

CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 25th April, 2024.

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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 J. Aviet, H.C. Hamilton and Dr. I.J. Johnson.

C314 ANNOUNCEMENT –

The Leader welcomed all parties to the meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet.

Members and Officers were reminded that the meeting was being livestreamed, recorded and would be uploaded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

She asked if all participants to ensure that if participating in person in the Chamber that their microphone not be activated and for remote attendees to '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 activate their respective request to speak function or use the 'raise hand' function if attending remotely.

Members were asked to ensure that all debate be 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 Officers.

C315 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meetings held on 11th April, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

C316 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C317 CABINET ANNUAL STRATEGIC FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME MAY 2024 TO APRIL 2025 AND CABINET QUARTERLY WORK PROGRAMMES – JANUARY TO MARCH 2024 AND APRIL TO JUNE 2024 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to inform Members of the Annual Strategic Forward Work Programme of the Cabinet / Council for the 12-month period May 2024 to April 2025, to inform Members of the progress to date in respect of Cabinet Quarterly Work Programmes for the period January to March 2024 and to confirm the Quarterly Work Programme for April to June 2024.

The report detailed the reports that would be considered over the coming year, including updates regarding the Levelling Up Fund, progress on the Long Term Plan for Towns in July and the draft Corporate Plan for 2025-2030.

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 Annual Strategic Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) for the period May 2024 to April 2025 be approved and published on the Council's website.
- (2) T H A T the updates to the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme for January to March 2024 attached at Appendix 2 to the report be agreed.
- (3) T H A T the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme April to June 2024 attached at Appendix 3 to the report be endorsed.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000, subordinate legislation and the Council's Constitution in setting annual work programmes.
- (2) To monitor progress.
- (3) To approve the Work Programme for April to June 2024.

C318 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - PACKAGE DEAL AT THE FORMER COWBRIDGE POLICE STATION, COWBRIDGE (PSHTE) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to inform Cabinet of a proposal to enter into a package deal contract with Bluefield Land Ltd.

for the delivery of 14 new older persons apartments for social rent at the former Cowbridge Police Station, Cowbridge.

Councillor Perkes said that in the recent 'Let's Talk about Life in the Vale' survey, one of the top three service priorities as ranked by those who took part in the survey was to be able to buy or rent a good quality home, and the proposal for further consideration under the Part II report would work towards addressing that matter.

The Leader said that more older persons' accommodation was needed in the Vale of Glamorgan, with further developments at Western Gateway and Penarth.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the proposal to enter into a package deal contract with Bluefield Land Ltd for the delivery of 14 new one-bedroom apartments for older people at the former Cowbridge Police Station and Y Daith Pupil Referral Unit, Cowbridge be noted.

(2) T H A T the requirement to take formal decisions on the progression of the above proposal, as part of the wider considerations detailed in the Part II report later on the agenda, be approved.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To advise Cabinet of the intention to increase the supply of new Council owned homes.

(2) To ensure decisions were made to progress the proposed development of new Council owned homes.

C319 SOCIAL CARE RECORDS SYSTEM (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval from Cabinet to enter into an agreement with Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (MTCBC), Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) regarding the procurement of a replacement social care system for CareDirector (WCCIS) that would become end of life by January 2026.

Councillor Williams said that projects often evolved over time with regards scope and finance, but it was important to recognise that funding would come from Welsh Government and details regarding that funding were awaited and would be available during the timescale of the procurement exercise.

He asked for Cabinet agreement to include a third Recommendation to the report which would delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Director of Social Services, to execute all legal documentation required in respect of the agreement to procure a new social care system, which was agreed.

The Leader said it was sensible to make arrangements ahead of time for the procurement of the new system and looked forward to the matter progressing.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report, the additional Recommendation (3) and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T approval be granted to the Council entering into an agreement with Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and Bridgend County Borough Council regarding the procurement of a replacement social care system.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be given to the Director of Social Services and procurement lead in the Vale of Glamorgan to negotiate and agree the final terms of the agreement with the other Councils and enter and arrange execution of that agreement.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Director of Social Services, to execute all legal documentation required in respect of the agreement to procure a new social care system.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that the Council was able to procure a system through a collaborative arrangement.

(2) To allow the Director of Social Services to make timely negotiations to the final terms of the contract agreement.

(3) To establish a legally binding contract between the Council, MTCBC, RCTCBC and BCBC.

C320 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.

C321 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - PACKAGE DEAL AT THE FORMER COWBRIDGE POLICE STATION, COWBRIDGE (PSHTE) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) (EXEMPT INFORMATION PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to inform Cabinet of a proposal to enter into a package deal contract with Bluefield Land Ltd. for the delivery of 14 new older persons apartments for social rent at the former Cowbridge Police Station, Cowbridge.

Councillor Perkes added that the current Homes4U Waiting List evidenced a need of 62 applicants waiting for a one-bedroom older persons apartment in the Cowbridge Ward, so the proposal would work towards addressing that need.

The Leader said that provision formerly provided at Y Daith was now being provided at the Derw Newydd facility.

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 appropriation of former Y Daith Pupil Referral Unit into the HRA for the sum of £310,000 to facilitate the wider development of the Cowbridge Police Station site be approved.

(2) T H A T, subject to the Scheme being financially viable in accordance with the Council's Development Viability Appraisal Criteria, agreeing a land value for the Police Station and Bluefield Land Ltd obtaining planning permission for the development; delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services and the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer, to accept the offer and contract sum from Bluefield Land Ltd and agree terms and conditions to enter into a package deal contract for the acquisition of the former Cowbridge Police Station and the development of the site in its entirety.

(3) T H A T, subject to the conditions of Resolution (2), delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services to agree, prepare, execute and complete as necessary all contracts and agreements required to procure and facilitate the delivery of the Scheme at former Cowbridge Police Station site. This would include all necessary third-party agreements with the Statutory Authorities.

(4) T H A T a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency ("VEAT") Notice in respect of the package deal contract with Bluefield Land Ltd, be published by the Council in the Official Journal of the European Union via the Sell2Wales portal.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To maximise the provision of older persons accommodation on the wider site.
- (2) To progress the Scheme and accept a tendered sum from and award a contract to Bluefield Land Ltd.
- (3) To allow the Council to enter into a package deal contract with Bluefield Land Ltd.
- (4) To comply with the external legal advice concerning compliance with public procurement law and to minimise the risk to the Council of progressing the Scheme.