

CABINET

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 6th October, 2022.

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Present: Councillor L. Burnett (Chair); Councillors R.M. Birch, B.E. Brooks, G. John, S. Sivagnanam, E. Williams, M.R Wilkinson and M.R. Wilson.

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

C84 ANNOUNCEMENT –

The Leader welcomed all parties to the Cabinet meeting and reminded everyone present that the meeting was being Live Streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.

She asked if all participants please ‘mute’ themselves when not speaking in order to avoid any background noise or feedback when other participants were speaking, and if a participant wished to speak if they could put their hand up (to be seen on screen) or use the ‘raise hand’ function.

Members were asked to ensure that all debate was raised verbally and not via the ‘chat’ function for the sake of the recording. The ‘chat’ function could be used to highlight any technical issues and/or to get the attention of the Chair or Democratic Services Officer.

C85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

There were no declarations received.

C86 APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT FOR CURRENT LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS’ VACANCIES (REF) –

Following consideration of the minutes of the Local Authority Governors Advisory Panel held on 5th October, 2022 it was

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the following appointments be made to the schools as set out below:

| School | No. of Vacancies | Appointment |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Cadoxton Primary | 1 | Councillor C. Iannucci |
| Cogan Primary | 1 | A. Eardley |
| Cowbridge Comprehensive | 1 | Councillor C. Champion |
| Dinas Powys Primary | 1 | Councillor A. Asbrey |
| Fairfield Primary | 1 | J. Evans |
| Gladstone Primary | 1 | Councillor P. Drake |
| Gwenfo C/W Primary | 1 | J. Davies |
| High Street Primary | 2 | Councillor N. Marshallsea and A. McMath |
| Holton Primary | 1 | L. Speight |
| Jenner Park Primary | 1 | J. Hughes |
| Llanfair Primary | 1 | Councillor R. Fisher |
| Llantwit Major | 1 | Councillor J. Lynch-Wilson |
| Palmerston Primary | 2 | N. Herbert and S. Lloyd |
| Peterston Super Ely C;/W Primary | 1 | L. James |
| Rhws Primary | 2 | J. Green and Councillor W. Hennessy |
| St. Athan Primary | 2 | Councillor S. Haines and A. Little |
| St. Cyres Comprehensive | 1 | M. Lewis |
| St. Helen's Catholic Primary | 1 | G. Chivers |
| St. Illtyd Primary | 1 | C. Hill |
| St. Nicholas C/W Primary | 2 | G. Kemp and L. Lambourne |
| Sully Primary | 2 | A. Eardley and C. Hill |
| Y Bont Faen Primary | 1 | Councillor C. Champion |
| Ysgol Dewi Sant | 1 | G. Wilkie |
| Ysgol Gwaun y Nant | 2 | Glenna Griffiths and Gwynne Griffiths |
| Ysgol Iolo Morganwg | 1 | C. Williams |
| Ysgol St. Curig | 2 | G. Griffiths and M. Thomas |
| Ysgol Y Deri | 1 | D. Jackson |

(2) T H A T it be noted that where applicants who had indicated that they would be happy to be appointed to two Governing Bodies, did not wish to take up the positions, the vacancies be deferred, to be considered at the next meeting of the Panel.

Reasons for decisions

(1&2) Having considered the recommendations of the Panel and to agree appointments to the above schools' Governing Bodies, having regard to the applications received and in order that vacancies can be advertised as appropriate.

C87 CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION REGIONAL CABINET –

The minutes of the Cardiff Capital Region Regional Cabinet meeting held on 26th September, 2022 as contained within the agenda, were submitted.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Cardiff Capital Region Regional Cabinet meeting held on 26th September, 2022 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

C88 CABINET QUARTERLY WORK PROGRAMMES – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022 AND OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – NONE) –

The report sought Cabinet approval and any comments in respect of the progress update for the quarter July to September 2022 and approval of the updated Cabinet Quarterly Forward Work Programme from October to December 2022.

The Leader advised that due to the mourning period of the late Queen Elizabeth II the Local Development Plan Annual monitoring report referred to in Appendix 1 had been deferred from September to this meeting. In referring to Appendix 2 the Leader advised that the progress report in delivering Project Zero scheduled for an October Cabinet meeting had been delayed and was now proposed to be reported to a Cabinet meeting in January 2023 as a result of additional information and comments made following its reporting to the Scrutiny Committee which were to be considered.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the updates to the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme for July to September 2022 attached at Appendix 1 to the report be agreed.

