

CABINET

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 19th October, 2023.

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

Also Present: Councillor N.C. Thomas.

C116 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 the 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.

The Leader said that Cabinet Members had been in attendance at a ceremony giving thanks to the Windrush generation for their contribution to the Armed Forces, as well as attending the Over 50s Forum Annual General Meeting. The Royal British Legion Windrush exhibition would remain in the reception of the Civic Offices for the next few weeks, before going on a tour of libraries across the Vale of Glamorgan.

C117 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

C118 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C119 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2022/23 (REF) –

The reference from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 13th September, 2023 was presented.

The Leader moved that the item be fully considered alongside Item 14 on the agenda which concerned the same matter, which was agreed.

Having considered the reference alongside Item 14 on the agenda, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the item be fully considered alongside Item 14 on the agenda which concerned the same matter.

Reason for decision

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

C120 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2022/23 (REF) –

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee on 18th September, 2023 was presented.

The Leader moved that the item be fully considered alongside Item 14 on the agenda which concerned the same matter, which was agreed.

Having considered the reference alongside Item 14 on the agenda, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the item be fully considered alongside Item 14 on the agenda which concerned the same matter.

Reason for decision

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

C121 AUDIT WALES DRAFT DETAILED AUDIT PLAN 2023 AND QUARTER 1 UPDATE ON AUDIT WALES WORK PROGRAMME (REF) –

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee on 18th September, 2023 was presented.

The Leader referred to the discussion at the meeting and Resolution (2) of the Committee that consideration be given to the Governance and Audit Committee seeing the Statement of Accounts for the Cardiff Region City Deal, the Central South Consortium and also the other joint services, namely the Shared Regulatory

Services and the Joint Adoption Service.

Members of the Vale of Glamorgan Council sat on each of those bodies which had their own governance arrangements in place and would publish their own statement of accounts, however Cabinet were happy to agree contacting each of those bodies regarding the request and would advise Committee of the responses.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T Cabinet would contact Cardiff Region City Deal, the Central South Consortium, Shared Regulatory Services and the Joint Adoption Service for a view on what would be appropriate to be shared with the Governance and Audit Committee, and for the Committee to be advised of their responses.

Reason for decision

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

C122 REVISED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE THREE YEAR PLAN 2022-2024 (REF) –

The reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 19th September, 2023 was presented.

The Leader said that Cabinet had considered the matter previously at its meeting on 20th July, 2023. She said that when prioritising activity, it was useful to have a matrix that governed decision making, and pointed out that the Resolution of Committee that Cabinet be requested to review the Council's criteria matrix to reflect properly the needs of cyclists and to ensure that roads and routes are suitable had already been included as Recommendation (5) of the original Cabinet report.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the discussion and comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 19th September, 2023 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

C123 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2022/23 (REF) –

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20th September, 2023 was presented.

The Leader moved that the item be fully considered alongside Item 14 on the agenda which concerned the same matter, which was agreed.

Having considered the reference alongside Item 14 on the agenda, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the item be fully considered alongside Item 14 on the agenda which concerned the same matter.

Reason for decision

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

C124 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (REF) –

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20th September, 2023 was presented.

The Leader moved that the item be fully considered alongside Item 15 on the agenda which concerned the same matter, which was agreed.

Having considered the reference alongside Item 15 on the agenda, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the item be fully considered alongside Item 15 on the agenda which concerned the same matter.

Reason for decision

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

C125 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COMMUNITY REVIEW – DRAFT PROPOSALS (REF) –

The reference from Community Liaison Committee on 5th October, 2023 was presented.

The Leader said that Cabinet had considered a report on the matter at its 5th October, 2023 meeting, before then being considered by Community Liaison Committee later the same day. It was a very detailed reference which reflected the detailed comments made by Members at the meeting in relation to both the specific situation relating to individual Town and Community Councils as well as more general matters of principle, including specific debate concerning the boundary between St Nicholas and Wenvoe.

