CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 3rd July, 2025.

The Committee agenda is available <u>here</u>.

The Meeting recording is available <u>here</u>.

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

Also Present: Councillors C.E.A. Champion and M.J. Hooper.

C33 ANNOUNCEMENT –

The Leader commenced by advising of some housekeeping issues and advised 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.

C34 MINUTES -

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

C35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C36 REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION – COLCOT SPORTS CENTRE: NEXT STEPS (REF) –

The reference from Live Well Scrutiny Committee held on 27th May, 2025 was presented in response to a request for consideration.

Councillor John said the report was discussed at some length and following a good discussion the Committee recommended:-

- "(1) That both the Member Requests for Consideration and subsequent Response Report be noted.
- (2) That it be recommended to Cabinet that discussions progress with key partners, and potential funding opportunities, with the aim of providing quality facilities in the long term at the site.
- (3) That Cabinet be requested to give approval for a no obligation expression of interest to be submitted to the Cymru Football Foundation in

relation to investigations for developing the surplus Artificial Turf Pitch at the site, into a 3G facility, and to provide new changing rooms on the existing Colcot site, with the understanding that other considerations regarding the use of the area in the long term also require evaluation."

Having considered the recommendations from the Committee, it was subsequently

RESOLVED -

- (1) T H A T the Committee be thanked for their consideration of the item and that both the Member Requests for Consideration and subsequent Response Report be noted.
- (2) T H A T in noting Recommendation (2) within the 'Improvements to the Colcot and Buttrills Recreation Sites' report considered by Cabinet on 19th December, 2024 (Minute No. C212 refers), a further report on the future of the site be presented to Cabinet to outline other options for the provision of modern facilities to serve the communities in the wider area, that Recommendations (2) and (3) from the Committee be noted and considered as part of ongoing work considering options for facilities in the area.

Reason for decisions

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

C37 VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2024-25 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – PERFORMANCE JOINT SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual Self-Assessment (incorporating end of year performance against the Annual Delivery Plan) 2024-25 (Appendix A).

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

- (1) T H A T the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2024/25 be endorsed as the basis for consultation as described in the report and Recommendation (2).
- (2) T H A T the end of year performance against the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 as detailed in the Annual Self-Assessment (Section 5.2 within Appendix A) be noted.

(3) T H A T the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2024/25 be referred to the Performance Joint Committee (16th July, 2025) and Governance and Audit Committee (21st July, 2025) for their consideration as part of a programme of consultation, with any views and recommendations for changes to the judgements or proposed areas for future focus being referred back to Cabinet (4th September, 2024) for consideration prior to the Final Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report being considered by Governance and Audit Committee, Cabinet and thereafter presented for endorsement by Full Council.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that consultation was undertaken on the findings of the Council's Annual Self-Assessment in line with requirements of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021.
- (2) To ensure performance against the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 was considered.
- (3) To ensure all Scrutiny Committees and the Governance and Audit Committee (as per Section 114 of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021) have oversight of the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2024/25 and their views inform the Council's approach to meeting the performance requirements.

C38 CABINET QUARTERLY WORK PROGRAMME – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2025 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – NO RELEVANT SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report to confirm the Quarterly Work Programme for July to September 2025.

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 Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme July to September 2025 attached at Appendix 1 be endorsed.

Reason for decision

To approve the Work Programme for July to September 2025.

C39 CAPITAL CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2024/25 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report as the accounts were complete and the report was to inform Cabinet of the provisional financial position of the Council's Capital Programme for the 2024/25 financial year.

The Leader said it was important to recognise the work undertaken to deliver the Capital Programme and detailed with the report were sections highlighting some of the schemes that had bene successfully delivered in 2024/25.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED -

- (1) THAT the year end capital position for financial year 2024/25 be noted.
- (2) THAT the additional scheme budgets as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (3) T H A T the summary position of the changes in the Capital Programme by directorate from approval at Council on 6th March, 2024 to 31st March, 2025, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted.
- (4) THAT the Emergency Power approved in respect of the slippage as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be noted.
- (5) T H A T the 2024/25 Capital Programme be amended to reflect the revised leases arrangements that had been commenced in 2024/25 that met the threshold for inclusion under IFRS16.
- (6) THAT the report be referred to Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration and for any recommendations to be returned to Cabinet for consideration.