(2) T H A T the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme October to December 2022 attached at Appendix 2 to the report be endorsed.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To monitor progress.

(2) To approve the Work Programme for October to December 2022.

C89 REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST AUGUST 2022 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report advised Cabinet of the progress relating to revenue expenditure for the period 1st April to 31st August, 2022.

The revenue position for 2022/23 would continue to be challenging for the Council both operationally and financially due to the ongoing implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and Cost of Living Crisis. A general Covid response reserve of £1.249m had been established during 2021/22 to help meet some of these pressures in 2022/23.

Emerging pressures during 2022/23 related to energy standing charges, the recent pay award proposal, general inflation particularly in areas such as school transport and cost of living and staffing pressures. Inflationary and demand pressures were being experienced across services and would need to be carefully monitored during the financial year.

Currently, there was a balanced overall position with the pressures being met from an underspend in the Policy Budget and some drawdown of service reserves.

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

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

The Leader said that it was a complicated picture and much had changed since the budget had been set in March 2022 but that reporting and monitoring would continue to take place and considered as part of the budget setting cycle.

The recommendation contained in the report that the report be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee was also no longer required as the report was currently on the agenda for the next meeting of that Committee.

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 2022/23 Revenue Budget be noted.

(2) T H A T the arrangements to offset the emerging overspends in 2022/23 as set out in the report be noted.

(3) T H A T the additional cost pressures of £2.840m on schools in 22/23 that may need to be met from school balances be noted.

Reasons for decisions

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

C90 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST AUGUST 2022 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The report advised Cabinet of the progress on the 2022/23 Capital Programme for the period 1st April to 31st August, 2022 and requested changes to the Capital Programme, details by scheme were shown in Appendix 1.

Appendix 2 provided a summary of the position of the Capital Programme by Directorate from approval at Council on 7th March, 2022 to 31st August, 2022, including any changes requested within the report.

The report also set out any requested changes to the 2022/23 and future years' Capital Programme.

Capital schemes were facing challenges due to significant cost increases, which could necessitate scheme re-engineering or re-tendering, resulting in delays to projects. Project officers were also reporting long lead times on the delivery of materials and a shortage of skills in some areas.

The report noted the current approved Programme of £119m but it was important to note that this was unlikely to be delivered and slippage was requested of £25.686m. Schemes would continue to be monitored closely as part of the regular monitoring arrangements with project managers and sponsors. Further slippage would be reported at Quarter 3.

The Leader took the opportunity to advise Cabinet of a typographical error on page 3 of the report under the bullet point for the Housing Improvement Programme 2022/23 advising that the words "Services Revenue Contribution" were missing from the end of the sentence.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme be noted.

- (2) T H A T the report be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee
- (3) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority as set out in the report be noted.
- (4) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers as detailed in the Appendix attached to the report, be noted.
- (5) T H A T the following changes to the 2022/23 and future years Capital Programme be approved:
- St Brides Primary School – Increase this scheme budget by £11k in the 2022/23 Capital Programme, to be funded by a contribution from the School's revenue budget.
 - Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme – Band B – Re-profile and increase the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme as requested in the table in paragraph 2.15.
 - Y Bont Faen Primary – Combine the Y Bont Faen Primary Flat Roof Renewal Phase 2 scheme and Y Bont Faen Primary Flat Roof Renewal Phase 3/Window and Cladding repairs scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
 - St Richard Gwyn Ventilation Scheme – Vire £2k from the improving Ventilation in Education Settings scheme to the St Richard Gwyn Ventilation scheme.
 - Zero Carbon Llanfair Primary School – Carry forward £240k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme to reflect the amended profile of delivering the scheme.
 - Romilly Tennis Courts – Reduce this budget by £8k in the 2022/23 Capital Programme in line with actual grant spend.
 - Neighbourhood Services Highway Improvements – Combine the Neighbourhood Services Highway Improvements scheme and the Highway Resurfacing scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
 - Sport Wales Grant - Vire £24k from the Neighbourhood Services Community and Leisure Centre scheme to the Sports Wales Grant scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
 - Penarth Pier Refurbishment – Vire £20k from the Coastal Facilities and Infrastructure including Pier Structural Work scheme to the Penarth Pier Refurbishment scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
 - Housing Improvement Programme 2022/23 – 7 St Pauls Avenue refurbishment – Include this scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme, with a budget of £315k to be funded from £177k HRA internal virement (£124k HRA Internals and £53k HRA Emergency Works) and £138k Social Services Revenue contribution.
 - HRA Internal Works - Carry forward £830k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
 - HRA New Build – Carry forward £6.344m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme
 - RA External Works - Carry forward £1.775m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
 - Individual Schemes - Carry forward £2.1m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
 - Common Parts - Carry forward £2m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

