitution be used in order for the Capital Strategy 2022/23 and Final Capital Proposals 2022/23 to 2026/27 to be referred to full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To approve the Capital Strategy for 2022/23.
- (2) To set and approve future capital programmes to 2026/27.
- (3) To enable the Housing Capital budget to be managed effectively.
- (4) To enable the Asset Renewal budgets to be managed effectively.
- (5) To enable S106 schemes to be managed effectively.
- (6) To enable the Energy Management Schemes to be managed effectively.
- (7) To enable the Building Stronger Communities Fund to be managed effectively.
- (8) To enable the Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B programme to be managed effectively.

(9) To reflect the work programme for the Housing Improvement Schemes.

(10) To allow the Capital Strategy 2022/23 and Final Capital Proposals 2022/23 to 2027/27 to be referred to Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.”

**C842 FINAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET PROPOSALS 2022/23 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report, the purpose of which was to set the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for the financial year 2022/23 and to set the rents and service charges for the forthcoming rent year beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

The report detailed the final Housing Revenue Account budget proposals for 2022/23 and the proposed rents and service charges for the coming financial year. In setting the rent level for 2022/23 the Council had ensured that it had complied with the Policy for Social Housing Rents which was issued by Welsh Government in December 2021. The maximum allowable uplift had been set at CPI only (as at September 2021) 3.1%.

The Council proposed to increase its rent by an average of 2.75%. Due to Covid 19, the Welsh Government suspended Target Rent Bands in 2020 and replaced them with a self- certification monitoring form.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

RESOLVED -

(1) T H AT the final Housing Revenue Account budget proposals for 2022/23 be recommended to Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 as outlined below:

	Proposed Budget 2022/23
	£'000
Expenditure	
Supervision & Management	5,544
Repairs & Maintenance	3,727
Capital Financing Costs	4,963
Rent, Rates & Taxes & Other Charges	237
Increase in Bad Debt Provision	673
Capital Expenditure from Revenue Account (CERA)	18,452
Income	
Dwelling Rents	(21,299)
Non Dwelling Rents	(162)

Interest	(5)
Charges for Services and Facilities	(545)
Contribution towards expenditure	(303)
Grant Income	(205)
(Surplus)/Deficit for the Year	11,077
Working Balance Brought Forward as at 1st April 2022	(12,000)
Working Balance Carried Forward as at 31st March 2023	(923)

(2) T H A T an average rent increase of 2.75% be approved and be recommended to Council, as set out in paragraphs 2.8-2.10 of the report.

(3) T H A T T the increase suggested for other services be approved and be recommended to Council, as set out in paragraphs 2.11-2.24.

(4) T H A T the following charges for 2022/23 financial year be recommended to Council

50 Week Basis	Current Charges	Proposed Charges
Heating	£7.87 per week	£7.45 per week
Warden Housing Management	£10.92 per week	£12.01 per week
VCAS:		
- Monitoring	£1.29 per week	£1.29 per week
- Maintenance	£2.20 per week	£2.20 per week
Grounds Maintenance	£1.34 per week	£1.35 per week
Cleaning of Communal Areas	£2.52 per week	£2.57 per week
Lighting of Communal Areas	£1.63 per week	£1.68 per week
Laundry Facilities	£0.48 per week	£0.38 per week
Window Cleaning	£0.17 per week	£0.18 per week
Lift Maintenance	£1.07 per week	£0.53 per week
Door Entry	£0.44 per week	£0.25 per week
Intercom	£0.92 per week	£0.84 per week
CCTV	£0.92 per week	£0.94 per week
Sewerage Treatment Plants	£374.73 per annum	Based on the Rateable Value (RV) from the

Welsh Water Schedule  
2022/23

Cesspool Emptying

£362.00 per annum

Based on the Rateable  
Value (RV) from the  
Welsh Water Schedule  
2022/23

(5) T H A T all changes to rents and service charges be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, with the first week of April being a non-chargeable rent week and that increase notices be sent to tenants 28 days in advance of the new charges coming into effect.

(6) T H A T T the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 14.14 of the Council's Constitution be used in order for Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals 2022/23 to be referred to Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1-5) In order that charges are approved, new rent levels are set within the specified Welsh Government (WG) guidelines and to meet the tenant notification deadline as required by statute.

(6) To allow this report to be referred to Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

#### **C843 TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2022/23 AND UPDATE FOR 2021/22 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report, the purpose of which was to provide an interim report on the Council's Treasury Management operations for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 and to submit for consideration the proposed 2022/23 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

The interim report provided an update on the Council's Treasury Management operations for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. All activities were in accordance with the Council's approved strategy on Treasury Management. Details of monies borrowed and repaid and those invested were outlined in the report.

The report presented the proposed 2022/23 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Council ensured that the Prudential Code was complied with, which had been developed by CIPFA as a professional code of practice. To demonstrate the Council had fulfilled these objectives, the Code set out prudential indicators that should be used and the factors that must be taken into account. These were shown in Appendix 1 to the report as part of the Strategy.

The Council also had a legal requirement to comply with the Welsh Government Guidance on Investments and had taken this into consideration when developing the Strategy.

Capital expenditure when financed by long term debt incurred two elements of cost, interest on and repayment of the principal sum borrowed. The resources the Council must put aside in each year to repay the principal sum borrowed was known as Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) and the Council's policy for calculation was detailed in the report.

The Treasury Management Policy Statement for 2022/23 was attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

The Council would formally adopt the new CIPFA 2021 edition of The Prudential code published in December 2021 together with the Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes.

The Leader said that there was also a Treasury Management training session available to any Member on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 at 4pm.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

RESOLVED -

(1) T H A T the Treasury Management interim report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 be endorsed.

(2) T H A T the policy for making Minimum Revenue Provision in 2022/23 be approved.