Councillor Birch had attended the meeting and said that there were different points of view discussed at the meeting and the comprehensive minutes were a fair representation of the discussion and resolutions. The Leader added that many of the views had been informed by a cross-party working group within the Council which

along with the views of the Town and Community Councils had produced the responses to be returned to the Boundary Commission.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the discussion and comments made at the Community Liaison Committee meeting on 5th October, 2023 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the response to the Boundary Commission as set out in paragraphs 2.7 to 2.26 of the report to Cabinet on 5th October, 2023 be approved and a copy of the report be forwarded to the Boundary Commission as the formal response to the consultation.
- (3) T H A T in pursuance of Resolution 2 a full copy of the minutes of Community Liaison Committee are also forwarded to the Boundary Committee, so that the Commission could consider all views expressed by Members of that Committee and therefore had the full picture of the views of Town and Community Councils as well as the 5th October, 2023 Cabinet report.
- (4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, to further amend the suggested boundary between Saint Nicholas and Bonvilston and Wenvoe community area, so that Twyn-yr-Odyn was shown as being retained within the Wenvoe Community.
- (5) T H A T the use of the urgency procedure as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's constitution be agreed in respect of Recommendations 2 to 4 inclusive to enable a response to be submitted to the Boundary Commission by the deadline of 30th October, 2023.

Reason for decisions

(1-5) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C126 INDEPENDENT LIVING POLICY (REF) –

The reference from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 11th October, 2023 was presented.

The Leader moved that the item be fully considered alongside Item 17 on the agenda which concerned the same matter, which was agreed.

Having considered the reference alongside Item 17 on the agenda, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the item be fully considered alongside Item 17 on the agenda which concerned the same matter.

Reason for decision

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

C127 CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION REGIONAL CABINET –

The Leader referred Members to the discussion that took place at the meeting, which included the Joint Committee Revenue Budget Final Outturn Position, Annual Business Plan - Quarter 4 Performance Report, Engagement with Regional Higher & Further Education and UK Semiconductor Strategy Report, as well as exempt items regarding CSC Foundry Limited, An Investment and Intervention Framework Report and Full Business Cases concerning the Northern Valleys Initiative and Fibre to the Premises.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Cardiff Capital Region Regional Cabinet held on 31st July, 2023 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

C128 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS ADVISORY PANEL –

Councillor Birch, who Chaired the meeting, advised Cabinet that it was pleasing to see that virtually all of the vacancies had been filled, with some Governors supporting more than one school and the return and retention of experienced Governors, many of whom were lay members which spoke highly of the calibre of those sitting on those Governing Bodies.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Appointment of Local Authority Governors Advisory Panel held on 11th October, 2023 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

C129 FINAL DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL-SELF ASSESSMENT REPORT 2022/23 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Leader presented the report, and the associated references from Scrutiny Committees under Items (4), (5) and (8) on the agenda, the purpose of which was to seek Cabinet endorsement of the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-

Assessment Report 2022/23, incorporating the key findings from engagement with the Council's key stakeholders.

The Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 13th September, 2023 where it was recognised that a tremendous amount of work had gone into the Annual Self-Assessment Report there was a query whether or not here should be a bite-size version available. Committee also commented that the report should clearly outline that it would be addressing areas that the Council said it would do so that in the planning process it was possible to then address what had been delivered, as well as include a statement around the Council's ambitions and aspirations. The Leader said that such a statement was more for the Annual Delivery Plan than the Annual Self-Assessment Report.

Encouraging more residents to participate and engage with the self-assessment process was an aspiration and members of the public were encouraged to attend Scrutiny Committee meetings to do so, but the Leader agreed that more could be done to make the process involving local residents better, including making the presentations that are made to Scrutiny Committees more available.

The Governance and Audit Committee considered the report at its meeting on 18th September, 2023 felt the Report was easily accessible given the level of detail and information provided. Given that Governance and Audit Committee were used to looking at complex reports and the comments from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee, the Leader suggested that the future document needed to be somewhere in-between.

