

CABINET

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 2nd November, 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: Councillors Dr. I.J. Johnson, C. Stallard and N.C. Thomas.

C138 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.

C139 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

C140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C141 SPORT AND PLAY UPDATE 2022/23 (REF) –

The reference from Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 9th October, 2023 was presented.

Councillor John referred to the comments made by the Operational Manager for Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living and Performance and introduced the

Principal Healthy Living Officer who updated Members on the current activities and operations of the Council's Sport and Play Section. The Committee welcomed the contents of the report and after a number of questions were raised, the Chair and Members congratulated Officers.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the comments from the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee held on 9th October, 2023 regarding the Sport and Play Update 2022/23 Report be noted.

(2) T H A T the Sport and Play Update 2022/23 Report be distributed to all Elected Members for information.

Reason for decision

(1-2) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C142 STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES AND WORK TO TACKLE POVERTY AND THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS (REF) –

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 18th October, 2023 was presented.

The Leader said that the Committee considered the four Audit Wales reports, all of which were hugely important and included ongoing discussions about relationships with the Third Sector which had changed over recent years. There had been a query regarding the impact of Council Tax increases and cost of living crisis; the Leader said that the Council was very aware of pressure on local residents and any Council tax increase had therefore been kept to less than half the rate of inflation, keeping the rate low as possible while being aware of the need to deliver services. The Leader also referred to community development work and thanked the many organisations that had delivered 'Warm Welcome' places for their communities last year and that many were doing the same again this year.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Reason for decision

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

C143 FINAL DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT 2022/23 (REF) –

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee on 23rd October, 2023 was presented.

The Leader said there had been a detailed discussion at the meeting, including a comment that the report was quite accessible in relation to the amount of information contained within it, however at a previous Committee it had been said that the report was complex and difficult to read, which was a matter to be looked into.

In terms of reviewing the Council's Self-Assessment approach, a number of areas had been identified and a widely circulated public summary document would be produced as part of the engagement work which had been informed by both feedback by residents and also Members within Committees on how they would like the Council Self Performance Information to be reported, that could include an easy read version of the report and also bite sized social media posts.

There was also discussion whether or not Brexit should be included in the assessment on balance it was decided that reference should be removed from the Annual Self-Assessment Report.

The Leader referred to the discussion concerning hybrid meetings and said that it remained the aspiration of the Council to embed our use of the integrated hybrid meeting technology to improve participation in local democracy in line with our public participation priorities which remained a key area of focus.

Councillor Williams referred to the challenging situation regarding budget setting that would be subject to much discussion over the coming months and looked forward to constructive discussion at Full Council.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the recommendations from Governance and Audit Committee on 23rd October, 2023 be endorsed, and the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual-Self Assessment Report 2022/23 be approved subject to those recommendations.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Full Council on 20th November, 2023 for consideration and approval.

Reason for decision

(1-2) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C144 VALE OF GLAMORGAN REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2036 REVISED DELIVERY AGREEMENT AND DRAFT PREFERRED STRATEGY (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval of the revised Delivery Agreement for submission to the Welsh Government and endorsement of the Replacement Local Development Plan Draft Preferred Strategy for public consultation.

The Leader said that Cabinet Members were looking forward to the consultation events and hearing people's views on the proposals.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report and the implications for the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) timetable be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for their consideration. Should the Committee raise no further matters for Cabinet consideration, that the report be approved for referral to a Special Meeting of Full Council on 20th November, 2023 for:
 - a) approval of the RLDP revised Delivery Agreement and submission to Welsh Government for their formal approval.
 - b) approval of the Replacement Local Development Plan Preferred Strategy for public consultation.
- (3) T H A T following Welsh Government approval of the revised Delivery Agreement, copies are made available for inspection at the Council's principal office during normal office hours and published on the Council's web site.
- (4) T H A T those individuals and organisations previously consulted on the drafting of the approved Delivery Agreement be advised of the revisions detailed within the report.
- (5) That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place and/or the Head of Sustainable Development to make any further typographical or other minor amendments to the revised Delivery Agreement as required by the Welsh Government and to the draft Preferred Strategy.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To advise Council of the progress made on the RLDP.

(2) To approve the revisions to the Council's revised Delivery Agreement (November 2023) and to enable public consultation of the Draft Preferred Strategy in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

(3) To comply with Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

(4) To advise stakeholders and organisations previously consulted on the Delivery Agreement of the proposed revisions to the RLDP timetable.

(5) To make typographical or minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet or full Council approval.