CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 17th July, 2025.

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

The Meeting recording is available here.

<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 I.R. Buckley, Dr. I.J. Johnson and N.C. Thomas.

C48 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.

C49 MINUTES -

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

C50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C51 TASK AND FINISH GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN'S PROCUREMENT POLICY, FUNCTION AND STRATEGY (REF) –

The reference from Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 9th July, 2025 was presented.

The Leader thanked the Scrutiny Committee for their work on the Task and Finish and said that the reference was a comprehensive piece of work following detailed discussions by Scrutiny Committee. The decision was taken to note the reference and hold the matter until the first Cabinet meeting in September 2025 along with the Procurement Policy and Strategy Review report attached to the meeting agenda at Item 8 in order to consider both matters in more depth.

RESOLVED – T H A T the reference be deferred until the first Cabinet meeting in September 2025 in order to be considered in more depth.

Reason for decision

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

C52 GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST ADVISORY GROUP -

The minutes of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Advisory Group meeting held on 4th April, 2025 were presented.

The meeting had considered information from the Site Ranger and the use of funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund on Rights of Way, the Welsh Government Coastal Access Improvement Grant and an update on the Glamorgan Coastal Community Capacity Building Fund.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Advisory Group meeting held on 4th April, 2025 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

C53 ARRANGEMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY SECTION JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE (VSJLC) FOR 2025/26 MUNICIPAL YEAR (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – NO RELEVANT SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report to provide Cabinet with an overview of proposed arrangements in administering the Committee during the 2025/26 municipal year.

The Committee had been the subject of much discussion as part of Vale 2030 about the importance of the voluntary sector and community groups and how they and the Council worked in partnership. The Voluntary Section Joint Liaison Committee (VSJLC) had struggled to find the best way of working and attendance had often been low.

In order to work more closely with the voluntary sector, it was necessary to look at how best to engage moving forward. Cabinet was reassured that meetings would continue to be held monthly between the Chief Executive of Glamorgan Voluntary Services and the Council.

Councillor Birch was the current Chair of the Committee and said a review was overdue in order to be productive for all representatives. The Third Sector and their contribution to services was important, adding to the services provided by the Council and she looked forward to a thorough discussion going forward about future reporting arrangements.

The Leader said it was important to find an effective format to allow constructive dialogue with the Third Sector to discuss the most effect ways of working together.

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

RESOLVED -

- (1) T H A T meetings of the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee be temporarily paused in the 2025/26 Municipal year to allow for a review of working arrangements with the Third Sector.
- (2) THAT the proposed approach in revising arrangements in working with the Third Sector be agreed.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To allow for exploration of improved collaborative ways of working with Third Sector representatives moving forward to maximise value for all stakeholders involved.
- (2) To allow for all Members of the Committee and wider stakeholders to be involved in shaping the future approach for Members, Officers and Third Sector to work together.

C54 FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2026/27 TO 2030/31 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –

The Leader presented the report to set the strategy for development of the Council's 2025/26 Budget and 2026/27 to 2030/31 Medium Term Financial Plan.

It was important to recognise that the budget was not set in isolation and decisions needed to be considered that would provide a framework in order to achieve the ambitions in Vale 2030. The Financial Strategy focused on ensuring that the Council's resources would be targeted to delivering the Council's objectives whilst ensuring services for the most vulnerable were maintained.

The chart in paragraph 1.8 of the report showed the funding that the Council received per capita and showed the Vale of Glamorgan was the second lowest in Wales, and the 6th lowest in Wales in terms of Council Tax rates for the Band D equivalent, as shown in paragraph 1.9. The Vale of Glamorgan was the third lowest in terms of net expenditure per head in Wales as shown in paragraph 1.11. Comparisons shown in paragraph 1.13 of the report showed service comparators in the Vale of Glamorgan, with some aspects of expenditure being classified as low or very low against spend across Wales, but at the high level for Education. Environmental and Regulatory and Highways and Transport were both classed as very low, but were often areas that the public would like to see more spend and discussions continued as to how to address those comparators. Paragraph 1.1.5 showed where the Council budget was spent, with Schools at 39% and Social Care at 32%.

Later in the year the Life in the Vale survey that was conducted in 2023 would be rerun, as the responses had helped to provide evidence and insight into the services that the Council delivered, with other Local Authorities looking to use a similar model as good practice.