- Environmental Works - Carry forward £1.2m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Energy Efficiency - Carry forward £870k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme – Carry forward £1.384m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Atlantic Trading Estate – Operations Fleet Parking – Carry forward £250k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- New household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) – Carry forward £1.455m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Goodshed repayment to Welsh Government – Increase the current scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme by £6k, to be funded from capital receipts.
- Cosmeston Works Programme - Carry forward £120k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Country Parks ANPR – Carry forward £200k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- BSC2 – Carry forward £248k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Disabled Facilities Grant/Additional Facility Grants -re-profile the budget as set out in paragraph 2.39.
- Country Parks as Social and Economic Connectors – Increase the scheme by £10k, to be funded by a revenue contribution from the Country Parks budget.

Reasons for decisions

(1-4) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting and to advise the Scrutiny Committee.

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

C91 DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY 2023/24 AND INITIAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2023/24 TO 2027/28 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report sought approval for the Initial Capital Programme Proposals for 2023/24 to 2027/28 so that they may be submitted to Scrutiny Committees for consultation and to set out the Draft Capital Strategy for Cabinet Members to consider.

The report provided the Council's Draft Capital Strategy for 2023/24 at Appendix 1. 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 also set out for Members the current 5 year Capital Programme for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28 and the Capital Bids that had been submitted for the period in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 for review by Cabinet and to be referred to Scrutiny Committees for consultation.

The total value of capital schemes over the next five years was £230.211m. This included £39.847m for the Band B Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme and £137.456m for the Housing Improvement Programme.

This was a matter for Executive and Full Council decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Draft Capital Strategy 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (2) T H A T the Initial Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 and Capital Bids be reviewed and submitted for consultation to all of the Scrutiny Committees.
- (3) T H A T any recommendations of Scrutiny Committees be passed to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as the lead Scrutiny Committee in order for their views to be forwarded to Cabinet.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order to consult Members on the Capital Bids and Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28.
- (3) In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments of Scrutiny Committees before making a proposal on the 2022/23 Capital Programme.

C92 FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2023/24 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN REFRESH (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The purpose of the report was to review the financial pressures over the medium term and put in place a strategy for delivering the 2023/24 budget and sustainable finances over the medium term.

The report refreshed the Medium Term Financial Plan assumptions approved by Cabinet in November 2021 and set out the Financial Strategy and process for approving the 2023/24 Budget and MTFP at Council in March 2023.

The Council agreed its new Corporate Plan – ‘Working Together for a Brighter Future’ in 2020 and was currently developing the 2023/24 Annual Development Plan which will align with the work on the budget.

The Financial Strategy would focus on ensuring that the Council’s resources would be targeted to delivering the Council’s objectives and at these challenging times ensuring services to the most vulnerable were maintained.

There was a significant funding gap in 2023/24 and across the medium term. The gap for 2023/24 was forecast at £28.190m. There were forecast cost pressures of £38.108m but likely funding of only an additional £9.918m coming through from Welsh Government grant and Council Tax.

The key cost driver was inflation with £21.659m of pressure coming through on pay awards, energy costs, care and transport contracts. On top of this were the continued demographic pressures coming through with a growing number of pupils with Additional Learning Needs and an aging population.

There was a three year settlement announced in March 2022 and indicative Aggregate External Finance (AEF) increases of 3.5% and 2.4% for 2023/24 and 2024/25 respectively. Indications currently suggested that there should be no expectation of an improved settlement for 2023/24. The settlement was not expected to be announced until late December.

