

## **CABINET**

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The Meeting recording is available [here](#).

Present: 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 and Dr. I.J. Johnson.

### **C155 ANNOUNCEMENT –**

Attendees were advised 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.

### **C156 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

### **C157 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **C158 PROCUREMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEW (REF) –**

The reference from Resources Scrutiny Committee which took place on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 was presented.

Comments from the Committee were presented in the reference with two recommendations for Cabinet consideration which were to ensure the clear and consistent use of the terms 'social value' and 'community wellbeing benefits' in the Procurement Policy and Strategy document and that a Local Spend Action Plan, to include a Local Supplier Directory, be created and included in the Procurement Policy and Strategy.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the clear and consistent use of the terms 'social value' and 'community wellbeing benefits' in the Procurement Policy and Strategy document be referred to relevant Officers for action.

(2) T H A T the matter be referred to the Economy Team, in conjunction with the Procurement Team, to advise the best way forward to ensure the Council could attract suppliers from the local community.

Reason for decisions

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

**C159 Q2 SICKNESS ABSENCE REPORT 2025/2026 (REF) –**

The reference from Resources Scrutiny Committee which took place on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 was presented.

Comments from the Committee were presented in the reference with a lot of discussion and related recommendation concerning the ending of the Time to Change Wales programme which was linked to mental health challenges. The Vale of Glamorgan had a Mental Wellbeing Champion and champions throughout the Council.

RESOLVED – T H A T it be clarified how mental health support would continue to be provided so staff were aware how to access support as required.

Reason for decision

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

**C160 VALE 2030 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 2 2025/26 (REF) –**

A reference from Joint Performance Scrutiny Committee which took place on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 was expected at the meeting, however no formal recommendations were passed for Cabinet consideration at the meeting. The Chief Executive did confirm that the comments of the Committee would be noted and recorded in the associated minutes of the meeting, which included:-

- discussion on school budgets and support provided for schools;
- missed benefit claims and integrated support provided for benefit claimants;
- how the Council used data and evidence as part of assessments;
- Youth Services;
- food strategies;
- housing and future plans;
- the fragility of bus services in the rural Vale of Glamorgan;
- transfers between primary and secondary schools for Welsh medium schools; and
- how the Council addressed public feedback.

One further matter concerned the shape that scrutiny should take going forward, which was a matter that would continue to be monitored as Joint Performance Scrutiny Committee evolved under the new Reshaping Scrutiny proposals. The creation of a performance dashboard was being explored for Members to be able to more easily access information and make performance monitoring effective and accessible as possible.

RESOLVED – T H A T the report and comments of the Joint Performance Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C161 PRECEPT PAYMENT DATES 2026/27 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to seek approval for the payment of precepts for 2026/27.

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 payment due to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales be paid in 12 equal instalments on the last working day of each month.

(2) T H A T payment due to Town and Community Councils be paid in 3 equal instalments on the last working days of April, August and December 2026.

Reason for decisions

(1-2) The dates were determined to optimise the Council's cash flow in line with the regulations.

**C162 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2026/27 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to seek approval for the Council Tax Base for 2026/27.

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 pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations, the amount calculated by the Vale of Glamorgan Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2026/27 shall be:

- For the whole area: 64,634
- For the area of Town and Community Councils:

Barry	21,575	Pendoylan	377
Colwinston	374	Penllyn	1,229
Cowbridge with Llanblethian	3,040	Peterston-Super-Ely	558
Dinas Powys	4,067	Rhoose	3,258
Ewenny	466	St. Athan	1,832
Llancarfan	494	St. Brides Major	1,507
Llandough	981	St. Donats	224
Llandow	450	St. Georges and St. Brides-Super-Ely	243
Llanfair	394	St. Nicholas and Bonvilston	799
Llangan	481	Sully & Lavernock	2,896
Llanmaes	249	Welsh St. Donats	331
Llantwit Major	4,417	Wenvoe	1,572
Michaelston	256	Wick	554
Penarth	12,010		

#### Reason for decision

It was essential that the Council Tax Base was set in order that it could be submitted to the Welsh Government and used by Councils and levying bodies to set their precepts.