(3) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 that the proposed 2022/23 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy be approved including the following specific resolutions (detailed in Appendix 1):

- The Authorised Limit for External Debt be set at £223.352m for 2021/22, £241.693m for 2022/23, £274.792m for 2023/24 and £288.151m for 2024/25.
- The Operational Boundary for External Debt be set at £212.948m for 2021/22, £230.785m for 2022/23, £264.384m for 2023/24 and £277.743m for 2024/25.
- The Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority within the total Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary as estimated for individual years to effect movement between the separately agreed limits for borrowing and other long term liabilities.
- An upper limit is set on its fixed interest rate exposures of £148.716m for 2021/22, for 2022/23 of £172.311m, for 2023/24 of £208.615m and for 2024/25 of £230.455m of its net outstanding principal sum on its borrowings / investments.

- An upper limit is set on its variable interest rate exposures of £0 for 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 of its net outstanding principal sum on its investments.
- An upper limit of £10m for 2021/22, £10m for 2022/23, £10m in 2023/24 and £10m in 2024/25 is set for total principal sums invested for over 364 days.
- The amount of projected borrowing that is fixed rate maturing in each period as a percentage of total projected borrowing that is fixed rate for 2022/23 be set as

	<b>Upper Limit</b>	<b>Lower Limit</b>
Under 12 months	20%	0%
12 months and within 24 months	20%	0%
24 months and within 5 years	30%	0%
5 years and within 10 years	40%	0%
10 years and above	100%	0%

- The Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
- The Treasury Management Policy set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

(4) T H A T the formal adoption of the new CIPFA 2021 edition of The Prudential Code together with the Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes be approved.

(5) T H A T the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be used in order for the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2022/23 and Update for 2021/22 to be referred to Full Council on 7th March, 2022.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To present the Treasury Management Interim Report.

(2) To agree the basis of the Minimum Revenue Provision calculation for 2022/23.

(3) The Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy is prepared as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

(4) Approval of the adoption of the new CIPFA 2021 edition of The Prudential Code together with the Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes is a statutory requirement.

(5) To allow this matter to be referred to Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022."

**C844 VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL – PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2022/23 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –**

The purpose of the report was to propose changes in service charges for functions managed by the Council in the following directorates for the financial year 2022/23:

- Environment and Housing
- Managing Director and Resources
- Learning and Skills
- Social Services

The report sought Cabinet approval of fees and charges for The Vale of Glamorgan Council for 2022/23.

The majority of the proposed fees and charges contained in the report and associated appendices reflected an increase of 3% which had been rounded in some cases to the nearest 5p or 10p. Some fees and charges had increased higher than this percentage, remained the same or decreased to reflect the take up of services and the cost of delivery and the rationale for doing so was outlined in the body of the report.

The report would be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for comment and these comments would be reviewed by Cabinet in March.

Councillor King said that many of the fees and charges within his Portfolio had not been altered. Some were subject to a subsequent assessment and separate report to Cabinet. Others had been uplifted by 3% which was notionally inflation and a reflection of increased costs for officer time. He drew attention to the reduction in the cost of season tickets for parking at coastal resorts from £50 to £30 for 6 months and from £100 to £50 for a full year. This would benefit Vale of Glamorgan residents who visit them all year round as it would effectively reduce the cost of parking to 33p per day if visiting three times a week for the year.

Although not part of the report, Councillor King said that the Council were about to commence the installation of a rising bollard and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system at Rivermouth Car Park, Ogmere. He was working with officers on a suitable incremental charging system that would provide more options than the current £1 for 1 hour and £6 all day arrangements and would request the use of Delegated Authority to introduce new charges after installation, if granted. Officers would then learn from that installation for any future installation at Barry Island car parks where ANPR equipment funding had been allocated within the Capital Programme for 2022/23.

Councillor King also noted that the reference to 'Blue dog poo bags pack of 50' in Appendix 1A was to be deleted as bags are only now sold in packs of 100.

The Deputy Leader welcomed the reduction in season ticket costs at coastal car parks as local residents could then go to the resorts as often as they wanted for as long as they wanted. She also welcomed the proposed use of various coastal

locations for Weddings & Civil Partnerships and that the booking of events at the Penarth Pavilion were proving to be exceptionally popular.

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 proposals for amendments to fees and charges and associated policy and process changes as set out in the report and the associated appendices be approved, subject to the amendment to Appendix 1A.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for comment, if there are no comments to be referred to Cabinet the Fees and charges be approved as resolution (1) above.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with the Head of Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member, to agree and set any new charges for the Directorate that may arise during the course of the financial year 2022/23.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To obtain Cabinet's approval of the fees and charges proposed for 2022/23 and noting the change to Appendix 1A.
- (2) To enable Cabinet to consider the views of the Scrutiny Committee when reaching a determination on these matters.
- (3) To enable new charges to be introduced as early as possible for any new services provided by the Council.

**C845 PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A NON TREASURY SERVICE INVESTMENT STRATEGY, THE INVESTMENT AND GROWTH FUND (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The purpose of the report was to outline proposals for the introduction of a Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy in 2022/23 to Support Economic Regeneration and Growth in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Appendix 1 to the report set out the proposals for the Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy, which was intended to address opportunities identified in the Council's Recovery Strategy to support innovative business and economic regeneration, increase capital programme investment and focus on green jobs and green infrastructure.

The Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund was to be funded using £2.2m of the Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund Reserve and with provision for up to £10m Prudential Borrowing. The fund for Investment totals £12m with £200k earmarked for feasibility and due diligence costs and the initial costs associated with specialist Non Treasury Investment Advice.

The Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund would be supported by a Strategic Project Board with Investment Decisions approved by Cabinet and regular reporting to Cabinet, Council and Governance and Audit Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The first call on any investment return should be repayment of debt and building up an earmarked reserve to mitigate the risks outlined in the risk management section in Appendix 1.