- (1) To inform Cabinet of the year end capital position for financial year 2024/25.
- (2) To inform Cabinet of the additional schemes added to the approved programme for 2024/25.
- (3) To inform Cabinet of the changes to the Approved Capital Programme set on 6th March, 2024.
- (4) To advise Cabinet of the approved slippage in the Emergency Powers in the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- (5) To request approval of the revised Leasing additional for 2024/25 as part of the implementation of the IFRS16 accounting standard.
- (6) To enable the Scrutiny Committee responsible for finance to review the year end position.

C40 CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2024/25 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report as the accounts were complete and the report was to inform Cabinet of the provisional financial position of the Council for the 2024/25 financial year.

It had been a challenging year on a number of fronts with persistent financial pressure in Social Services, most notably in Children and Young People's services, and an unprecedented rise in placement spend driven by both demand and cost. Another key area of pressure was Additional Learning Needs (ALN) and the impact on school transport budgets. There were also pressures across front line Neighbourhood Services in respect of Road Maintenance, Waste, Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing.

School spending was a concern with some schools spending in excess of their inyear resources. Whilst a number of schools were able to recover the deficit position in-year, the Council ended the year with 28 of the 53 schools in deficit with a net deficit of £4.138m, and the Council having to underwrite that position from within its own reserves.

A review of reserves was undertaken when setting the budget and also when closing the accounts, especially important for 2024/25 given the spending pressures and the unplanned use of reserves.

The report was proposed to be referred to the Resources Scrutiny Committee and the Leader looked forward to the conversation at that meeting.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

- (1) THAT the report and the financial measures taken and proposed be approved.
- (2) THAT the allocation of overall Council surplus as set out below be approved.
 - £2.1m transfer to reserve to offset school deficits on a provisional basis at year end.
 - £353k to Reshaping Assets Reserve to offset general pressures.
 - Education ALN Reshaping and Youth £275k.
 - Place Community Place Making and Country Car Parks £486k.
 - Overall Surplus of £45k transferred to the Council Fund.

(3) THAT the report be referred to Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration and for any recommendations to be referred back to Cabinet for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To approve the report and the financial measures taken and proposed.
- (2) To approve the allocation of the 2024/25 surplus to support the delivery of schemes supporting key priorities identified by the Council.
- (3) To enable the Scrutiny Committee responsible for finance to review the year end position.

C41 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2024/25 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the annual review report to Cabinet on Treasury Management 2024/25.

The report discussed compliance with prudential indicators and Treasury limits as set out in the Annual Treasury Strategy, designed to ensure that all Local Authority borrowing was prudent, sustainable and affordable.

The Council managed its investments in-house or with those institutions which met the minimum credit rating criteria and were included on the approved lending list as laid out in the investment strategy.

The report was proposed to be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee before going on to Full Council for final consideration and approval.

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 annual report on Treasury Management 2024/25 be endorsed and that the report be referred to Governance and Audit Committee for review and to Full Council for approval.

Reason for decision

To accept and refer the report to the Governance and Audit Committee which has oversight of the Treasury arrangements and Full Council as required by regulation.

C42 THE GLASTONBARRY MUSIC FESTIVAL, ROMILLY PARK, BARRY – OPERATING LICENCING AGREEMENT (DL/SP) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Deputy Leader presented the report to seek the agreement of Cabinet to a request from the organisers of the Glastonbarry Music Festival for a licence to operate at Romilly Park for a period of 5 years.

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 a 5-year licence for Mack Events to hold the Glastonbarry Music Festival Event at Romilly Park up until the end of July 2029 be agreed.
- (2) T H A T a starting fee of £8,265.00 be agreed for the 2025 event with that fee increasing by the full year consumer price index (CPI) up to the preceding April each year following for the licence term.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing to agree the full licence terms in consultation with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places.
- (4) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be granted delegated authority to draft and execute the 5-year licence.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide the necessary authority to the Glastonbarry Music Festival Events to continue for a 5-year period.
- (2) To set the fee structure for the licence period.
- (3) To allow the licence details to be agreed without further recourse to Cabinet.
- (4) To provide the necessary authority to progress the licence.