The report would go to the Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration before coming back to Cabinet.

Councillor Wilson said that the report focussed on what the Council wanted to achieve. In many areas the Council was lean but efficient and would continue to deliver services to the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan whilst protecting the vulnerable and giving everyone a good start in life as stated in Vale 2030.

The Leader said there were always questions as to where to balance the finances and looked forward to the future conversations on the budget and encouraged local residents to get involved with the relevant discussions.

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 challenging financial position faced by the Council with a funding gap of £13.156m in 2026/27 and £40.340m across the medium term be noted.
- (2) T H A T Welsh Government would be lobbied for an appropriate settlement in the face of the continued inflationary pressures on schools and social care provision and Council Officers authorised to do the same through appropriate networks.
- (3) THAT the accelerated budget setting timetable be noted.
- (4) T H A T officers be requested to review the cost pressures and savings commitments across the summer.
- (5) T H A T officers be requested to develop proposals against the redefined transformation programme, the Reshaping Programme, to complement the Financial Strategy and contribute to the medium term financial sustainability of the Council.
- (6) T H A T the report be referred to the Council's Resources Scrutiny Committee to review the Financial Strategy and assumptions made on costs and funding in the Medium Term Financial Plan refresh and for any recommendations to be referred back to Cabinet for consideration.
- (7) THAT a further report on the Council's budget be presented to Cabinet in due course as outlined in the report.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) There continued to be significant financial pressures impacting on the 2026/27 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2026/27 to 2030/31 and it was essential to inform Cabinet of the magnitude of the challenge and for work to commence as early as possible on establishing a balanced budget and sustainable financial position in the medium term.
- (2) The challenges could not be overstated at the current time and many of the cost pressures could not be mitigated. A significantly better settlement than was currently forecast would be essential if there were not to be reductions in service provision.
- (3) Early decision making would enable extended consultation and improve deliverability of savings and reshaping proposals.
- (4) There were a number of strategies to balancing the budget other than attracting more funding and delivering savings. Costs needed to be managed too.
- (5). To enable the medium-term financial sustainability of the Council to be strengthened by a new iteration of the Reshaping Programme.
- (6) The Council was open to clear and transparent financial reporting and an appropriate level of challenge to the management of its finances. A key element of the challenge process was through the Council's scrutiny function.
- (7) Given the financial challenges, clear and regular reporting was essential.

C55 PROCUREMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEW (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report to review and update the 2022/23 Procurement Policy and Strategy.

The Leader referred to the associated decision taken under Agenda Item 4 and the decision was taken to note the report and defer the matter until the first Cabinet meeting in September 2025 along with the Task and Finish Group on the Review of the Vale of Glamorgan's Procurement Policy, Function and Strategy reference attached to the agenda at Item 4 in order to consider both matters in more depth.

Cabinet, having considered the report and the associated reference under Agenda Item 4 of the meeting

RESOLVED – T H A T the report be deferred until the first Cabinet meeting in September 2025 in order to be considered in more depth.

Reason for decision

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

C56 PURCHASE OF REGENERATION ASSET (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report to seek Cabinet approval for the acquisition of a building for regeneration purposes and to approve the use of borrowing to complete the purchase.

Matters concerning the confidential nature of the matter were included in the associated Part II report later on the meeting agenda but it was important to note the request as part of the Council's ambitions for Barry.

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 full detail, contents and recommendations be approved as set out in the Part II Cabinet Report.

Reason for decision

To consider the commercially confidential information under Section 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 as set out in the Part II Report and agree recommendations therein.

C57 USE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMERGENCY POWERS (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – NO RELEVANT SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report to notify Cabinet of the exercising of Emergency Powers by the Chief Executive since the last report on 1st May, 2025.

Cabinet noted there were a variety of requests made in order to move forward on a number of matters and referred specifically to a number of those matters listed in the report.

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 use of the Chief Executive's Emergency Powers be noted.

Reason for decision

To inform Cabinet.

C58 REAL LIVING WAGE ACCREDITATION POWERS (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report to seek approval for the Authority to begin the process of becoming an accredited Real Living Wage employer, to ensure that those in Council supply chains were paid a wage that recognised the true cost of living. The move to becoming an accredited Real Living Wage employer would make a difference to a lot of people in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Deputy Leader said the report set out the commitment of the Council as an employer to its staff.