The Deputy Leader said it was an important report as it was sometimes clear what was needed in order to make a difference within a community but not always possible to find a relevant budget. When looking to tackle inequality or enhance economic growth in areas where Section 106 contributions were not available, having alternative funding sources for already developed areas was essential.

This was a matter for Executive and Council 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 Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy (Appendix 1) be noted and approved.
- (2) T H A T the Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for consideration.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Council that the proposed 2022/23 to 2024/25 Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy be approved.
- (4) T H A T a Strategic Investment and Growth Project Board be established to support the implementation and operation of the Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund.
- (5) T H A T the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 14.14 of the Council's Constitution be used in order for the Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy to be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee on 1st March, 2022 and Full Council on 7th March, 2022, with any comments from Governance and Audit Committee referred directly to Council on 7th March, 2022 for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To present the Proposals for the establishment of a Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy.
- (2) To enable Governance and Audit Committee to review the proposals for the Fund.
- (3) To allow the Non Treasury Service Investment and Growth Fund to be implemented for 2022/23.
- (4) To support the development of the Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund.
- (5) To allow this matter to be referred to Governance and Audit Committee on 1st March, 2022 and Full Council on 7th March, 2022.”

**C846 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CODE 2021/22 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The purpose of the report was to consider the Council’s compliance with the Financial Management Code 2021/22 and proposals for improvement.

The Financial Management Code (FM Code) was a new code that had been introduced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy(CIPFA) to support good practice in financial management and to assist local authorities in demonstrating their financial sustainability.

Each local authority (and those bodies designated to apply the FM Code) must demonstrate that the requirements of the code were being satisfied. Demonstrating this compliance with the FM Code was a collective responsibility of Elected Members, the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) and their professional colleagues in the leadership team.

The first full year of compliance with the FM Code was 2021/22 and the Council was required to evidence its assessment of compliance with the code and identify any areas for further improvement.

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 Statement on Compliance with the Financial Management Code (Appendix 1) be noted and approved.
- (2) T H A T the Statement of Compliance with the Financial Management Code be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for consideration.

### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that the Council's compliance with the Financial Management Code was considered by Members as part of their collective responsibility for compliance with the Code.
- (2) To ensure that the Council's compliance and proposals for improvement were considered by the Governance and Audit Committee as Members charged with overseeing the Governance arrangements of the Council.

### **C847 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-23 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report, the purpose of which was to enable Members to consider the draft Annual Delivery Plan 2022-23 post consultation.

The report set out how the draft Annual Delivery Plan (Appendix A to the report) had been developed, the outcome of the consultation and the subsequent changes to the Plan. The Annual Delivery Plan for 2022-23 was aligned to the Council's four Well-being Objectives. The Plan detailed the activities that would be undertaken in 2022-23 to deliver those objectives.

The actions in the ADP would also contribute to six cross-cutting themes; Project Zero, hardship, care and support, transformation, infrastructure and community capacity. The commitments within the Annual Delivery Plan 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.

Publishing the Well-being Objectives at the start of the financial year would enable statutory obligations to be met under the performance duties of the Local Government and Election (Wales) Act 2021 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 them under review.

The Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives and associated commitments for 2022-2023 as outlined in the draft Annual Delivery Plan would be reflected in Service Plans for 2022 -2023. Work had commenced to develop the Service Plans which would be presented to the relevant Scrutiny Committees together with proposed service improvement targets for 2022-23.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

## RESOLVED -

- (1) T H AT the draft Annual Delivery Plan (Appendix A to the report) be endorsed and referred to Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 for consideration and approval.
- (2) T H AT the urgency procedure set out in section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be exercised in respect of Resolution (3).

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the feedback received at Appendix A to the report and the comments of the Scrutiny Committee Corporate Performance and Resources.
- (2) To ensure that the Annual Delivery Plan can be presented to Council in March for consideration and endorsement and enable the response to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

**C848 WELSH LANGUAGE PROMOTION STRATEGY (EL/PR)  
(SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES AND  
LEARNING AND CULTURE) –**

The purpose of the report was to seek Cabinet approval for the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy 2022-2027 and associated Action Plan following a period of assessment and consultation.

The Welsh Language Standards (standards 145 and 146) requires Local Authorities to:

- produce and publish a five-year strategy setting out how they intended to promote the Welsh language and to facilitate the use of Welsh more widely in their area
- include a target for increasing or maintaining the number of Welsh speakers in the area by the end of the five-year period
- include a statement explaining how the organisation intended to reach that target
- review the strategy and publish a revised version of it on the website within five years of the date of publication of the strategy (or the date of publication of a revised version of it)
- after five years, assess the extent to which the Council had followed that strategy and met the target it had set
- publish the assessment on the website, showing the number of Welsh speakers in the area, and the age of those speakers
- note in the assessment a list of activities arranged or funded by them to promote the Welsh language during the previous five years.

The report presented Cabinet with:

- A report detailing the consultation activity undertaken and results (Appendix A to the report).
- An updated assessment of the current (2017-22) five-year Welsh Language Promotion Strategy (Appendix B to the report).
- An updated five-year Welsh Language Promotion Strategy, following a period of consultation (Appendix C to the report).
- An accompanying Action Plan to pursue the objectives and commitments contained in the Strategy (Appendix D to the report).
- An Equality Impact Assessment relating to the Strategy and Action Plan (Appendix E to the report).

These documents had been considered by Scrutiny Committees (Learning and Culture and Corporate Performance and Resources) in February and the comments from the Committees would be presented to Cabinet at the meeting. The reference from Corporate Resources of 17<sup>th</sup> February was considered alongside the report it being noted that the Scrutiny Committee Learning and Culture had endorsed the report at its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The report sought Cabinet approval for the Strategy and Action Plan, with work to deliver these commitments commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

The Leader highlighted that the report was associated with Agenda Item 7 and the comments made as part of that discussion earlier on the Agenda.