C43 BARRY ISLAND CHANGING FACILITIES AND UPGRADES (NBS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to obtain approval to survey, design, procure and install changing facilities, signage, real-time digital water quality displays and all-terrain beach wheelchairs at Barry Island, and to amend the 2025/2026 Capital Programme.

The report presented a well-supported, well-funded and legally compliant plan to enhance the facilities at Barry Island, improve visitor satisfaction and supported inclusive access and would boost the local tourism economy.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED -

- (1) THAT the works outlined in the report be approved.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing to engage the Council's Project Management Unit to undertake all procurement arrangements and to oversee the delivery of the project, subject to the necessary funding being available.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing to submit a planning application(s) and building regulations application for the project by virtue of either Regulation 3 or Regulation 4 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 (As Amended), if required.
- (4) THAT delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing in liaison with the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services to accept the preferred tender(s) and approve the letting of the works contract(s) associated with the project, following the completion of the tender process.
- (5) T H A T delegated authority to be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Operational Manager Legal Services to draft and execute the contract(s) for the award of a contract with the successful bidder where required.
- (6) T H A T the 2025/26 Capital Programme be amended to include the Barry Island Changing Facilities and Upgrades, as detailed in section 5 of the report.

- (1) To obtain endorsement from Cabinet for the project.
- (2) To obtain authority to allow delivery of the project by the Council's Economic Development and Project Management Unit.
- (3) To obtain authority to submit planning application(s) and building regulation application(s) for the project.
- (4) To obtain authority to let the works contract and for the project to be delivered in a timely manner.

- (5) To obtain authority for the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Operational Manager Legal Services to prepare, execute and complete all legal documentation required to facilitate the delivery of the project.
- (6) To amend the 2025/26 Capital Programme as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

C44 'ON-STREET' CAR PARKING CHARGES (NBS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to introduce on-street parking charges at Penarth and Barry Island Seafronts, with the Leader adding that the next three reports on the agenda had previously been considered by Cabinet in January 2025, were referred to Scrutiny who made some recommendations on the reports which were then taken away to be considered and researched in order to bring the reports back for Cabinet consideration at the meeting.

Councillor Wilson said that after collecting further evidence between February and May 2025, including enforcement data and parking bay observations, it was concluded that on-street charging would enhance traffic flow and support sustainable transport. The primary concern identified was over-use of on-street spaces by stakeholders which displaced visitors and shoppers. Off-street car parks had ample capacity during the observation period showing a behavioural preference for free, more conveniently located on-street parking.

The objectives of the on-street parking principles were laid out in the Car Parking - Guiding Principles document, attached at Appendix A to the report, and supported by the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, which aimed to improve traffic flow by discouraging long-term on-street parking, encouraging use of on-street car parks and public transport, increasing on-street parking turnover and making spaces more accessible to users.

Operating hours for on-street parking would be from 10:00hrs to 18:00hrs, which gave time for local people to use the spaces and for traders to set up. The maximum stay allowed would be 4 hours to encourage turnover of the spaces. Blue badge holders would continue to be able to park free of charge.

The decision to begin to charge from 10:00hrs was a change to the initial proposal of 08:00hrs in response to the feedback from local traders and would allow early access for loading and unloading without compromising the scheme's effectiveness during peak hours.

Extensive evidence gathering and observations were made in determining the report and it was discovered that there was poor compliance in some areas which did improve when enforcement was in place and improved the number of spaces that were available.

There were legal implications within the report and Officers considered both the Equality Act and the Road Traffic Regulation Act.

Any monies generated from on-street parking charges would be re-invested into road improvements in those areas.

There were climate and community benefits to the proposals also, including more use of active travel and public transport use, the reduction of emissions from vehicles and reduce congestion, will improve air quality and provide safer streets.