Council Tax was assumed to increase by 3.9% but this was only for planning purposes and would be subject to a policy decision later in the process.

Scrutiny Committees were being requested to review the Financial Strategy and funding and cost assumptions and to report any views back to Cabinet.

Officers would be reviewing the cost pressures across the autumn. There was an investment component to the pressures which represented a desire to continue to deliver improved services across a range of areas. This clearly remained a choice for the organisation but, in contrast, the inflationary and demographic pressures would be largely unavoidable.

Services would be bringing savings proposals forward across October and November against an agreed framework as described in the report. These would be subject to internal challenge in mid/late November.

A budget for consultation would come forward in January 2023 which would also include some savings for early agreement given the financial challenges which the Council was facing.

A balanced budget for approval would be presented to Council in March 2023.

Councillor Williams recognised the issues faced by the Authority and asked that Scrutiny Committees when considering information to be proactive through the budget setting process for the Council to take balanced and considered budgetary decisions at full Council in March 2023.

Councillor Sivagnanam said that the Authority had managed to maintain and deliver services throughout austerity to support the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan but acknowledged the current financial climate as an ongoing challenge that needed to be constructively managed.

The Leader said that Local Authority Leaders had had a clear line of communication with Welsh Government since the pandemic and that more frequent budgetary meetings with Welsh Government and associated partners were taking place currently.

This was a matter for Executive and Full Council decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the challenging financial position faced by the Council with a funding gap of £28.190m in 2023/24 and £49.830m across the medium term be noted.

(2) T H A T Cabinet lobby Welsh Government for an appropriate settlement in the face of the unprecedented inflationary pressures being experienced and to authorise Council Officers to do the same through appropriate networks.

(3) T H A T officers be requested to review the cost pressures and bring back savings proposals to address the budget gap in order for the Council to be in a position to set a balanced budget in March 2023.

(4) T H A T the report and appendices be referred to all of the Council's Scrutiny Committees and for Committees to review the Financial Strategy and assumptions made on costs and funding in the Medium Term Financial Plan refresh and for comments to be referred back to Cabinet for consideration.

(5) T H A T it be noted that a further report on the Council's budget be presented to Cabinet in due course as outlined in the report.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) The challenges could not be overstated at this time and many could not be mitigated, the best possible settlement would be essential if there were not to be reductions in service provision.

(3) There were a number of strategies to balancing the budget other than attracting more funding and delivering savings and this would include managing ongoing costs.

(4) The Council was open to clear and transparent financial reporting and an appropriate level of challenge to the management of its finances. A key element of the challenge process was through the Council's scrutiny function.

(5) Budget setting was a lengthy process and it was important to bring regular updates back to Members.

C93 CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN MARKET STABILITY REPORT 2022 (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –

The purpose of the report was to approve the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Market Stability Report 2022.

Section 144B of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 ('the 2014 Act') required Local Authorities to prepare and publish market stability reports every five years. This was the first Market Stability Report (MSR) for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

The MSR should be read alongside the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Population Needs Assessment (PNA) and the Vale of Glamorgan Well-being Assessment to gain a comprehensive understanding of the population care and support needs and the ability of the market to meet those needs.

The MSR was undertaken between October 2021 and July 2022. The dedicated engagement undertaken during development of the PNA as well as existing data and reports were used to inform the MSR, alongside dedicated engagement work in the form of focus groups with professionals and providers.

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. However, where it was the most appropriate approach services were returning to their pre COVID-19 delivery models. The longer-term impact on care and support needs of the Vale of Glamorgan's population, and the market's stability would require continual monitoring to ensure market sufficiency.

Health Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee considered the Market Stability Report on 6th September and requested more details regarding the required mechanisms for the Annual Report. The Regional Commissioning Board would need to consider this with partners and any requirements from Welsh Government in due course.

This was a matter for Executive and Full 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 Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Market Stability Report be approved.
- (2) T H A T the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Market Stability Report be referred to Full Council for approval.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that the Market Stability Report had approval prior to it being considered at Full Council.
- (2) To ensure that the Market Stability Report was considered by all Members.