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 Appendices be noted.
- (2) T H AT the views of the Scrutiny Committees (Learning and Culture and Corporate Performance and Resources) be considered alongside the report.
- (3) T H AT the Council's five-year Welsh Language Promotion Strategy (2022-2027) and accompanying action plan be approved.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide Cabinet with an overview of the work undertaken to develop the new strategy and accompanying action plan following a period of consultation.
- (2) To enable Cabinet to consider the views of the Scrutiny Committees when considering this matter.
- (3) To ensure the Council had the required five year strategy and action plan in place for the beginning of the 2022/23 financial year as required by the Welsh Language Standards.

**C849 PROJECT ZERO – UPDATE, RESOURCES, EVIDENCE AND REPORTING (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The purpose of the report was to advise Cabinet of the key findings in the carbon data report submitted to Welsh Government, seek approval for proposals for the approach to the use of financial resources associated with tackling climate change and seek approval for proposals for reporting progress in delivering Project Zero.

The report detailed the issues emerging from the exercise undertaken in the Autumn of 2021 to report the Council's carbon emissions as part of a national exercise by public sector organisations. This information was submitted to Welsh Government in October 2021 and the report detailed the levels of emissions across different Council activities and also aspects of the data that had proved more challenging to collect and where systems needed to be put in place to ensure more robust data.

The carbon emissions report was a major step forward in bringing together data from across the organisation and would be used by the Project Zero Board to inform the delivery of the Climate Change Challenge Plan.

The report also detailed proposals around the approach for the use of relevant capital and revenue budgets to support the delivery of Project Zero. Proposals for reporting arrangements for Project Zero were also included within the report.

The report also included a recommendation to amend the Council's committee report template to ensure that every report reflected implications relating to climate change and also the nature emergency to support decision making and scrutiny.

Progress against some of the challenges within the Climate Change Challenge Plan were also detailed within the report, highlighting the significant work being undertaken across the Council to tackle climate change as part of Project Zero.

The Leader proposed that as part of Recommendation (7) that the report also be distributed to Town and Community Councils and Public Service Board and voluntary sector partners for their information, which was agreed.

The Deputy Leader referred to the original climate emergency motion referred to in Paragraph 1.1 of the report where bullet point (4) spoke about continuing to work with partners across the region. That morning she had been on a visit to Aberthaw Power Station which was intended to be purchased by the Cardiff Capital Region for a renewal and sustainable energy hub. The power station had produced local and good quality jobs previously and it was hoped that similarly the new proposal would do the same as well as contributing to achieving a zero carbon status for the Vale of Glamorgan and the region as a whole. Her visit showed the progression of the policy over time.

The Leader said the proposal to purchase the site was something that the Regional Cabinet had agreed to take forward and was an important area for both the Vale of

Glamorgan and the region. The site was ideally positioned with a railhead and connection to the national grid. The environment would also be protected via the conservation area.

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 key findings from the carbon data report submitted to Welsh Government be noted.
- (2) T H A T the proposals for the approach of the use of the relevant capital and revenue budgets to support Project Zero as set out in detail in the report be approved.
- (3) T H A T the proposed Project Zero reporting arrangements be approved.
- (4) T H A T the proposed amendment to the committee report template to include specific reference to implications for climate change and nature be approved.
- (5) T H A T the progress detailed in the report in relation to a number of the challenges within the Climate Change Challenge Plan be noted.
- (6) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for their consideration.
- (7) T H A T the report be distributed to all Elected Members, Town and Community Councils and Public Service Board and voluntary sector partners for their information.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To enable Cabinet to consider the key findings from the carbon data report submitted to Welsh Government.
- (2) To enable Cabinet to consider and approve the proposals for the approach to the use of the relevant capital and revenue budgets to support Project Zero.
- (3) To enable Cabinet to consider and approve the proposed Project Zero reporting arrangements.
- (4) To enable Cabinet to consider and approve the proposed amendment to the committee report template to include specific reference to implications for climate change and nature.

(5) To enable Cabinet to consider the progress in relation to a number of the challenges within the Climate Change Challenge Plan

(6) To enable Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee and the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to consider how Project Zero is being taken forward.

(7) To update all Elected Members, Town and Community Councils and Public Service Board and voluntary sector partners on the arrangements in place to deliver Project Zero.

**C850 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF BARRY RAILWAY DEPOT AND NEARBY RAILWAY LAND TO TRANSPORT FOR WALES (TFW) (DL/ER) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The purpose of the report was to seek endorsement for the Council to dispose of Barry Railway Depot and other nearby railway land to Transport for Wales (TfW) and to collaborate with TfW to facilitate a multi-million pounds investment project.

A unique opportunity had arisen for Barry to play an important role for the railway industry in South Wales. It was proposed the Council collaborate with Transport for Wales (TfW) to facilitate a multi-million pounds investment at Barry Railway Depot and neighbouring railway land (forming part of the land indicatively edged red in Appendix A to the report, subject to boundary and title checks being undertaken) for the stabling and storage of new railway fleet being purchased by TfW to serve the Core Valley Lines (CVL).

To deliver the project, TfW's preference was to agree to purchase the railway depot and all or parts of other land (indicatively edged red in Appendix A) from the Council prior to the end of March 2022. The tight deadline was due to Welsh Government funding availability constraints. Hence, due to this tight timescale, the report was submitted by virtue of the Urgency Procedure.

A separate Part II Report submitted to Cabinet outlined the proposed land transaction with TfW and set out the proposed collaboration of the Council and TfW to secure multi million pounds of funding from the Welsh Government for this strategically important transport project.