Governance and Audit Committee wanted extra context in view of agency staff and the percentage of overall Council salaries that agency contracts made, as well as information the use of staff employed via agencies. The Leader said a report that considered such matters was included for discussion later on the agenda, however an update would be made to the 'Our Year in Numbers' section of the Report, advising that the Council spent £198.951m in 2022/3 on employee salaries (schools and non-schools). The total spend on agency contracts was £15.8m (£9.3m schools and £6.5m non-schools). This equated to 7.9% of the total salary spend.

There was also a query regarding the target audience for the Report which linked the earlier comment of making the Report accessible to different groups.

The Leader referred to a comment concerning Council Tax rising and the level of services decreasing. She said that when setting budgets and not having sufficient funding to do everything that was requested, prioritisation was important when looking to care for the most vulnerable individuals versus non-statutory services.

The Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 20th September, 2023 and requested further emphasis on reflections and views of residents on Council services within the Report, which the Leader said was a valid point and there would be an opportunity to discuss that further when the results of the latest Customer Survey were known.

The importance of communicating with the public about the services that could or could not be provided was a topic always discussed when budget setting and was discussed in the Annual Delivery and Service Plans.

The Leader acknowledged the comments made from each of the Scrutiny Committees and where relevant would look to take them on board in planning and monitoring going forward.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the views, discussion and comments made at each of the Homes and Safe Communities, Governance and Audit and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees held on 13th, 18th and 20th September, 2023 respectively be noted.

(2) T H A T the consultation summary findings and endorses the updated Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2022/23 appended at Appendix A be endorsed.

(3) T H A T the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report be referred to Governance and Audit Committee (23rd October, 2023) for their consideration and approval in line with their statutory role, under Part 6 (section 114) of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and that upon consideration the Committee refers any recommendations back to Cabinet for their final consideration (2nd November, 2023) prior to Cabinet referring the report, the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee and Cabinet's responses to Council (20th November, 2023) for consideration and approval. Should Governance and Audit Committee have no further comments to refer to Cabinet for consideration that the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report be referred to Full Council (20th November, 2023) for consideration and approval.

(4) T H A T the use of paragraph 15.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised to allow the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self - Assessment 2022/23 to be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee meeting taking place on 23rd October, 2023 for consideration, with any recommendations considered by Cabinet on 2nd November, 2023, prior to Full Council consideration on 20th November, 2023.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) To consider the consultation feedback and approve the subsequent changes to the Final Draft Annual Self-Assessment report 2022/23.

(3) To enable the Governance & Audit Committee to consider the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment findings in line with its statutory role, under Part 6 (section 114) of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

(4) To ensure that the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2022/23 could be presented to Council in November for consideration and approval.

C130 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to present quarter 1 performance results for the period 1st April, 2023 to 30th June, 2023 in delivering the Council's 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan commitments as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives.

The Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 20th September, 2023 where it was recommended that further detail and clarity be given to those actions and measures in Appendix C of the report showing as 'grey' or 'red'. The Leader agreed that further explanation was required as to why those indicators were labelled as such.

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 recommendations made in Resolution (2) by the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees held on 20th September, 2023 be endorsed.

(2) T H A T the Q1 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 commitments as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives be noted.

(3) T H A T the views and recommendations of Scrutiny Committees in relation to Q1 performance be noted and the identified remedial actions be approved as the basis to address areas of underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) To ensure the Council clearly demonstrated the progress being made towards achieving its commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 aimed at making a positive difference to the lives of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.

(3) To ensure the Council was effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet performance requirements as outlined in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflected the requirement of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that it maximised its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.

C131 COST-OF-LIVING RESERVE (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek Cabinet's approval for a number of proposals for the use of the Council's Cost-of-Living reserve. Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee had considered a report on cost of living at its meeting on 18th October, 2023.

The Leader referred to the additional funding for advice as described in paragraph 1.2 of the report, which was important as that spending had a multiplying effect within the system. Data continued to refer to issues concerning poverty across the Vale of Glamorgan as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, including food energy and declining numbers of landlords in the housing market.

