## CABINET

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 16th November, 2023.

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<u>Present</u>: 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.

## C145 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 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 it was Transgender Awareness Week and Cabinet sent their support and best wishes to the Trans community and those involved in the 20<sup>th</sup> November Transgender Remembrance Day.

## C146 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

## C147 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

## C148 JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM –

Councillor Perkes had attended the meeting and referred to the interesting discussions that had taken place involving both the management and trade union sides that were in attendance, including the Draft Digital Strategy, People's Strategy, Vale of Glamorgan Council Attraction Strategy, Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment, and the New Supply Teacher Framework details. There was also discussion on a point going to Full Council concerning the review of the Joint Consultation Forum's Constitution.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Joint Consultative Forum held on  $25^{th}$  September, 2023 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

## C149 SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES –

Councillor Sivagnanam had attended the meeting and referred to the discussions that took place regarding the Audit Wales 2023 Food and Feed Law Enforcement Service Plans. There was also discussion concerning budget and resource issues as a result of new legislation that would prove challenging for the three Local Authorities involved with SRS.

There was a report on the Review of Shared Regulatory Services Compliance and Enforcement Policy that had not been reviewed since. Officers had now reviewed that Policy which concerned issues of non-compliance with public protection law. Resolution (2) to the matter recommended the revised Policy be adopted by the respective Councils for those functions undertaken by the Shared Service on their behalf. Councillor Sivagnanam asked that the proposed resolution be endorsed.

### **RESOLVED** -

(1) T H A T the minutes of the Shared Regulatory Services held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 be noted.

(2) T H A T the revised Policy be adopted by the respective Councils for those functions undertaken by the Shared Service on their behalf.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) In noting the minutes.

(2) The decision to prosecute breaches of legislation enforced by the Shared Regulatory Service rests with each Council and, as such, the revised Policy would need to be adopted of each of the three partner Authorities.

# C150 QUARTER 2 REVENUE MONITORING 2023/24 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the Quarter 2 Revenue Monitoring position for 2023/24.

There had been continued pressure on the Social Services budget in quarter 2 with a tremendous number of pressures on specific challenges in respect of Childrens Services and those requiring assessment and placements and the cost and complexity of such placements. In Adult Services there were increases in the number of care hours required for vulnerable residents as well as an increase in cost and complexity of care arrangements. Many pressures had been mitigated through the Social Services reserve and some use of underspend as reported in the policy and corporate resources budget.

Schools continued to experience pressures and were reporting a net deficit of £171k, with 19 schools currently reporting an unrecoverable deficit. The Education Team, with support from Finance Officers would continue to work with schools to help support them with budget issues through the year.

It was projected that allowing for the unplanned use of reserves and other usage of reserves, including the planned use for the Housing Revenue Account, that reserves were expected to reduce to  $\pounds 56.7$  million. Good progress was being made against savings, with 79% of savings that had been agreed to make expected to be achieved and a further 6% mitigated by other sources of income.

There were no specific funding cuts that the Council was aware of at the time, and Scrutiny would have an opportunity to address the relevant parts of the report and comment accordingly.

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 Authority's 2023/24 Revenue Budget position be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Revised Budget 2023/24 presented in the report be approved.

### Reasons for decisions

(1) To inform Cabinet of the projected revenue outturn for 2023/24.

(2) To update the original budget for 2023/24 to remove internal corporate recharges and other accounting budget adjustments.

# C151 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 (EL/PR) (ALL) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the progress on the 2023/24 Capital Programme for the period 1st April, 2023 to 30th September, 2023 and to request changes to the Capital Programme

Cabinet was informed that if all requests within the report to amend the capital program were approved, the revised forecast outturn was projected to be £107,653 million and the spend so far to the end of September was just under £26 million.

Many areas were continuing to experience an increase in costs associated with the delivery of schemes and tenders were being received that were over the current allocated budgets, and as such Officers were reporting the requirement to renegotiate and re-submit tenders. Officers continued to work with project managers and sponsors to ensure that that value for money was achieved and schemes were being closely monitored throughout the year to identify any overspends.

Further paragraphs had been included in the report which highlighted two schemes which were being delivered in the 2023/24 Capital Programme; the Restore the Thaw Landscape project funded in the main by Heritage Lottery and the Knap Skate Park, which opened on 7th October, 2023. The schemes demonstrated the way the Council was increasingly working with partners to deliver projects in the Vale of Glamorgan, such as the National Lottery and Sport Wales as well as the local communities themselves such as the Richard Taylor Memorial Fund.

Councillor John also referred to the support received from Sport Wales that was connected to three of the projects on the Capital scheme, which would not have been possible without them and thanked them for their support.