#### **C163 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to confirm the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2026/27 based on regulations and to reconfirm the Council's discretions.

This was a matter for Executive decision and referral to Full Council for consideration.

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

**RESOLVED –**

(1) T H A T Cabinet recommended to Full Council that the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations SI 2013/3029 (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 SI 2014/66 be adopted.

(2) T H A T any amendments to Regulations made by the Welsh Government were reflected in the scheme.

(3) T H A T the national scheme be adopted with the following discretions:

- That the Council should continue to allow Extended Payments up to a maximum of 4 weeks.
- That the Council should continue to disregard War Widow and War Disablement pensions in assessing income for Council Tax Reduction.
- That the Council should continue to allow Backdated Reductions for a period up to 26 weeks.

**Reasons for decisions**

(1) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2026 and be in place for implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.

(2) To ensure that the Council's scheme continued to comply with regulation.

(3) To reconfirm the three local discretions.

**C164 COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS ON LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES AND SECOND HOMES (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to seek approval for the policy to be adopted for Council Tax Long Term Empty Properties and Second Homes for 2026/27.

The recommendations remained largely the same as was proposed the previous year, with two amendments to address unintended consequences that had been noted over the previous year concerning discretionary exemptions. Both amendments sought to remove any disincentives for potential purchasers to take on an empty property and bring it back into habitable use.

This was a matter for Executive decision and referral to Full Council for consideration.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the following be referred to Full Council for consideration:-

- That the policy to not grant any level of discount for unoccupied dwellings that have remained so for 6 months which was agreed for 2025/26, be agreed for 2026/27.
- That the long-term empty property premium of 100% agreed by Full Council on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 for the 2025/26 financial year continue for such properties from 2026/27 that remain so for the period up to (but not including) 24 months.
- That the long-term empty property premium of 150% agreed by Full Council on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 for the 2025/26 financial year continue for such properties from 2026/27 that remain so for a continuous period of 24 months up to (but not including) 36 months.
- That the long-term empty property premium of 200% agreed by Full Council on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 for the 2025-26 financial year continue for such properties from 2026/27 that remain so for a continuous period of 36 months or more.
- That the premium of 100% for periodically occupied properties for the 2025/26 financial year agreed on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 be reaffirmed and continue for 2026/27.

(2) T H A T a discretionary exception from the long term empty property premium for a period of up to 3 months (or the date that property becomes occupied depending on which is earlier) be agreed, where a long term empty property had been purchased and the new owner was either not related to the vendor or they could provide evidence that the sale had been completed for a genuine market value. The exception would take effect for purchases that complete after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026 and be relevant to the 2026/27 financial year.

(3) T H A T a discretionary exception from the long-term empty property premium for a period of up to 12 months (or the date that property becomes occupied depending on which was earlier) be agreed, where the vendor of the long-term empty property had already received a Class A exemption and the property still required major structural repairs. To qualify for the exception the property must have been purchased, and the new owner must either not be related to the vendor, or they must provide evidence that the sale had been completed for a genuine market value. The new owner must also provide evidence of the work required or the work be proven by inspection. The exception would take effect for purchases that complete after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026 and be relevant to the 2026/27 financial year.

Reasons for decisions

(1) The Council was required to determine its policy on discounts in relation to unoccupied dwellings as defined in classes A, B and C to the Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 1998 each year. The Council

was required to determine its policy regarding premiums in respect of long-term empty properties and periodically occupied properties as defined in Sections 12A and 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as inserted by the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

(2) To remove a disincentive for potential purchasers to take on such a property knowing they may be eligible for an increased level of Council Tax charge and could result in long-term empty properties remaining unoccupied. It was felt that a period of 3 months would be sufficient for any general refurbishment work to be completed or for tenancies to be ceased on previous residencies and the property to become occupied.