C94 VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011 – 2026: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2021/2022 (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

The report related to the fourth Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which assessed the performance of the policies in achieving the integrated Plan objectives which incorporated sustainable development and Strategic Environmental Assessment having regard to the Monitoring Framework set out in the LDP and agreed by the Inspector as part of the LDP Examination and consequently adopted by the Council on 28th June, 2017.

The format of the AMR followed the suggested format set out in the latest Development Plans Manual Edition 3 (March 2020). It included both core and local monitoring indicators and a 'traffic light' rating system was used as a visual aid to monitor the effectiveness of the Plan's policies and to provide a quick overview of policy performance.

The report set out the key policy achievements to date and confirmed that the majority of relevant monitoring targets had been met. It highlighted the indicators where further research / investigation was required.

Overall, the AMR showed that good progress was being made in implementing the majority of the Plan's policies and that the LDP strategy remained sound. Accordingly, it was recommended that the third AMR be submitted to the Welsh Government by 31st October, 2022 and published on the Council's website in accordance with LDP Regulation 37. In addition, the AMR acknowledged that the Council had commenced work on a Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP), in accordance with LDP Regulation 41.

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 fourth Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) be endorsed (subject to consideration of any recommended changes by the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee) for submission to the Welsh Government by 31st October, 2022 and for publication on the Council's website.

(2) T H A T the LDP AMR be referred to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for its consideration. Should Scrutiny Committee resolve to accept the Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) Cabinet would consider the LDP AMR as agreed and it could be submitted to the Welsh Government by 31st October, 2022.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services, to make typographical or other minor changes as necessary prior to publication.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To comply with Regulation 37 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005.

(2) To ensure appropriate scrutiny of the report.

(3) To make typographical or other minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet approval.

C95 DWR CYMRU WELSH WATER CONSULTATION ON THE DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (DWMP) (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

The report sought Cabinet approval for a Council-wide response to the Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) consultation on their Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) for Wales.

The DWMP was a 25-year plan with reviews to be held every 5 years. DCWW's intention was to publish the first cycle of this plan at the end of March 2023, and they were seeking views as part of the consultation process.

The Plan considered how DCWW intended to manage future challenges brought about by population growth, urban creep and climate change. The Plan set out DCWW's preferred approach, to maximise the benefits they could deliver for both customers and the environment at the same time. The Plan proposed that DCWW would initially concentrate on the places with the worst levels of sewer flooding and the greatest environmental sensitivity.

The Consultation document contained some 30 questions, most of which were in a closed, yes / no type format. Officers had endeavoured to answer as many questions as possible although some questions were not strictly relevant as they were directed at households. For at least one question, more detail was required than it was possible to provide within the design and layout of the questionnaire, and for this reason it was suggested that a supplementary letter of response be provided to the questionnaire in the name of the Leader of the Council. In addition, Officers would seek meetings with DCWW officials to discuss, in particular, their plans to

significantly reduce or eliminate future untreated sewage discharges into our seas, rivers and local land environments.

It should be noted that in the Plan, DCWW had not identified the need for additional improvement schemes within the Vale of Glamorgan.

The deadline for responses to the consultation was 7th October, 2022 and this unfortunately precluded further consideration of the responses by Scrutiny Committees, therefore it was requested that use of the Council's Urgency Procedure be agreed.

Councillor Wilson referred to paragraph 1.4 of the Report which discussed the long term challenges that both Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and the Authority faced in the Vale of Glamorgan which needed to be assessed in partnership.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of this report, together with the draft consultation responses at Appendix 1, be agreed for submission to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water.
- (2) T H A T the content of the supplementary response letter attached at Appendix 2 to the report be agreed for submission to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water.
- (3) T H A T it be agreed that the covering letter be sent to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and that Officers engage directly with Dwr Cymru Welsh Water to encourage ongoing dialogue around future wastewater management and environmental protection.
- (4) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be exercised in relation to Resolutions (1) – (3) above.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To enable the Council to respond to the Consultation on The Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water.
- (2) To ensure that the Council has the opportunity to express its views in detail in respect to the threat of sewage discharges on both land and water environments in the Vale of Glamorgan to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water.
- (3) To assist in ensuring that the Council's continued interests in reducing and, at some point, eliminating sewage discharges into the local environment are best considered.

(4) To enable responses to the consultation to be returned to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water by the closure date of 7th October, 2022.