The Deputy Leader said the report had requested the use of the urgent decision procedure due to the timescales involved, and the reason for urgency had been raised with her accordingly. She was comfortable with the request as TfW were a not-for-profit company owned by the Welsh Government, committed to local consultation with stakeholders and had strong governance procedures.

She had received queries from local ward Members, asking:-

- would the old coal trucks on the land be removed – they would be removed.

- would the Authority press for the continuation of the rail spur over to Barry Island to be part of timetabled services – the development at Barry Island does look to secure the viability of that spur going forward.

She has further received an email from a local resident who asked about noise concerns, working during anti-social hours and any impact on trees and wildlife. TfW had confirmed that the site would be used for limited activity connected to the stabling of trains when not used for timetabled services. Their engineering depot was in Canton in Cardiff and was not a similar site. The new fleet was also electric or battery driven trains or the modern diesels and were quiet and clean in comparison to the old locomotives. The Deputy Leader would be responding to the resident in full accordingly, but the proposal would be a constructive use of the area

Councillor Gray said it was a positive use of land in close proximity to Barry Island and could encourage people to move closer to the area for work and visit for leisure. He also welcomed the continued operation of the tourist railway from Barry Island to the Waterfront.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report, all the issues and implications contained therein and the use of the urgency decision procedure,

RESOLVED -

(1) T H A T the Council collaborating with Transport for Wales (TfW) to facilitate a multi-million pounds investment at Barry Railway Depot and other nearby railway land including Barry Island Station (indicatively edged red in Appendix A) for the stabling and storage of new railway fleet being purchased by TfW to serve the Core Valley Lines be authorised.

(2) T H A T the proposed disposal to Transport for Wales (TfW) of all or parts of the freehold interest of the Barry Railway Depot and neighbouring railway land indicatively edged red in Appendix A, set out in the separate Part II report submitted to the meeting be noted.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To seek authorisation of Cabinet for the proposal to collaborate with Transport for Wales (TfW).

(2) To inform Cabinet of the Part II Report regarding the proposed disposal of all or parts of the land indicatively edged red in Appendix A to TfW.

### **C851 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The purpose of the report was to present the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2022 for Approval.

The report set out the Council's 30-year business plan for housing in support of the Council's continued Major Repairs Allowance (MRA) investment from Welsh Government (WG). WG required all local authorities with retained housing stock, to submit a fit for purpose annual Housing Business Plan, incorporating a detailed financial forecast in the form of a 30-year financial model. The Business Plan incorporated a forward statement from the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services, reflecting the work being undertaken during the pandemic and to continue to develop sustainable communities and deliver key services.

Guidance for the submission of the Housing Business Plan was received from WG in January 2022, with a submission deadline of 31st March, 2022.

WG had again followed a similar format to last year requesting specific content for the Business plan. Therefore, the business plan was a smaller focused document covering the key areas of interest.

The Housing Business Plan was both viable and sustainable in terms of meeting the Council's obligations under Welsh Housing Quality Standards for existing stock, and also provided consideration on the investment needed to respond to climate change, new build and regeneration whilst managing the level of debt within the HRA.

The Leader said that the Business Plan was sustainable, that rents had been kept within a reasonable level and the Authority was still building and acquiring housing.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

**RESOLVED -**

- (1) T H A T the Housing Business Plan 2022/52 attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (2) T H AT the report be submitted to full Council on 7th March, 2022 for approval prior to submission to Welsh Government.
- (3) T H AT the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 14.14 of the Council's Constitution be used in order that the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2022 can be referred to Full Council on 7th March, 2022.

**Reasons for decisions**

- (1) To obtain Cabinet approval for the Housing Business Plan 2022/52 prior to referral to Council.

- (2) To obtain Council approval for the Housing Business Plan 2022/52 prior to submission to Welsh Government.
- (3) To allow this matter to be referred to the Full Council on 7th March, 2022.”

**C852 DISPOSAL OF A SMALL PARCEL OF HOUSING OWNED LAND AT GELLI GARN COTTAGES (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The report sought Cabinet approval to dispose of a small parcel of non-operational housing land suitable for use incidental to the enjoyment of the adjacent dwelling house only (as identified at Appendix A to the report).

The Council owned various small parcels of land, which bordered or adjoined existing privately owned properties that were not suitable for development but were a continuing financial burden on the Council due to their ongoing maintenance and security costs.

The Council had received an enquiry to acquire one of those small areas of land which was held for the purposes of Part II of the Housing Act 1985 and was currently managed by, or under the control of, the Housing Department.

The Council could dispose of such land if it was no longer required for its operational purpose, it had been declared surplus to Council requirements and the disposal was in accordance with the General Consents for the Disposal of Houses and Land 1994 in that it would be used as additional garden space or a parking space by purchasers. Permission was therefore sought to dispose of this non-operational Housing owned land identified in Appendix A.

The land in question was a landlocked area of housing land previously accessible from the adopted highway, through a section of land which had already been disposed of to a previous owner of 1 Gelli Garn Cottages. As it was landlocked it could not be considered as Public Open Space.

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 parcel of Housing land shown at Appendix A to the report be declared as surplus to Council requirements.
- (2) T H A T authority be granted to the Head of Housing and Building Services to dispose of the land shown on the plan at Appendix A under Sections 32-34 of the Housing Act 1985 subject to compliance with the relevant legislative provisions, any statutory consents required and Resolutions (3)-(5) below.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing Services, and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services, and Head of Finance to agree the appropriate terms and conditions for disposal of the parcel of land.

(4) T H A T the Council relies on Consent E of the General Consents for the Disposal of Houses and Land 1994 made under the Housing Act 1985 for the disposal in order to comply with the relevant legislative provisions and any statutory consents required.