(3) To remove a disincentive for potential purchasers to take on such a property knowing they may be eligible for an increased level of Council Tax charge and could result in long-term empty properties in a serious state of disrepair remaining in that condition. A period of 12 months exception to the premium would be in line with the duration that would be granted for the equivalent Class A exemption.

**C165 VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL: SCHOOL BALANCES (EL/PR)  
(SCRUTINY – START WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to advise Members of the findings of the Auditor General for Wales' review of school deficit balances.

It was intended that the report be referred to the Start Well Scrutiny Committee and Governance and Audit Committee for consideration in the new year which would be the opportunity for Members to have a thorough discussion on the matter, with any recommendations being referred back to Cabinet for consideration accordingly.

Councillor Birch said it was a matter of concern for the schools involved, but wanted to assure the public, Members and school governors that the Finance Department was providing support and robust challenge regarding those budget positions with accountants assisting to advise where savings were possible to be made to allow schools to operate efficiently, provide value for money and ensure the best education for the children.

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 current position of school balances be noted.

(2) T H A T the findings from Audit Wales' review of School Balances (Appendix A), and the response to the review findings and Audit Wales' recommendations (Appendix B), including the proposed new corporate risk on School deficits (Appendix C) be noted.

(3) T H A T, subject to Resolution (2), the report be referred to the Start Well Scrutiny Committee (19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026) and thereafter to Governance and Audit Committee (23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026) for their oversight with any recommendations from both Committees referred back to Cabinet for their consideration and endorsement of the proposed Council actions (Appendices B and C) and to address the recommendations.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To update Cabinet on the current position of school deficits.
- (2) To provide for scrutiny of the findings of Audit Wales' review of the School Balances.
- (3) To ensure the Council responds appropriately and implements areas of improvement as identified by Audit Wales.

#### **C166 UPDATE ON SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOR LEARNING PROGRAMME (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – START WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to proceed with stage two contract for Ysgol lolo Morganwg.

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 proceeding with the Stage two contract for Ysgol lolo Morganwg Primary School with Kier be approved.
- (2) T H A T the increase to the project and rolling programme to enable the Sustainable Communities for Learning (SCfL) team to submit the Full Business Case to Welsh Government be approved.
- (3) T H A T the increase and reprofile of this scheme within the Capital Programmes set out in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.6 be approved.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To allow the Ysgol lolo Morganwg Primary School Scheme to proceed to next stages of project delivery.
- (2) To increase the project and programme costs by a further £4,257,756 taking the project budget to £22,311,756 and a projected programme envelope to



£89,839,053 (excluding £2.5m S106 land addition for Ysgol Iolo Morganwg). That would allow the team to proceed with the submission of the Full Business Case.

(3) To amend the Capital Programme so that the Ysgol Iolo Morganwg scheme could progress.

**C167 PROCUREMENT OF PENARTH ESCARPMENT – SLOPE STABILISATION WORKS (NBS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to provide an update on the scheme and obtain delegated authority to award and execute the contract for the implementation of Penarth Escarpment Slope Stabilisation Works.

Councillor Wilson said that the Penarth escarpment had suffered multiple landslips, most recently in October 2025, creating an on-going safety risk to the marina boat yard and car parks at the base of the slope. The Council owned the land and was legally required to indemnify the leaseholder against slips and failures affecting the area. A single joint expert report confirmed significant safety risks and identified the need long-term stabilisation. The proposed solution was for a secure and robust anchored steel netting system along the escarpment to make future landslips negligible or unlikely, address public and operational safety risks, enable reinstatement of insurance cover and settle the Lessee's claim against the Council.

The programme for implementation of the slope stabilisation works would be agreed with and managed in conjunction with the Lessee to minimise disruption to the marina and to the public, as well as reduce the risk for future exposure to Lessee claims and have insurance in the area.

Councillor Wilson noted that his Portfolio title was incorrect in Recommendation (2), which was noted and would be amended accordingly.