Councillor Williams said that the sums involved were not huge but made a huge difference to those who needed it, be that via Citizens Advice, food banks or providing food in schools.

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 for the use of the Cost-of-Living reserve for a ringfenced sum to support community projects be approved, with £25k in 2023-24 and a further £25k in 2024-25 and authority be delegated for the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources to develop and agree specific criteria for the use of the funding to meet needs within the community.

(2) T H A T proposal for the use of the Cost-of-Living reserve to provide funding to the Vale Foodbank be approved, with an allocation of £3.5k in 2023-24 in addition to the funding already received and £20k in 2024-25.

(3) T H A T the proposal for the use of the Cost-of-Living reserve to provide £30k funding to Citizens Advice in 2024-25 in addition to the funding already agreed be approved.

(4) T H A T the proposal for the use of the Cost-of-Living reserve to provide an additional £50k to the Discretionary Housing Payment fund in 2023-24 and again in 2024-25 be approved.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable the Cost-of-Living reserve to be used to support organisations assisting those experiencing difficulties due to the current Cost-of-Living challenges.

(2) To enable the Cost-of-Living reserve to be used to provide additional support to the Vale Foodbank.

(3) To enable the Cost-of-Living reserve to be used to provide additional support to Citizens Advice.

(4) To enable the Cost-of-Living reserve to be used to increase the funding available through Discretionary Housing Payments to support those in need.

C132 INDEPENDENT LIVING POLICY (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – HOME AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

The Leader presented the report and the associated reference from Scrutiny Committees under Item (11) on the agenda, the purpose of which was to outline the proposal for the implementation of an Independent Living Policy in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Independent Living Policy would enable individuals to thrive at home and retain their dignity, being able to live at home with the confidence that they had the right facilities and support. Means testing for Disabled Facilities Grants had been difficult for some residents to meet the criteria or have the money available to install the adaptations.

The Policy was pre-scrutinised by the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 11th October, 2023, where it was widely welcomed but did want to see advocacy support for applicants and signposting for possible advice and advocacy within the Policy which was a sensible way forward. The point was also made by Committee that the houses the Council were currently building were being designed as homes for life, with downstairs wet-rooms and electricity sockets at the bottom of the stairs for start lifts to be fitted if required.

Councillor Williams said that the Policy would enable some of the historic difficulties with adaptations to be addressed and address with partners, such as Occupational Therapists, what changes were required rather than desired. Ensuring that people could continue to live in their own homes was important and it was clarified that members of the armed forces would not be means tested. Councillor John also welcomed the Policy as potentially providing opportunities for so many residents. The Leader thanked the Officers across different departments for working together in order to put the Policy forward.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the comments received from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 11th October, 2023 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Independent Living Policy attached at Appendix A to the Report be approved.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to apply any appropriate financial conditions on grants awarded under the Policy.
- (4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Directors of Place and Social Services to make any necessary non-material amendments to the Independent Living Policy.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To consider any comments from the relevant Scrutiny Committee in order to approve the Independent Living Policy.
- (2) To ensure the Council was responding to the current challenges that means testing presented to private homeowners and establish a new process and range of grants that would allow disability facility adaptations to take place in most Vale of Glamorgan homes where needed.
- (3) To ensure that that the fund was sustainable and sufficient for the needs of residents.
- (4) To allow any necessary non-material amendments.

C133 AGENCY WORKER CONTRACT AWARD (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to update Cabinet on the work that has been undertaken in relation to the award of the Council's Corporate Agency Contract.

There was a further Part II report on the meeting agenda where the confidential aspects of the report would be discussed.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted and considered in connection with the Part II report later on the agenda.
- (2) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in respect of recommendations contained within the Part II report.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To allow the Part I and Part II reports to be considered together.
- (2) To respond before the current contract expiry date of 31st October, 2023.

C134 SEEL PARK, DINAS POWYS (NBS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to transfer Seel Park to Dinas Powys Community Council in accordance with the protocol for considering requests from Town and Community Councils for the operation and transfer of assets or services.