(5) T H A T the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation to formalise any disposal subject to the Resolutions above.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To comply with the Council's Constitution.

(2) To ensure compliance with the relevant legislative provisions, any statutory consents required and Recommendations above.

(3) To allow for the land to be disposed on suitable terms and conditions.

(4) To ensure compliance with the relevant legislative provisions and any statutory consents required.

(5) To legally formalise the disposal of the land and to ensure compliance with statute and subject to Resolutions above.

### **C853 RENTING HOMES WALES ACT 2016 IMPLEMENTATION (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The purpose of the report was to consider what was required regarding implementation of the Renting Homes Wales Act 2016.

The Renting Homes Wales Act was first published in 2016 and represented a significant change in housing legislation. The Act was intended to simplify and replace various pieces of housing legislation and address anomalies which existed between tenants. It introduced two main types of occupation contracts (secure and standard) and recognised two types of landlords (Community and Private).

Welsh Government had advised the Act would come into force from 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, which gave the Council five months to prepare. The report highlighted the key changes included in the legislation and steps being taken to ensure all necessary actions were completed ahead of the deadline.

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 details of the Renting Homes Wales Act (2016) be noted which were due to come into effect from the 15th July 2022.
- (2) T H A T the implementation plan which sets out key actions over time be approved.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide more detailed information about important changes to Housing Law.
- (2) To ensure the Council fully compliant with the requirements of the new Act.

**C854 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – PACKAGE DEAL AT COLDBROOK ROAD EAST, BARRY (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet a proposal to enter into a package deal contract (which would include both an acquisition of land and development works) with Pegasus Developments Ltd. for the delivery of 20no. new one-bedroom walk up apartments on land at Coldbrook Road East, Barry.

The Leader said it was good to see proposed development at the site and that though they were called walk up apartments, there was parking associated with them.

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 proposal to enter into a package deal contract with Pegasus Developments Ltd. for the delivery of 20no. new one-bedroom apartments on land at Coldbrook Road East, Barry be noted.
- (2) T H A T the requirement to take formal decisions on the progression of the above proposal, as part of the wider considerations detailed in the Part II report later in the agenda, be noted.

### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To advise Cabinet of the intention to increase the supply of new Council owned homes.
- (2) To ensure decisions are made to progress this proposed development of new Council owned homes.

### **C855 PENARTH OLDER PERSONS HOUSING WITH CARE COMPLEX (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The report sought various authorities from Cabinet to further progress the Penarth Older Persons Housing with Care Complex project.

In accordance with Cabinet Minute C532 (attached at Appendix A to the report), authority was granted to facilitate a project called Penarth Older Persons Housing with Care Complex. This was a collaborative project between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Wales and West Housing Association (WWHA), which aimed to deliver a proposed Extra Care scheme and a new development of older persons independent living accommodation alongside Oak Court (operated by Wales and West Housing Association on land leased from the Council) and Ty Dewi Sant (operated by the Vale of Glamorgan Council).

The project aimed to deliver the Extra Care Scheme and new development of older persons independent living accommodation on a 3.6 acre vacant development site (in the freehold ownership of the Council), which was part of an adopted housing allocation site within the adopted Local Development Plan (attached at Appendix B to the report).

In accordance with Cabinet Minute C532(2) the purpose of the report was to seek authority to declare surplus land (indicatively identified by Appendix C to the report) which was earmarked for the proposed Extra Care development.

The report also sought authority to dispose of land (identified by Appendix D to the report) to WWHA by virtue of a newly negotiated long lease(s) to include the land declared surplus pursuant to the report for the purpose of providing the proposed Extra Care scheme together with the Oak Court site.

In addition, the report sought authority to facilitate a Development or Partnership Agreement with WWHA to deliver for the Council the proposed development of older persons independent living accommodation (on land identified in Appendix C to the report).

The Leader said it was an excellent scheme and would provide more accommodation for the elderly.

Councillor Gray said that the Regional Partnership Board had wanted to make sure that people could live in their communities without going into a formalised care

setting. Colleagues were working together from across the Council to facilitate the proposal and achieve its aims.

The Deputy Leader said that older people often had expressed fears about independence and care. The Extra Care housing in Barry had been very successful as a valuable facility with care on suite and provision of security for the future. Discussions had taken place with the Ecology Team to set the development within the natural environment but still be accessible and possibly linked to Cosmeston.

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 for the Head of Housing and Building Services (in liaison with the Project Board identified in the report) to declare surplus the land indicatively edged red in Appendix C in order for it to be developed for a proposed Extra Care scheme by Wales and West Housing Association.

(2) T H A T authority be granted for the Head of Housing and Building Services (in liaison with the Project Board identified in the report) and in consultation with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to grant a new long lease(s) to Wales and West Housing Association of the land indicatively edged dashed red in Appendix D including the land declared surplus and earmarked for the Extra Care facility (referred to in Resolution 1) together with the land forming WWHA's Oak Court demise subject to the appropriate legislative provisions and any statutory consents required.

(3) T H A T authority be granted for the Head of Housing and Building Services (in liaison with the Project Board identified in the report) to waive Contract Procedure Rules and negotiate terms and conditions of a Development/Partnership Agreement and appended building contract with Wales and West Housing Association to design and construct on behalf of the Council the proposed development of older persons independent living accommodation (to be located on the land indicatively edged dashed yellow in Appendix C), subject to the appropriate legislative provisions and statutory consents.

(4) T H A T authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, execute and complete all the necessary legal documentation and take any steps required to procure and facilitate the delivery of all aspects of the Penarth Older Persons Housing with Care Complex.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To declare surplus vacant land identified edged red in Appendix C for the Extra Care scheme.