Councillor Wilson said the report also encouraged other companies within the Vale of Glamorgan to follow the Council's lead and work with the Council with the same commitments going forward.

Councillor John agreed that it was important that the Council was leading the way and hoped other partners would follow suit.

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 proposals set out in the report for the Council to apply for formal accreditation to become a Real Living Wage employer be approved.

Reason for decision

To enable the Council to become an accredited Real Living Wage employer and work with its suppliers over the medium term to enable them to become Real Living Wages employers.

C59 CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW DELIVERY MODELS FOR ENHANCED AND SUSTAINABLE SPECIALIST PROVISION (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – START WELL SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to consult with stakeholders on the proposal to create new delivery models for enhanced and sustainable specialist provision.

The consultation would look to establish a new English Medium specialist resource base at Holton Primary School or any other suitable venue within the Vale of Glamorgan with effect from 1st January, 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter. The numbers of Additional Learning Needs pupils rose year on year and there were other provisions within primary schools in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Leader said that there were also discussions taking place among other Local Authorities about the need for inclusion and for young people to stay as close as possible to their homes, peer groups and communities, and how best to achieve that using such Resources Bases.

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 Director of Learning and Skills be authorised to undertake a consultation on the proposal to create new delivery models for enhanced and sustainable specialist provision.
- (2) THAT the report be referred to the Start Well Scrutiny Committee for consideration as part of the proposed consultation exercise with any recommendations referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To seek Cabinet authority to carry out a statutory consultation in compliance with the requirements of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018 on the proposal to create new delivery models for enhanced and sustainable specialist provision.
- (2) To ensure that the Start Well Scrutiny Committee was consulted on the proposals.

C60 NEW CHARGING POLICY FOR OUT OF COUNTY PUPILS ATTENDING YSGOL Y DERI (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – START WELL SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to implement a new charging policy for out of County pupils attending Ysgol y Deri with effect from 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 new charging policy for out of County pupils at Ysgol Y Deri from September 2025 be approved.

Reason for decision

To ensure that the charges for out of County pupils at Ysgol Y Deri reflected the cost of the service, linking charges to the special school funding formula.

C61 HOUSING FIRE DOOR SERVICING, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, INSTALLATIONS AND INSPECTIONS FRAMEWORK (2022-25) VOG/RM069/21/22B (PSHTE) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to advise Cabinet of a request later on the agenda to amend the Housing Fire Door Servicing, Maintenance, Repairs, Installations and Inspections Framework (2022-25) VOG/RM069/21/22B contract.

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 contents of the report be noted, with a view to taking decisions on the award of the contract uplifted schedule of rates (SORs) detailed within the Part II report later on the agenda.

Reason for decision

To advise of the current position with the particular contract.

C62 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF A SUPPORTED DAY CARE SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA IN THE WESTERN VALE (SCH) (SCRUTINY – LIVE WELL SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek authority to undertake a re-tender process for an existing service relating to the provision of a supported day care service for older people and people living with Dementia in the Western Vale and to seek delegated authority to award the contract to the successful provider.

The Leader noted that use of the urgent decision procedure was being requested to ensure that the Council could deliver the scheme as soon as possible.

Councillor John said the report would provide support for older people who may otherwise be isolated.

Councillor Williams added that part of the tendering process would include the older people that the service would provide for as service-user involvement was important.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED -

- (1) THAT the contents of the report be noted and considered in connection with the Part II Report later on the meeting agenda.
- (2) T H A T the urgency procedure set out at Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be agreed 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 ensure that the Council could deliver the scheme.

C63 ANNUAL CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING REPORT: 2024-2025 (SCH) (SCRUTINY – NO RELEVANT SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to update Cabinet on the work that had been undertaken in relation to Corporate arrangements for Safeguarding across the Council.

Councillor Birch said she was pleased to see that people were prepared to be checked in order to work with children and vulnerable people. Domestic violence was one of the adverse childhood experiences that would disrupt young people's lives and hinder them from taking full advantage of their education and ongoing safeguarding would continue to deliver robust support for any child experiencing such issues.

Councillor Perkes passed on her appreciation for the work undertaken by the Safeguarding Board and Community Safety Team on behalf of 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 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 receive annual reports on work carried out to improve Corporate Safeguarding arrangements and the effectiveness of relevant Policies.
- (3) THAT the report be shared with Members by adding it to the Information Reporting facility for Scrutiny Committees on the Committee Hub.

