

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 9th September, 2019.

Present: Councillor Christine Cave (Mayor); Councillors Julie Aviet, Rhiannon Birch, Jonathan Bird, Bronwen Brooks, Lis Burnett, George Carroll, Janice Charles, Millie Collins, Geoff Cox, Robert Crowley, Andrew Davies, Pamela Drake, Vincent Driscoll, Stewart Edwards, Ben Gray, Stephen Griffiths, Sally Hanks, Nic Hodges, Hunter Jarvie, Gwyn John, Dr. Ian Johnson, Gordon Kemp, Peter King, Kevin Mahoney, Kathryn McCaffer, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Michael Morgan, Jayne Norman, Rachel Nugent-Finn, Andrew Parker, Bob Penrose, Sandra Perkes, Leighton Rowlands, Ruba Sivagnanam, John Thomas, Neil Thomas, Steffan Wiliam, Margaret Wilkinson, Edward Williams, Mark Wilson and Marguerita Wright.

257 LATE FORMER COUNCILLOR MAUREEN KELLY OWEN –

The Mayor made reference to the recent sad passing of former Councillor Maureen Kelly Owen and Members of the Council stood in a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

258 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

Apologies were received from Councillor Vincent Bailey, Owen Griffiths, Anthony Hampton and Andrew Robertson.

259 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

The following declarations were received:

Councillor L. Burnett	Agenda Item No. 11(a) – Family member in Welsh medium education – personal and prejudicial interest – Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee to speak and vote on such matters.
Councillor N.P. Hodges	Agenda Item No. 11(a) – Local Authority appointed Governor at Ysgol Sant Baruc and also his wife was a Local Authority appointed Governor at the same school and was the Vice-Chairman of Governors – Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee to speak and vote on such matters.

260 MINUTES –

Councillor Kemp, referring to page 21, paragraph 3, of the minutes referred to the Leader's previous comments regarding the Labour candidates' election literature and moved the following amendment to insert at the end of the second sentence the following additional wording:

“and intimated that election literature was not to be accepted at face value.”

The Amendment was duly seconded by Councillor Rowlands.

On being put to a vote, the Amendment was lost.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 29th July, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

261 ANNOUNCEMENTS –

The Mayor made the following announcements:

That she had attended a recent wreath laying ceremony in Barry to commemorate the Battle of Britain memorial and thanked Barry RAFA. She also thanked the Merchant Navy for arranging a Flag Raising Ceremony commemorating Merchant Navy Day.

She had also met with the Community Health Council to discuss issues regarding dementia and she would continue with the support of the Chairman of the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee to raise awareness of dementia and the importance of equitable and quality of care available for families affected by dementia.

She had taken part, with her Consort, in the Barry Island 10K race and had both finished with respectable times and thanked the many volunteers for making the event successful.

She had received a number of invitations to attend village shows, fetes and other community fund raising events and highlighted the hard work of charities and volunteers and thanked them for their efforts that would not go unnoticed and reminded Members of the Mayor's Foundation which existed to support charities and volunteers. A leaflet was currently being prepared for circulation promoting the Foundation and encouraged Members to make this available to raise awareness and take up in their local communities.

She reminded Members that her Civic Sunday would be taking place later in the month and this would be a celebration of volunteering in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Leader announced that he had mentioned at the last meeting of the Council that he would be personally carrying out his own informal review of the Llancarfan Primary School decision by the Council's previous Administration. He had

concluded that he would not be bringing any report to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

262 NOTICE OF MOTION –

The following Notice of Motion (submitted by Councillors Mrs. J.E. Charles and A.R.T. Davies) had been included on the agenda for discussion:

“The Vale of Glamorgan Council:

- Regrets proposals which could lead to the closure of the Sam Davies Ward;
- Fears the impacts the closure of the ward will have, and the additional pressures it will place on ambulance staff;
- Shares trade union concerns in relation to the proposals and consultation;
- Calls on the Welsh Government to ring fence additional funds recently announced by Westminster to support the ward and local medical services.”

Referring to her Motion and to the specialist nature of services currently provided at the Sam Davies Ward (Barry Hospital) and their importance to the local community, Councillor Charles disagreed with the Health Board proposals, arguing that these already existed and provided for at the Sam Davies Ward. She could not accept the Health Board’s argument that services would be delivered closer to home, indeed she considered that the proposals were anything but that. Citing the nature of the complex services provided at the Ward and to her own personal family experience of using the services provided, which she applauded, she reminded Members that those same services had been recognised and copied across Wales. From a patient’s perspective she was aware that those attending Llandough and the University Hospital Wales (UHW) Cardiff had encountered unacceptably long periods waiting for treatment. She also took the view that there was a lack of good community care for patients to allow them to stay at home which was compounded by a shortage of community care nursing. Alluding to the Health Board’s reference to the importance of day wards, it had not escaped her attention that another ward at the Hospital had closed some 18 months previous. Reiterating the importance of the care and facilities provided, she was also concerned of the financial and emotional impact on patients and families who would be required to journey further to receive treatment or to visit family members. In summing up, she called upon all Members to support her Motion and to save the community hospital and write to the Cardiff and Vale Health Board and Welsh Government demanding that the Sam Davies Ward remained open.

Councillor Davies formally seconded the Motion.