- (2) To facilitate the disposal of land edged dashed red in Appendix D by virtue of a long lease(s) to Wales and West Housing Association.
- (3) To facilitate a Development/Partnership Agreement with Wales and West Housing Association for the delivery of the older persons independent living accommodation.
- (4) To enable the preparation, execution and completion of all the necessary legal documentation to achieve project delivery.

**C856 PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC DISPLAYS FROM 21ST CENTURY PASSENGER SYSTEMS LTD FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON CROWN COMMERCIAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (NST) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The purpose of the report was to obtain approval to continue to purchase e-display units for bus stops and potentially other purposes connected with active travel.

The report sought Cabinet approval for Council officers to continue to purchase electronic displays at any future time using appropriate budgets and departmental approvals. Future purchases would be direct from 21st Century Passenger Systems Ltd using the company's Crown Commercial framework agreement. Such future purchases would take the Council's total expenditure on displays over and above the £300,000 total procurement threshold. The displays being purchased were primarily for transport information at bus stops but might also be purchased for active travel and other purposes.

Purchases of displays to date had been placed with Costain Integrated Technology Solutions Limited ('Costain') via the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) framework Agreement. This company then sub-contracted maintenance to another company, namely 21st Century Passenger Systems Limited ('21st Century'). As 21st Century was now on the CCS Framework, it was proposed that future purchases would be made directly through that company (as opposed to ordering through a 'middleman' company and thereby reducing prices).

To date, purchase of existing displays had been undertaken with the approval of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport using delegated powers, as the total cost of purchases to date had been above £75,000, but below the £300,000 threshold. Any further purchases would take the total expenditure over £300,000. The purchase of a further two displays were currently being considered for this financial year (2021/22) at a total cost of £20,628. It was hoped however that further purchases would be made, when possible, should further grant funding be forthcoming.

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 request for Council officers to purchase future electronic displays, associated equipment and technical services including maintenance agreements at any time using appropriate budgets direct from 21st Century Passenger Systems Ltd using its Crown Commercial Service framework agreement be approved.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport and in consultation with the Section 151 Officer/ Head of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport to approve all future purchases of electronic displays from 21st Century Passenger Systems Ltd given that the £300,000 procurement threshold would be reached with the next proposed purchase.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure future purchases are in line with same system purchased to date.
- (2) To comply with the Council policy and financial standing orders.

**C857 CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2022 (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –**

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health presented the report to share the final Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Population Needs Assessment 2022 report with Cabinet Members before referral to full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 for approval of the final report.

This was the final report for the second Population Needs Assessment (PNA) for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, following the first published in 2017. The PNA should be read alongside the complementary Well-being Assessments for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan to gain a comprehensive understanding of the region.

The PNA was undertaken between May 2021 and March 2022 and provided an update of the 2017 report. Existing data and reports were used to inform the assessment, alongside dedicated engagement work in the form of surveys (for the public, children and young people, people in HMP Cardiff and professionals / providers) as well as focus groups.

A draft PNA was considered by Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee in January 2022.

Improvements in care and support services had been made across all population groups since the 2017 Population Needs Assessment, despite the challenges of COVID-19. COVID-19 had had a number of impacts, including increasing demand for services, especially mental health, and changing models of delivery for many services

This was a matter for Executive and Council 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 and approved.
- (2) T H A T the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Population Needs Assessment 2022 be submitted to full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 for approval.
- (3) T H A T the urgent decision procedure as set out in section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be used in relation to Resolution (2) above.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that Cabinet Members can exercise oversight of the Population Needs Assessment which informs planning and priorities for health and social care services.
- (2) To secure approval by the full Council as required by the statutory framework under which the Population Needs Assessment is produced.
- (3) To ensure that the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Population Needs Assessment 2022 is referred to full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

**C858 NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WELSH (VALE OF GLAMORGAN) ADOPTION & FOSTERING SERVICES - NATIONAL ADOPTION SERVICES FOR WALES & FOSTER WALES – ENHANCING GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP & ENABLING (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –**

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health presented the report the purpose of which was to update Cabinet on the proposals for developing the governance for the National Adoption Service for Wales as it assumed responsibility for Foster Wales and to achieve agreement to signing the Joint Committee Agreement for the proposed Joint Committee.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the entering into an Agreement (“the Agreement”) (appended at Appendix 3 to the report) for the establishment of a Joint Committee for the National

Adoption Service for Wales (“NAS”) as it assumed responsibility for Foster Wales be agreed.

(2) T H A T the Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibility for Social Care and Health be the Council’s nominated representative as a voting member of the Joint Committee.

(3) T H A T Delegated Authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into the Agreement on behalf of the Council.

(4) T H A T the report be referred to Full Council for decision on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

(5) T H A T the urgency procedure set out in section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be exercised in respect of Resolution (4) above.

Reasons for decisions

(1&3) Subject to Council approval.

(2) Subject to Council approval and in line with the Agreement, and to ensure the Council’s interests are represented in the delivery of the Joint Committee’s specified functions.

(4) In line with the Council’s Constitution and relevant legislation in the establishment of the Joint Committee.

(5) To enable the matter to be referred to Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

**C859 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.

**C860 NON-DOMESTIC RATES - RETAIL, HOSPITALITY & LEISURE RATES RELIEF (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

**(Urgent by reason of the need to refer the report for Council's consideration on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 with a view to introducing the scheme on 1st April, 2022)**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources presented the report the purpose of which was to confirm adoption of a Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Rates Relief Scheme for 2022/2023 in respect of qualifying business premises within the Vale of Glamorgan area under discretionary relief powers in accordance with section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet the Council's discretionary powers to award non-domestic rates relief to businesses within the Council's area under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

The report drew Cabinet's attention to the proposed funding that would be provided by Welsh Government in order to support businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors throughout the Council's area.