The Leader said that the report had considered and covered all the issues raised by the Scrutiny Committee and was an important update to the previous version of the Car Parking - Guiding Principles document. Any objections to the scheme could be reported through the TRO process which would be fully considered.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

- (1) T H A T the updated Car Parking Guiding Principles document, dated March 2025, attached at Appendix A to the report be approved.
- (2) T H A T the introduction of on-street charging at the streets specified at Barry Island and Penarth Seafront be agreed, subject to the statutory process for implementing the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs).
- (3) T H A T the Director of Environment and Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services, be authorised under delegated powers to advertise the TRO to introduce on-street parking charges at the identified locations, with operational hours of 10:00hrs to 18:00hrs seven days per week, and in accordance with the fee structure set out in the report.
- (4) T H A T in the event of public objections being received to the proposed TROs, a further report be brought to Cabinet to consider those objections before any implementation of on-street parking charges.
- (5) T H A T should no objections be received, the Director of Environment and Housing be authorised to complete all necessary legal and operational steps, including installation of signage and payment infrastructure, to introduce the proposed charging arrangements without further delay.
- (6) TH A T the on-street parking charges at Barry Island resort and Penarth Seafront be reviewed 24 months after implementation with a report brought back to Cabinet to evaluate their effectiveness in meeting the stated objectives, including impacts on traffic flow, parking behaviour, and wider policy goals.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To adopt an updated Council Policy, ensuring alignment with the Council's wider transport, climate, and well-being objectives, including those set out in Vale 2030 and Project Zero.
- (2) To secure Cabinet approval for the principle of introducing on-street parking charges as a mechanism to manage demand, reduce congestion, and promote more sustainable parking behaviour at key coastal visitor destinations.
- (3) To enable the timely progression of the necessary statutory process and infrastructure required to implement the proposed on-street parking charges effectively and lawfully.
- (4) To ensure that any public objections to the proposed TROs were properly considered in accordance with legal requirements and to uphold the integrity and transparency of the decision-making process.
- (5) To facilitate the prompt introduction of parking controls in the absence of objections, addressing current traffic and parking pressures and supporting more efficient use of off-street parking facilities.
- (6) To address the recommendations provided from the Special Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and to ensure that the impact of the new arrangements was monitored over time and that any adjustments necessary to improve outcomes or address unforeseen issues were considered and assessed.

C45 COURT ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK (NBS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to determine the future use of Court Road Multi Storey Car Park, following previous consideration by Cabinet and Scrutiny.

The car park was primarily used by Holton Road Primary School staff and parents, local retailers and workers and visitors to nearby medical practices but had seen declined usage over recent years. The recent Cabinet report in January 2025 proposed its closure due to low utilisation and high maintenance costs but there were requests for more comprehensive data on the matter which had now taken place.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras were installed to the entrance of the car park by the Severnside Group, along with manual counts conducted by Neighbourhood Services staff. Data was collected from 10th February to 8th March 2025 which found the average daily use of the car park was 135 vehicles with an average stay of 3 hours 52 minutes. Calculations showed weekly usage of only 21% and weekends only 13%, with peak usage before 9.15am.

In terms of alternative local provision, surveys showed there would be ample local parking in the vicinity. Public transport in the area was well serviced with multiple bus routes and a nearby train station offering alternative travel options.

Financially, the car park was unsustainable with costs for the year 2025/26 estimated at £100k and with no existing revenue budget to support it. Existing capital repairs were also estimated at £250k which given the current usage could not be justified.

The options appraisal which was requested to be commissioned would give local residents and stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the matter.

The Leader said that the report followed on from the discussion that took place at Scrutiny and putting the matter as part of the Placemaking agenda for Barry was important as it was an important local site but raised the question what the site was to be used for going forward and the people of Barry could comment as part of the proposed options appraisal.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