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 Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with Director of Environment and Housing Services be authorised to advertise the disposal of the open space in accordance with Section 123 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 with any objections received being reported to Cabinet for consideration.
- (2) T H A T subject to Recommendation 1, authority be granted to transfer Seel Park in Dinas Powys to the responsibility of Dinas Powys Community Council on a 99 year lease in accordance with the Council protocol approved in 2018 for the operation and transfer of assets or services to Town and Community Councils in the Vale of Glamorgan.
- (3) T H A T subject to Recommendation 1, the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to agree

terms and conditions for a 99-year lease to Dinas Powys Community Council for a peppercorn rent and including covenants to maintain the land as public open space.

(4) T H A T subject to Recommendation 1, authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare execute and complete all necessary documentation in connection with the transfer of the land to Dinas Powys Community Council.

(5) T H A T subject to it being agreed with the Dinas Powys Community Council, a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust be progressed by the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with other relevant Officers.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To comply with the relevant legislation in respect of the disposal of open space land.

(2) To allow Dinas Powys Community Council to improve the public open space whilst reducing the maintenance costs to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

(3) To grant the necessary authority to enter into a lease with Dinas Powys Community Council on suitable terms.

(4) To legally formalise an appropriate lease arrangement and any other documents required.

(5) To provide additional grant opportunities and to assist in protecting the land as public open space for future generations.

C135 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE 2023-28 (PSHTE) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES)

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The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek adoption of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategy 2023-2028 and to agree the funding that supports the delivery of the VAWDASV Strategy.

Councillor Perkes advised that Councillors had recently had the opportunity to undertake ‘Ask and Act’ training that provided the knowledge and skills required for Councillors to support and work with vulnerable members of the community.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategy 2023-2028 (attached at Appendix 1) be adopted.
- (2) T H A T the allocation of Welsh Government funding to support the Council's response to the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 be approved.
- (3) T H A T the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to draft and execute the necessary form of contract with the providers of VAWDASV services.
- (4) T H A T further reports on the Council's actions in satisfying the Council's duties under the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015 be provided in due course.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To demonstrate the Council's commitment to the region's response.
- (2) To demonstrate the Council's commitment to provide support to vulnerable victims of domestic and sexual abuse.
- (3) To continue with existing strategic support which had already proved successful and enabled the Council to implement new ways of working and ensure compliance with the Council's Financial and Contract Standing orders.
- (4) To ensure compliance with the Council's legal duties under the Act.

C136 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

C137 AGENCY WORKER CONTRACT AWARD (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to update Cabinet on the work that has been undertaken in relation to the award of the Council's Corporate Agency Contract.

It was clarified that in Paragraph 1.7 of the report the new contract would be for a period of five (5) years with option to extend for a further two (2) years, rather than for a period of three (3) years with an option to extend for a further one (1) year.

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 requirement for Agency Workers to support Council services and any agency provision was managed through external provision as outlined in the associated Part I report on the agenda.

(2) T H A T the outcome of the evaluation exercise undertaken by the four Councils be agreed, and agreement confirmed to appoint the agency provider as agreed following the procurement process.

(3) T H A T authority be delegated to the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and the Director of Corporate Resources to approve the appointment of the agency provider in line with the outcome of the evaluation process and to instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services/Operational Manager (Legal Services) to complete all necessary legal documentation to facilitate the appointment.

(4) T H A T Cabinet would receive a further update on the Council's use of agency workers in the future following a review of the same as part of the Council's budget setting process.

(5) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be authorised in respect of recommendations contained within the Part II report.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that Cabinet is aware of the Council's requirement for Agency provision in the Council.

(2-3) To allow the Council to enter into a contract with the successful agency provider.

(4) To provide Cabinet with an overview of the use of agency workers and assurance that the arrangements in place were efficient and effective use of Council funds.

(5) To respond before the current contract expiry date of 31st October, 2023.