Councillor Wilson also referred to the Tennis Association that had been actively involved in capital schemes in Wenvoe and Penarth, and that the Vale of Glamorgan Council had to find more examples of innovative ways of working with partners to deliver other such projects for the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

#### **RESOLVED** -

(1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2023/24 Capital Programme be noted.

- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority as set out in the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers as detailed in Appendix 1 be noted.

(4) T H A T the following changes to the 2023/24 Capital Programme and future years Capital Programme be approved:

- Capital Review Amend the 2023/24 and future year's Capital Programme as set out in paragraph 2.10 to 2.14.
- Centre of Learning and Wellbeing Bring forward £223k of the 24/25 Capital Programme budget.
- Victorian School General Maintenance Vire £4k to the Additional Learning Needs scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme
- Band B Ysgol Y Deri Reprofile this scheme budget as set out in paragraph 2.23.
- Gwenfo Roof Renewal Vire £16k from the Education Asset Contingency budget to the Gwenfo Roof Renewal budget
- Social Services Electric Vehicles and Licences Pilot Include a new scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme for £60k, to be funded from reserves.
- Housing Improvement Programme Carry forward £3.8m of the new build scheme into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- Community and Leisure Centre Increase this scheme budget by £4k, to be funded from revenue contribution.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme Increase the 2023/24 Capital Programme by £98k, to be funded from Social Service reserve.
- Retaining wall at Windsor Road Carry forward £200k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- Bridge Structures Request to vire £6k to the Penarth Marina Slope Stabilisation Works.
- Atlantic Trading Estate Operations Fleet Parking Carry forward £2.569M to the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- New Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Carry forward £1.205M to the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- LTF Bus Stop Improvements Increase this scheme budget by £5k to be funded from a revenue contribution.
- Bus Infrastructure Fund. Merge this scheme budget with the LTF Bus Stop Improvements scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Air Handling Unit, Llantwit Major Leisure Centre Include this scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme as set out in paragraph 2.24.
- Colcot Sports Hall, Flooring and Net Posts Include this scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme as set out in paragraph 2.25.
- Community and Leisure Centre Vire £50k to the Belle Vue scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Celtic Way Carry forward £146k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- Murchfield Community Sports Facilities Carry forward £92k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- Business Service Centre 2 Carry forward £646k to the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- Repayment to Welsh Government (Goodshed) Include the scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £57k to be funded from capital receipts.
- Refresh the Network Infrastructure in C1V Include the scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £13k to be funded from a revenue contribution.

• City Deal – Re-profile the scheme in the 2023/24 and future year's Capital Programme as set out in paragraph 2.31.

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

### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To advise Cabinet of the progress on the Capital Programme.
- (2) To advise Cabinet of the use of Delegated Authority.
- (3) To advise Cabinet of the use of Emergency Powers.
- (4) To allow schemes to proceed in the current and future financial years.

(5) To advise Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme and for Committee to refer any comments to Cabinet.

## C152 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2023/24 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to provide a mid-year report on the Authority's Treasury Management operations for the period 1st April, 2023 to 30th September, 2023.

The report detailed the factors that were driving the UK economy during the period under review up to 30th September, 2023 and analysis of interest rate forecasts for the period December 2023 to September 2026.

It was a detailed report to ensure that the Council was able to meet its statutory requirement to deliver a balanced budget and provide detail to regulators to demonstrate that the Vale of Glamorgan Council was sustainable and forward looking.

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 Treasury Management mid-year report for the period 1st April, 2023 to 30th September, 2023 be approved and referred to Council on 4th December, 2023, for consideration.

(2) T H A T the latest Treasury Management indicators as set out in Appendix 1 be approved and referred to Council on 4th December, 2023, for consideration.

(3) T H A T, notwithstanding recommendations 1 and 2, the report also be forwarded to the next Governance and Audit Scrutiny Committee for consideration and discussion.

## Reasons for decisions

(1) To present the Treasury Management mid-year report as required by the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice.

(2) To present an update of the Treasury Management indicators which are included in the Treasury Management Strategy.

(3) To present this report to the Governance and Audit Committee in accordance with the remit of the Committee.

## C153 INITIAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET REVISED BUDGET 2023/24 AND PROPOSALS 2024/25 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to gain Cabinet approval for the Housing Revenue Account revised budget for 2023/24 and the initial budget proposals for 2024/25 and to take the proposals forward for consultation with Homes and Safe Communities and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

## RESOLVED -

(1) T H A T the revised Housing Revenue Account budget for 2023/24 as set out in paragraph 2.2 be approved.

(2) T H A T the initial Housing Revenue Account budget proposal for 2024/25 as set out in paragraph 2.11 be approved.

(3) T H A T the revised 2023/24 budget and initial proposals for 2024/25 be submitted to the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

(4) T H A T Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee be requested to pass their comments to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as the lead Scrutiny Committee for their views to be forwarded to Cabinet.

