

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2025

REFERENCE FROM GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:  
15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025

“278 FINAL DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2024/25 (REF) –

The reference from Cabinet of 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 as contained within the agenda was presented.

Councillor M. Hooper commented that it was positive to see comments made by the Committee and other Committees reflected upon within the updated document and he was pleased to see that an easy-to-read version would be produced.

Councillor E. Goodjohn stated that the response to the consultation had been very good. He added that it would also be good to have more engagement with Town and Community Councils as a way of strengthening their perception of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Councillor Goodjohn also referred to the Joint Scrutiny session in which there were comments made around insufficient communication by the Council, and so he considered that there was evidence to show that the evaluation made in the Engagement and Insight Assessment of the Vale of Glamorgan within the Final Draft Annual Self-Assessment report 2024/25 should be amended from ‘Good’ to ‘Fair’. That would better reflect the Council’s performance and where it wanted to be in terms of delivering for its residents.

In response, the Director of Corporate Resources stated that in terms of Town and Community Councils, the Place Making process had seen relationships develop in more robust ways and there was a challenge to ensure that relationships were strengthened with all Town and Community Councils, particularly with the Council engaging as early as possible and in the ways that it communicated the Self-Assessment. In terms of the Engagement and Insight Assessment, the Director commented that the work of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Review Group into communication would be important. The rationale for the judgement of ‘Good’ included the range of focus and activities undertaken by the Council over the year.

Councillor J. Protheroe commented that she understood the comments made in regard to how the Council interacted with the Town and Community Councils, and there was more development that could be made. Councillor Protheroe also commented on the rejection of the recommendation to bring in capped procurement.

Subsequently, it was

## RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report / reference be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for their consideration with the following recommendation that the Engagement and Insight Assessment of the Vale of Glamorgan within the Final Draft Annual Self-Assessment report 2024/25 be amended from 'Good' to 'Fair'.

### Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report, reference and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To enable the Governance and Audit Committee to consider the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment findings in line with its statutory role, under Part 6 (section 114) of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021. To also ensure that Cabinet considers the proposed change of rating for the Engagement and Insight assessment to better reflect the Council's performance and where it wants to be as a Council in terms of delivering to its residents."