- (1) THAT an options appraisal be commissioned, in line with the Placemaking Plan for Barry, to consider the most appropriate and sustainable future uses for the Car Park building and land, at the location.
- (2) T H A T the newly formed Governance Place Boards (Barry and overarching) oversee the development of the project and any associated project teams which had appropriate project governance structures established to support transparent and accountable decision making.
- (3) THAT a further report be presented to Cabinet that detailed the outcome of the options appraisal process and a preferred option.
- (4) THAT based on current evidence, the Court Road Multi-Storey Car Park was underutilised and no longer financially sustainable in its present form, and therefore it was agreed in principle to its future closure, subject to the identification and approval of a suitable alternative option for the use of the land and buildings in pursuance of Resolutions (1) and (2).
- (5) THAT in the event that concerns arose requiring disproportionate capital investment to address safety risks during scheduled structural inspections of the building, that Cabinet be asked to review its position.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure evidence led and transparent process was followed in determining the long-term future alternative options available for the building and land at the location.
- (2) To enable the Council to consider a range of viable alternatives that support place-based regeneration in Barry.
- (3) To enable Cabinet to consider the most sustainable option for the site, ensuring continued oversight and public accountability through appropriate governance structures and Cabinet reporting.
- (4) To reflect current evidence that the Multi-Storey Car Park in its present form was no longer viable, underutilised and financially unsustainable, whilst ensuring that no binding decision was made until the outcome of the options appraisal was known in the meantime allowing it's continued use temporarily whilst a suitable alternative option for the land and buildings was determined.
- (5) To ensure that if urgent health and safety concerns arose, Cabinet could act promptly and lawfully to protect public safety whilst maintaining procedural fairness.
- C46 OBJECTION REPORT: PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARK CHARGES AT COLD KNAP CAR PARK (BARRY), BRON Y MOR CAR PARK (BARRY), PORTABELLO CAR PARK (OGMORE-BY-SEA), CLIFF WALK CAR PARK (PENARTH) AND WEST FARM (SOUTHERNDOWN) (NBS) (SCRUTINY PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to advise Cabinet of objections received to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal and to agree an appropriate way forward. Scrutiny had made recommendations following the January 2025 Cabinet report and those recommendations had been considered in the production of the report.

Following the decision from Cabinet on 6th March, 2025 to progress car park charges at the identified car park sites subject to conditions referred and in accordance with the statutory legal process to create a new TRO, public notice of the proposal was given on 3rd April, 2025, inviting objections in writing, by 25th April, 2025. A total of fourteen responses were received which comprised formal objections, each containing multiple issues of concern. Details of the objection responses were provided in Appendix A to the report, with the various themes and Officer responses also contained within the report.

The Leader said that the Council had been installing height barriers at a number of car parks, one of which was at Cold Knap car park, and those barriers would be locked open during the day, pending any review concerning anti-social behaviour at any site.

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 objections received be rejected for the reasons set out in the report, and the proposed car parking charges be implemented at each site subject to compliance with the requirements stated in Cabinet Minute C274 dated 6th March, 2025.
- (2) THAT all objectors be formally notified of the decision.
- (3) THAT the implementation of car parking charges at Bron-Y-Mor car park alongside limited resurfacing works as outlined in the report be approved.
- (4) T H A T the creation of two additional disabled parking bays at Bron-Y-Mor located outside of the barrier-controlled area, adjacent to the existing electric vehicle charging bays be agreed.
- (5) T H A T the necessary steps be taken to progress the formal Notice of Making for the Traffic Regulation Order and to implement associated signage and control measures, enabling the introduction of charging arrangements without delay.

- (1) To allow the Traffic Regulation Order to be made and implemented, enabling the introduction of car parking charges in line with previous Cabinet decisions and the Council's wider financial strategy.
- (2) To ensure that all objectors were informed of the outcome of the consultation process and the Councils rationale for proceeding with the proposals.
- (3) To facilitate the introduction of a charging regime at Bron-Y-Mor Car Park in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner, whilst ensuring the facility remained safe and operational for public use.
- (4) To enhance accessibility by providing additional disabled parking provision at a convenient location, in line with the Council's equality and inclusion commitments.
- (5) To progress the necessary legal and physical control arrangements to allow for the timely and efficient implementation of car park charging across the identified sites.

C47 CARDIFF AND VALE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP – GATEWAY SITE APPROVAL PROCESS (PSHTE) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to advise Cabinet of the Gateway Site Approval Process that would govern the award of contracts to Lovell Partnerships under the Partnership Agreement and to seek Cabinet approval to delegate to Officers, decisions in relation to the award of contracts to Lovell Partnerships.

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 delegated authority be granted to the Head of Housing and Building Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement and the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer to approve, progress and incur costs relating to RIBA Stage 0-5 activities of the Gateway Site Approval Process, including authority to proceed through each Gateway (0-2), to the eventual award of a construction contract or development agreement to Lovell Partnerships, subject to the continued viability of each scheme.
- (2) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to prepare and execute the appropriate form of construction contract and/or development agreement with Lovell Partnerships, as well as any third party or statutory agreements relevant to each site.

- (1) To progress the due diligence, feasibility, design, planning and contract award processes for each site.
- (2) To enter into various forms of contract and/or development agreement with Lovell Partnerships.