(5) T H A T the increase for rent and other services are subject to a future report to Cabinet as soon as the guidance is issued by the Welsh Government (WG) be noted.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To facilitate monitoring of the amended Housing Revenue Account Budget.

(2) To gain approval for the initial 2024/25 budget proposals.

(3) In order to gain the views of Scrutiny Committee regarding the revised 2023/24 and initial 2024/25 Housing Revenue Account Budget proposals.

(4) In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments of Scrutiny Committee before making a final proposal on the budget.

(5) In order to meet the deadline to notify tenants of the new charges as required by Statute.

# C154 REFRESH OF MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to refresh spend and funding assumptions and update Cabinet on the next steps for approving the Medium Term Financial Plan and setting the 2024/25 Budget in March 2024.

The Leader referred to the Council having to meet its statutory requirement to deliver a balanced budget but take decisions to protect services for the most vulnerable residents in the Vale of Glamorgan. The report provided a refresh of the financial forecast set out in the financial strategy approved by Cabinet in July and an update on setting a balanced budget for 2024/25.

Members had commented previously that figures had changed markedly over a sixmonth period last year, and the same was the case this year. As such, the position was under constant review, with regular reports taken to both Cabinet and Scrutiny to ensure transparency and ensure all Members fully understood the financial situation and future strategy of the Council.

Inflation had reduced, however that did not mean prices had reduced, simply that they had increased at a slower rate, which continued to affect the Council at a time of low growth.

Work was continuing and the Council would be kept informed on how the cost pressures were being reviewed and managed to identify savings and efficiencies and to balance the overall budget. Through all the challenges, the Council remained committed to delivering the objectives in the corporate plan as well as protecting services that support the more vulnerable members of the community.

Councillor Wilson referred to the graphs on Pages 6 to 8 of the report which showed that inflation had severely affected the Council and the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan, but that the Council had to absorb to protect its communities and services at the same time as trying to deliver its capital projects.

The Leader said the Council had found new ways of delivering its services, such as Big Fresh, to effectively support the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan for services that other providers would be unlikely to maintain but that the Council had a responsibility to continue to provide.

Councillor Williams stressed the importance of working with partners, other Local Authorities and Health Boards to ensure the provision of services as each potential change within one had an impact on the others.

The Leader also stressed the importance of having the voices of all 54 elected Members as part of the ongoing budget discussions at Scrutiny well before the final discussion at Full Council in March 2024.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

**RESOLVED** -

(1) T H A T the revised budget gap of  $\pm 10.573$ M of 2024/25 and  $\pm 37.667$ M across the medium term be noted.

(2) T H A T the underlying pressures in 2024/25 of £38.525M and Budget Gap of £30.248M before management action be noted.

(3) T H A T the work already undertaken to manage and mitigate the unprecedented inflationary and demand pressures being experienced be noted.

(4) T H A T the ongoing work to identify savings and transformational opportunities to be brought forward in the Budget or Consultation report in January be noted.

(5) T H A T the ongoing work to lobby Welsh Government be noted.

(6) T H A T the report be referred to the Council's Scrutiny Committees to review the work mitigating the cost pressures and for comments to be referred to Cabinet.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To make Cabinet aware of the financial challenge facing the Council in 2024/25.

(2) To make Cabinet aware of the risk that will be inherent in budget setting for 2024/25.

(3) To provide transparency on those cost pressures which Council will not be able to accommodate in the 2024/25 Budget.

(4) To confirm the approach to balancing the budget and give assurance that the work was underway.

(5) To continue to make the case for a fair settlement.

(6) To ensure an open and transparent approach to financial management in line with the approved Financial Strategy.

# C155 DIGITAL STRATEGY UPDATE (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to provide Cabinet with an update on the development of the Council's Digital Strategy and seek approval for the same.

The Leader said that the Stratregy was not about simply putting people in front of computers, but more about the way in which services would be delivered. It was about listening to the community and understanding its needs so that any transformation of digital services was appropriate and required.

Councillor Sivagnanam added that public participation was very important to the Council and one of the ways to reach more people was through a good Digital Strategy which would provide a method for the Council to not only communicate with residents but also to listen to feedback.

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 updated contents of the report, the Digital Strategy (Appendix A) and the consultation feedback (Appendix B) be noted.

(2) T H A T, subject to Resolution (1), Cabinet endorse and approve the revised Digital Strategy (Appendix A) following consultation as described in the report and Appendices B and C.

## Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable Cabinet to consider the revised Digital Strategy, consultation feedback and subsequent changes.

(2) To enable Cabinet to consider the outcomes of the consultation process and proposed changes to the draft Digital Strategy and to ensure the Council adopted a Digital Strategy to provide the framework for digital development in the future.