(4) THAT Cabinet no longer received a 6 monthly interim report.

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 that key area of corporate working and be assured of effective safeguarding taking place.
- (3) To ensure that all Members continued to have information regarding safeguarding activity in the Council easily available to them.
- (4) This was in recognition of the availability of the information reporting facility and the need to ensure that the work of Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees was streamlined.

C64 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2024-2025 – FINAL VERSION (SCH) (SCRUTINY – LIVE WELL SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to ensure that Cabinet agreed the future priorities for the Directorate of Social Services.

The Council was involved with the Health Board and Third Sector partners to deliver a number of services, the variety, range and scope of which were detailed in the report. Demand was increasing, not just in numbers but also in complexity of need. Scrutiny Committee had provided helpful comments regarding the challenge version.

Councillor Willaims referred to the exceptional work undertaken in assisting patients to leave hospital and return home that had taken place over the year and the number of assessments undertaken by Adult Services that facilitated that process and often identified further needs that needed to be addressed. Children and Young People Services had also seen an increase in demand and complexity over the year.

The Leader agreed that the work undertaken regarding hospital discharges had been an important piece of work and that staff had approached matters from the perspective of the service-user which was so important. Councillor Burnett proposed adding a fourth Recommendation passing on thanks from Cabinet to the Director and staff within the Social Services Directorate for their work over the year, which was widely respected across Wales, which was agreed.

Councillor John said that the work that had been undertaken had significantly reduced the times for those leaving hospital and returning home.

Councillor Birch appreciated the support for young carers across the Vale of Glamorgan as they bore a heavy burden but were able to approach school staff for help and support. She also recognised thew work undertaken by Flying Start who had assisted many children to break the cycle of possible deprivation, poverty and unemployment for both children and parents.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein and the inclusion of an additional Resolution

RESOLVED -

- (1) THAT the content of the report be noted.
- (2) THAT the Director's Annual Report for 2024-25 (attached at Appendix 1) be approved.
- (3) THAT the improvement priorities for Social Services as set out in the Director's Annual Report for 2024-25 be approved.
- (4) THAT thanks be passed on to the Director of Social Services and the Social Services Directorate for all their work in supporting residents of the Vale of Glamorgan over the last year.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that the Director's Annual Report was considered by Elected Members.
- (2) To ensure that the Director's Annual Report for 2024-25 had the approval and agreement of Cabinet.
- (3) To ensure that the priorities as set out by the Director of Social Services were approved by Cabinet.
- (4) To thank staff for their continued support for residents of the Vale of Glamorgan.

C65 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES (SCH) (SCRUTINY – LIVE WELL SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to acquire a property for Social Services in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Some of the Social Services properties were no longer fit for purpose and also had accessibility challenges. The report sought approval to acquire a property that was fit for purpose and provided more opportunities for service-users. Due to commercial aspects, further consideration would take place under the associated Part II report on the agenda.

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 contents of the Report be noted and considered in connection with the Part II Report later on the meeting agenda.

Reason for decision

To allow the Part I and Part II Reports to be considered together.

C66 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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.

C67 PURCHASE OF REGENERATION ASSET (EL/PR) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 14 AND 16) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report to seek Cabinet approval for the acquisition of a large vacant town centre retail unit using a Welsh Government Transforming Towns Loan to support the regeneration of Barry town centre in line with placemaking priorities.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED -

- (1) THAT the acquisition of a large vacant town centre retail unit be approved subject to all necessary due diligence, surveys, and manage the acquisition process, to ensure robust financial and legal compliance.
- (2) THAT a further report be presented to Cabinet detailing the preferred option for future use of the building, for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To secure a strategic and prominent regeneration site in Barry town centre that supported town centre renewal and aligned with key strategic and regeneration priorities and to protect the Council's financial and legal interests by ensuring appropriate professional advice and to ensure appropriate due diligence, risk assessment, and legal review were completed before completion of the acquisition.

(2) To uphold transparency and informed decision making by ensuring Cabinet had the opportunity to consider and approve a clear and costed plan for the future use of the building, aligned with the Council's strategic goals in relation to regeneration plans for Barry Town Centre informing future decision making and strategic planning.