The Leader said that the work would make a real difference to people living in the area.

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 detail and progress regarding the implementation of the Slope Stabilisation Scheme at Penarth Marina be noted.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Neighbourhood Services, Head of Finance/S151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services, to award the contract to the most economically advantageous tenderer in accordance with the contract terms.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Service to draft and execute the contract for the award of the Penarth Escarpment – Slope Stabilisation Works contract.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) For information purposes.
- (2) To ensure compliance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- (3) To deal efficiently and promptly with the award and management of the contract following the procurement process.

**C168 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – PACKAGE DEAL AT CLIVE ROAD, ST ATHAN (PSHTE) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to inform Cabinet of a proposal to enter into a package deal contract with Edenstone Homes Ltd, for the delivery of 51no. new Council homes for social rent at Clive Road, St Athan.

Councillor Perkes said that the proposal was for much needed Council houses in the Western Vale of Glamorgan in St Athan and the confidential aspects would be discussed in the associated Part II matter on the agenda.

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 Edenstone Homes Ltd for the delivery of 51no. new Council homes at Clive Road, St Athan 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 noted.

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 this proposed development of new Council owned homes.

## **C169            LOCAL LETTINGS POLICIES (PHSTE) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to approve an approach to local lettings which balanced the need to support existing communities with the Council's obligations to rehouse households who were in greatest need.

Councillor Perkes noted that the proposal was considered and accepted by the Place Scrutiny Committee, with no comments or suggestions for changes put forward for Cabinet consideration.

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 was considered and accepted by the Place Scrutiny Committee, with no comments or suggestions for changes put forward.
- (2)     T H A T the proposal be approved that local lettings policies should continue to be applied on rural exception sites and in minor rural settlements and those policies remain in perpetuity i.e. for future relets of existing social rented homes.
- (3)     T H A T the use of a cascade / staged approach to be utilised in future for all new lets (which were not on rural exception sites or within minor rural settlements) be approved.
- (4)     T H A T the list of minor rural settlements where local lettings policies would apply be reviewed following the adoption of the Replacement Local Development Plan.

### **Reasons for decisions**

- (1)     To provide Place Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to consider and comment on the draft proposal, prior to a Cabinet decision.
- (2)     To ensure that homes were let in accordance with planning requirements and homes in minor rural settlements were available to applicants with local connections to that area.
- (3)     To ensure that the Council could balance the need to support and sustain rural communities with the Council's obligations to rehouse households in greatest need, including homeless people and that social housing was accessed by households with a recognised housing need.
- (4)     To ensure consistency with the Council's latest planning policy framework.

**C170            6 CASTLE GREEN, HOUSING REFURBISHMENT PROJECT  
2025/26 (PHSTE) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to request Cabinet approval for delegated authority to accept the most advantageous tender and execute the contract for the Housing 6 Castle Green Refurbishment Project 2025/26.

Councillor Perkes said that the confidential aspects would be discussed in the associated Part II matter 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, with a view to taking decisions on the award of the contract detailed within the Part II report later on the agenda.

Reason for decision

To advise of the current position with the particular contract.

**C171            VALE OF GLAMORGAN DEPOSIT REPLACEMENT LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RLDP) 2021-2036, REVISED DELIVERY AGREEMENT  
AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – PLACE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek approval of the revised Delivery Agreement for submission to the Welsh Government and endorsement of the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Deposit Plan and supporting documents for public consultation.

Councillor Sivagnanam said the proposal was a significant milestone in terms of shaping the future for communities in the Vale of Glamorgan, ensuring sustainable growth, jobs and infrastructure that residents required. Consultation and engagement had taken place with residents and stakeholders at every stage and Full Council in September 2024 approved the Preferred Strategy which set out the vision and objectives for the future as well as identifying the levels of growth planned for the Vale of Glamorgan and where growth should be located.