# C156 Q2 SICKNESS ABSENCE REPORT 2023/2024 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to update Members of the Cabinet on the sickness absence statistics for 1st April, 2023 to 30th September, 2023, where it was recognised that absence figures had improved on the same period last 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 report and the April 2023 to September 2023 sickness absence figures provided in Appendix A be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration, with any comments referred to Cabinet for further consideration.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To bring matters to the attention of Members of the Cabinet in line with corporate objectives.

(2) To enable the Scrutiny Committee to maintain a continued focus on the management of sickness absence throughout all services of the Council and to make recommendations to Cabinet, as appropriate.

### C157 REPORT FOR AMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) / STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) 2023 (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to ratify the revised Terms of Reference for SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) /SAC (Standing Advisory Council).

Councillor Williams gave credit to all concerned who had contributed a lot to the humanities area within the Curriculum for Wales, including work from both Committees to resolve some of qualification issues.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED – T H A T the revised Terms of Reference (Revised Constitution of SACRE/SAC for 'Religion, Values and Ethics' (RVE), May 2023) attached at Appendix A be agreed.

### Reason for decision

That the Terms of Reference (Revised Constitution of SACRE/SAC for RVE) are agreed that accommodate both SACRE and SAC, until the roll-out of the Curriculum for Wales be completed.

# C158 CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING SUMMARY REPORT (SCH) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to provide a summary on the activity that has been undertaken in relation to Corporate arrangements for Safeguarding across the Council and to provide assurance around safeguarding activity taking place across the Council.

Councillor Williams said that everyone was responsible for safeguarding, and it was important to be able to recognise and be vigilant on behalf of vulnerable people and people at risk due to the complexity of some of the issues that they faced.

Councillor Birch added that schools took their roles and responsibilities regarding safeguarding very seriously as they saw children every day and were able to spot difficulties, changes in behaviours etc., and worked with Social Services where required and appropriate.

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 work that had been undertaken to improve corporate arrangements for safeguarding and protecting children and adults be noted.

(2) T H A T Cabinet would continue to receive six monthly reports on work carried out to monitor Corporate Safeguarding arrangements and its effectiveness.

(3) T H A T the report be referred the following Scrutiny Committees for consideration:

- a. Healthy Living and Social Care;
- b. Corporate Performance and Resources;
- c. Environment and Regeneration;
- d. Homes and Safe Communities; and
- e. Learning and Culture.

### Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that Cabinet was aware of recent developments in corporate arrangements for safeguarding.

(2) To allow Cabinet to exercise effective oversight of this key area of corporate working.

(3) To ensure that there was a wide-reaching level of Member oversight regarding this important area.

### C159 LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2023 (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval for the 2023 Local Air Quality Management Annual Progress Report (APR) on air quality monitoring conducted in 2021 to enable submission to Welsh Government no later than 31st December, 2023.

The report formed part of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's statutory duty under the Environment Act to regularly review and assess air quality within the Council areas. Air quality monitoring in the Vale of Glamorgan had consistently met the relevant air quality objectives in recent years and the Council was committed to achieving levels of air pollution that were as low as reasonably practicable. The air quality data for the Vale of Glamorgan was obtained from both automatic monitors and diffusion tubes for measuring, in particular, nitrogen dioxide.

The results presented in the report showed that in 2000 and 2022, data was gathered from 50 locations monitored throughout the Vale of Glamorgan with the use of passive diffusion tubes and found that no sites breached national nitrogen dioxide emission thresholds. Offices would continue to review any monitoring locations that may be required for the following 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 monitored results gathered in 2022 be noted.

(2) T H A T the 2023 Annual Progress Report, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for submission to Welsh Government for approval.

(3) T H A T the award of £18,409 from the Welsh Government Local Air Quality Support fund in 23/24 to facilitate the upgrading and extension of real time Air Quality Monitors in the Vale of Glamorgan be noted.

### Reasons for decisions

(1-2) The report fulfilled the requirements of the statutory Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995, and the report contains results of air quality data captured in 2022.

(3) To acknowledge the awarding of the funding from Welsh Government to support the upgrading and extension of real time air quality monitors within the Vale of Glamorgan.

## C160 MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT -

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matter which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading be considered.

### C161 VALE OF GLAMORGAN REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2036 REVISED DELIVERY AGREEMENT AND DRAFT PREFERRED STRATEGY (REF) –

(Urgent by reason of the need to consider the reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 14th November, 2023 to refer the matter to Full Council on 20th November, 2023.)

The reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 14h November, 2023 was presented.

Councillor Sivagnanam thanked Democratic Services staff for producing the reference so promptly following the Scrutiny Committee meeting. Committee had discussed the report with their comments being taken forward as part of the consultation and recommended one change to the delivery timetable for Cabinet consideration.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the comments from the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 14th November, 2023 be noted.

### Reason for decision

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