C68 HOUSING FIRE DOOR SERVICING, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, INSTALLATIONS AND INSPECTIONS FRAMEWORK (2022-25) VOG/RM069/21/22B (PSHTE) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 14 AND 12A) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to request Cabinet approval for delegated authority to amend the Housing Fire Door Servicing, Maintenance, Repairs, Installations and Inspections Framework (2022-25) VOG/RM069/21/22B contract.

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 Housing Fire Door Servicing, Maintenance, Repairs, Installations and Inspections Framework (2022-25) Contract SORs, with AFT Group (Wales) Ltd., be increased by 14% retrospectively from 2024/25 and from then onwards, using Regulation 72, of PCR 2015 to modify the contract.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing to increase the HRA Repairs Budget for 2025/26 by a total of £7,000.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To comply with the Council's Contract Standing Orders, which required contracts exceeding 10% or £50k to be agreed by Cabinet.
- (2) To enable the contract documentation to be amended to reflect the uplifted SORs.
- CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF A SUPPORTED DAY CARE SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA IN THE WESTERN VALE (SCH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) (SCRUTINY LIVE WELL SCRUTINY) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek authority to undertake a re-tender process for an existing service relating to the provision of a supported day care service for older people and people living with Dementia in the Western Vale and to seek delegated authority to award the contract to the successful provider.

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

RESOLVED -

- (1) T H A T the Director of Social Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care and the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer be authorised:
- 1.1 To undertake a competitive tender process for the re-commissioning of the provision of a supported day care service for older people and people living with Dementia in the Western Vale.
- 1.2 Following the procurement exercise, to award the Contract for this Service for an initial period of 4 (four) years with an option to extend for up to a further 2 (two) years.
- 1.3 Negotiate and execute a Contract and any supporting contractual documents with the successful Provider.
- (2) T H A T the urgency procedure set out at Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be used in respect of Recommendations contained within the Part II report.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) THAT:-
- (1.1) the Council provided a supported day care service for older people and people living with Dementia in the Western Vale in a cost-effective way that met requirements of Welsh Government Adult Day Care Service guidance.
- (1.2) the Council met the requirements of its Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules.
- (1.3) the appropriate contractual arrangements were in place with the successful provider.
- (2) To ensure that the Council could deliver the scheme.

C70 ACQUISITION OF A PROPERTY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES (SCH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPH 14) (SCRUTINY – NO RELEVANT SCRUTINY) –

The Leader presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to acquire properties for Social Services in the Vale of Glamorgan.

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

RESOLVED -

- (1) THAT the acquisition of identified properties be approved.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services to instruct the Head of Finance/Section151 Officer and Director of Place to oversee the delivery of the project, including acquisition of the property and any renovation/upgrade works required to the properties to bring them up to standard, subject to funding in consultation with the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services to instruct the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer and Director of Place to procure and appoint a design team and other consultants as may be required to achieve project delivery, subject to funding.
- (4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer on behalf of the Director of Social Services to submit a planning application(s) for the project for change of use and works by virtue of either Regulation 3 or Regulation 4 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 (As Amended) if required.
- (5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services in consultation with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer to submit and accept grant applications to secure funding towards the cost of the project.
- (6) T H A T the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to prepare, execute, and complete all legal documentation required to acquire the properties, and procure and facilitate the delivery of the project.
- (7) T H A T subject to Resolutions (1) and (2), the Director of Social Services in consultation with the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer be authorised to serve notice on the landowner to relinquish the lease at the break clause, and vacate Hen Goleg, and negotiate and agree any end of tenancy dilapidations.
- (8) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer to amend the Capital Programme to reflect the costs of the scheme and profile of delivery.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To approve the acquisition of the properties.

- (2) In order to oversee the delivery of the project, including acquisition of the properties and any renovation/upgrade works required to the property to bring it up to standard, subject to funding.
- (3) In order to procure and appoint a design team and other consultants as may be required to achieve project delivery, subject to funding.
- (4) In order to submit a planning application(s) 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;
- (5) In order to submit and accept grant applications to secure funding towards the cost of the project.
- (6) In order that the Legal Team can prepare, execute, and complete all legal documentation required to acquire the properties, and procure and facilitate the delivery of the project.
- (7) To ensure that the Council relinquish the lease for Hen Goleg and appropriate delegations were in place to deal with the attendant Landlord and Tenant matters associated with the lease termination at the appropriate time.
- (8) To ensure that the scheme was included in the Council's approved Capital Programme.