The report proposed that Cabinet adopt the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Rates Relief Scheme for 2022-23 in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the following be recommended to Full Council:

- (i) The Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Rates Relief Scheme for 2022-23 in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 be adopted.
- (ii) That award relief to all qualifying businesses as in accordance with the Non-domestic Rates Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Rates Relief Guidance issued by the Welsh Government at attached at Appendix A to the report be agreed.
- (iii) That award entitlement to eligible businesses following receipt of a valid application form be agreed.

(2) T H A T the use of Article 14.14 of the Council's Constitution (Urgent decision Procedure) be authorised in respect of 1 above.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable a scheme to be adopted using discretionary relief powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 for the provision of Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Rates Relief for qualifying business premises within the Vale of Glamorgan area.

(2) The use of Article 14.14 will enable the issue to be reported to Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with a view to introducing the Scheme on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022."

**C861 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.

**C862 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF BARRY RAILWAY DEPOT AND NEARBY RAILWAY LAND TO TRANSPORT FOR WALES (TFW) (DL/ER) (SCRUTINY -ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) (EXEMPT INFORMATION PARAGRAPH 14) –**

The purpose of the report was to seek authority to dispose of Barry Railway Depot and other nearby railway land to Transport for Wales (TfW) and collaborate with TfW to facilitate a multi-million pounds investment project.

As stated in the Part I Report submitted to Cabinet:

- (a) A unique opportunity had arisen for Barry to play an important role for the railway industry in South Wales. It was proposed the Council collaborate with Transport for Wales (TfW) to facilitate a multi-million pounds investment at Barry Railway Depot and neighbouring railway land (indicatively edged red in Appendix A to the report) for the stabling and storage of new railway fleet being purchased by TfW to serve the Core Valley Lines (CVL); and
- (b) To deliver the project, TfW's preference was to agree to purchase the railway depot and land (forming part of the land indicatively edged red in Appendix A, subject to boundary and title related checks being undertaken) from the Council prior to the end of March 2022. The tight deadline was due to Welsh Government funding availability constraints, hence, due to this tight timescale, the report was submitted by virtue of an Urgency Procedure.

The Report sought authority for the Council to (i) grant TfW a Licence to Occupy all or part of the land (indicatively edged red in Appendix A), (ii) dispose of all or part of the freehold interest of the land to Transport for Wales (TfW) and (iii) waive the Council's Contract Procedures Rules to commission TfW to complete capital works on the land to make it accessible for TfW's fleet of trains.

At the time of writing the report, a preliminary licence was being facilitated to give TfW access to undertake pre-contract surveys and preliminary works subject to it being granted by the Interim Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer using their delegated powers

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 declare the land indicatively edged red in Appendix A to the report, surplus to the Council's requirements.
- (2) T H A T authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration and Planning (in liaison with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, Chief Executive, and Interim Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer) to negotiate and agree a contract to (i) grant TfW a Licence to Occupy all or parts of the land (forming part of the land indicatively edged red in Appendix A), (ii) dispose of all or parts of the freehold interest in the land to Transport for Wales (TfW) and (iii) to waive the Council's Contract Procedures Rules to commission TfW to complete capital works on the land in the absence of a competitive procurement process.
- (3) T H A T authority be granted for the appointment of consultants as may be required to facilitate the disposal of the land (indicatively edged red in Appendix A) to Transport for Wales (TfW).
- (4) 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 implement the land transaction and physical enhancement works.
- (5) T H A T the Capital Programme be amended to accommodate the cost of the capital works on the land (indicatively edged red in Appendix A )which was the responsibility of the Council and for the repayment of the proceeds of the freehold sale to Welsh Government.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To declare the land surplus to the Council's requirements.
- (2) To enable project delivery including the disposal and physical enhancement of the land.
- (3) To appoint consultants as may be required to assist with the project.
- (4) To enable the preparation, execution and completion of the legal documentation for the delivery of the project.
- (5) To amend the Capital Programme.

**C863 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – PACKAGE DEAL AT COLDBROOK ROAD EAST, BARRY (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14) –**

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet, a proposal to enter into a package deal contract (which will include both an acquisition of land and development works)

with Pegasus Developments Ltd. for the delivery of 20no. new one-bedroom walk up apartments on land at Coldbrook Road East, Barry.

The report further discussed the financial viability of the Scheme, evidences the Schemes' value for money; the contractual basis underpinning the Scheme; examined Pegasus Development Ltd. and its contractors' credentials and discussed the demand for much needed new homes in Barry.

The report made the recommendation that Cabinet approve entering into the package deal contract with Pegasus Developments Ltd. and in order to progress the Scheme delegate authority to the appropriate officers to take forward the agreement, preparation and completion of the contract for the purchase of the land and the works contract with the developer together with associated agreements needed for the development.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H AT subject to Pegasus Development Ltd obtaining planning permission for the development, delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services and the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer, to accept the offer and tendered sum from Pegasus Developments Ltd. and agree terms and conditions to enter into a package deal contract for the acquisition and development of land for housing at Coldbrook Road East, Barry.

(2) T H AT subject to Pegasus Development Ltd obtaining planning permission for the development, the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to agree, prepare, execute and complete as necessary all documentation and agreements required to procure and facilitate the delivery of the Scheme at Coldbrook Road East, Barry.

(3) T H A T the publishing of a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency ("VEAT") Notice in respect of the package deal contract with Pegasus Developments Ltd, in the Official Journal of the European Union via the Sell2Wales portal be agreed.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To progress the Scheme and accept a tendered sum from and award a contract to Pegasus Developments Ltd.

(2) To allow the Council to enter into a package deal contract with Pegasus Developments Ltd.

(3) To comply with the external legal advice concerning compliance with public procurement law and to minimise the risk to the Council of progressing the Scheme.