The Deposit Plan was the next formal stage in the process, setting the detailed planning policy framework to address some of the Vale of Glamorgan's key challenges, including affordable housing, responding to climate change and the nature emergency, Placemaking and improving the health and wellbeing of residents.

An extensive evidence base would support the Deposit Plan, including a Green Infrastructure Strategy and Supplementary Planning Guidance on healthy Placemaking which would be published alongside the Deposit RLDP and form part of the consultation process.

This was a matter for Executive decision and referral to Full Cabinet for consideration.

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

#### RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the report and the implications for the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) timetable be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Place Scrutiny Committee for their consideration on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Following their consideration, the Place Scrutiny Committee refers any recommendations back to Cabinet (8<sup>th</sup> January 2026) for their final consideration prior to Cabinet referring this report with the recommendations of the Place Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet's responses to Full Council (12<sup>th</sup> January 2026) for consideration and approval. Should Place Scrutiny Committee have no further recommendations to refer to Cabinet for consideration, that the report be referred to Full Council (12<sup>th</sup> January 2026) for:

a) Approval of the RLDP revised Delivery Agreement and submission to Welsh Government for their formal approval.

b) Approval of the Deposit Replacement Local Development Plan and supporting documents, including the draft Green Infrastructure Strategy and draft Healthy Placemaking Supplementary Planning Guidance for public consultation.

(3) T H A T following Welsh Government approval of the revised Delivery Agreement, copies be made available for inspection at the Council's principal office during normal office hours and published on the Council's web site.

(4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Sustainable Development to make any further typographical or other minor amendments to the revised Delivery Agreement as required by the Welsh Government, and to the Deposit RLDP and supporting documents.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To advise Council of the progress made on the RLDP.

(2) To approve the revisions to the Council's revised Delivery Agreement and to enable public consultation of the Deposit in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

(3) To comply with Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

(4) To make typographical or minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet or Full Council approval.

## **C172 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.

## **C173 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – PACKAGE DEAL AT CLIVE ROAD, ST ATHAN (PSHTE) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14) (SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to inform Cabinet of a proposal to enter into a package deal contract with Edenstone Homes Ltd, for the delivery of 51no. new Council homes for social rent at Clive Road, St Athan (the Scheme).

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 subject to the Scheme being financially viable in accordance with the Council's Development Viability Appraisal Criteria, agreeing a land value for the land at Clive Road, St Athan and Edenstone Homes Ltd obtaining planning permission for the development; 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 accept the offer and contract sum from Edenstone Homes Ltd and agree terms and conditions to enter into a package deal contract for the acquisition of the land at Clive Road, St Athan and the development of the site in its entirety.

(2) T H A T subject to the conditions of Resolution (1), the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to agree, prepare, execute and complete as necessary all contracts and agreements required to procure and facilitate the delivery of the Scheme at Clive Road, St Athan. This would include all necessary third-party agreements with the Statutory Authorities.

(3) T H A T authority to publish a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency ("VEAT") Notice in respect of the package deal contract with Edenstone Land Ltd, in

the Official Journal of the European Union via the Sell2Wales portal be granted.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To progress the Scheme and accept a tendered sum from and award a contract to Edenstone Homes Ltd.
- (2) To allow the Council to enter into a package deal contract with Edenstone Homes Ltd.
- (3) 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.

**C174 6 CASTLE GREEN, HOUSING REFURBISHMENT PROJECT  
2025/26 (PHSTE) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 14 AND 12A)  
(SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to request Cabinet approval for delegated authority to accept the most advantageous tender and execute the contract for the 6 Castle Green, Housing Refurbishment Project 2025/26.

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 award of the 6 Castle Green Housing Refurbishment Project 2025/26 contract to ARC Contracting Ltd be approved.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing and Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement to accept to the most advantageous tender and to prepare and execute a Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT) Intermediate Contract 2016 with ARC Contracting Ltd.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To comply with the Council's Contract Standing Orders, which require contracts with a value in excess of £300k to be agreed by Cabinet.
- (2) To enable the contract documentation to be finalised with the successful contractor.