Councillor Davies, in support of the Motion, indicated that he had met previously with representatives of the Community Health Council who had raised reservations about the Health Board’s proposals and had indicated to him that they had yet to give their approval. He considered that it was vital to understand the role of the facility to residents of the Vale of Glamorgan and he was also conscious that many services had already moved to Llandough Hospital over previous years and then again moved on to the UHW which meant that patients and families had to travel further

afield. Accordingly, he considered it vital that the Council signalled its intention to support campaigners, users and residents from the Vale of Glamorgan and support the Motion.

Indicating his support for the Sam Davies Ward, Councillor John echoed previous comments regarding the ability of residents to commute further afield to Llandough Hospital or the UHW to receive treatment in the event of the closure of the Ward. Notwithstanding the excellent service provided by the Hospital, it was clearly obvious that it was less problematic for residents who lived in the western part of the Vale to commute to Barry to visit family members. He feared that the Health Board had not taken into consideration all the problems that would affect the public, the relatives and those residents who had no personal transport to get to other facilities located at Llandough Hospital and the UHW.

Councillor Dr. Johnson alluded to the strong feelings expressed in regard to the importance of the Sam Davies Ward for the community of Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan and viewed the issue as being a problem of a proposal being put forward for centralisation of services without the case first being made prior to the public and users having an understanding of what was actually going on. Referring to his gratitude to Trade Unions and staff who were under great pressure and unhappy with the attitude of the Health Board, considered their recent publication of an engagement strategy to be unhelpful as it did not constitute consultation. Accordingly, he intimated that it would be helpful if plans were put in place to invite representatives of the Health Board to a meeting of the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee with a view to holding the Health Board to account for its proposals. Referring to the Motion, he considered that it could be strengthened further and accordingly he moved the following Amendment to add additional point 5:

“That the Vale of Glamorgan Council is concerned that Barry Hospital faces a death by a thousand cuts and calls on the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to publish a strategy for the long term future of Barry Hospital”.

The Amendment was duly seconded by Councillor Hodges.

At this juncture, the Mayor enquired of Councillor Charles as the Mover of the original Motion if she was content with the proposed Amendment.

In response, Councillor Charles indicated that due to the proposed wording she could not accept the proposed Amendment unless Councillor Dr. Johnson amended it to remove the narrative – “faces a death by a thousand cuts”.

Councillor Dr. Johnson, acknowledging the point made by Councillor Charles, agreed to alter the wording of his Amendment to:

“That the Vale of Glamorgan Council is concerned that Barry Hospital has an uncertain future and calls on the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to publish a strategy for the long term future of Barry Hospital”.

Councillors Charles and Davies indicated their agreement to the proposed Amendment.

The Amendment was duly seconded by Councillor Hodges.

Councillor Rowlands highlighted the many benefits patients and family members received from the facilities provided at the Sam Davies Ward. He was also concerned that the Health Board were ignoring their own evidence that stays at other hospitals were longer than at the Sam Davies Ward and he feared that any decision to move the current facility to Llandough and the UHW would have an adverse impact on patients receiving treatment in the future. He concurred wholeheartedly with the comments made by Councillor Charles and also echoed the comments of Councillor Dr. Johnson in that the engagement strategy was not meaningful consultation. Accordingly he indicated that he would be supporting the Motion.

Councillor Perkes indicated that she fully supported the first three points of the Councillor Charles' Motion, acknowledging the importance of the current facilities provided at Barry Hospital for all residents, including herself and her family who had used the Hospital on a number of occasions. She was also concerned for staff currently employed at the Hospital and patients who used the facility. She indicated that it was her intention to amend the fourth point of the Motion by deleting the same and replacing it with a new point 4 and accordingly she Moved the following Amendment:

“Agrees that the Council write to the UHB stating its concern at the proposed closure of Sam Davies Ward and ask for clarification on what the future plans the UHB have for Barry Hospital and the patients who will be directly affected.”

The Amendment was duly seconded by Councillor A. Moore.

Councillor Charles indicated that she was not prepared to accept the proposed Amendment to her original Motion.

The Leader, indicating his support for Councillor Perkes' Amendment, did so as he felt calling on the Welsh Government to ring fence additional funding announced by Westminster as not being practical as he was unsure if the funding had been earmarked for medical services and referring to the fact that the responsibility for Health in Wales was a devolved matter. He supported the consensus that the Ward should not close and he had met with officers of the Health Board recently and had been and provided with relevant documentation and he was aware of arrangements to hold a consultation event on 23rd September at the Barry Memorial Hall. He further indicated that the Health Board had agreed to attend a meeting of the Council's relevant Scrutiny Committee in the near future. Directly referring to the Health Board's proposals, he did not accept the principle put forward by the Health Board as he considered the existing service provided at the Sam Davies Ward was already a step down facility with related services already sited at the Hospital. Accordingly, he did not see the value of the Health Board's proposals. It was important for the Health Board to clarify their future plans for the Hospital as it was clear that many residents of the Vale of Glamorgan considered the proposals to be the death knell for the Hospital. He had been informed by the Health Board that this

was not the case, however he had called upon the Health Board to make their position clear.

Councillor Dr. Johnson, referring to his earlier accepted Amendment, pointed out the similarity proposed by Councillor Perkes' Amendment, as to him, both set out to achieve the same objective. Acknowledging the political point being made in the Motion calling on Welsh Government provide funding which was not strictly correct, he accepted the aim was more about the Welsh Government paying attention to funding issues and therefore this merited its inclusion, but accepted that these two different points could be discussed further.

Councillor Davies concurred with the point made by Councillor Dr. Johnson. Whilst acknowledging that the purpose of the Motion was to engage with the Health Board, he acknowledged that there was an element of resource required and ultimately those resources would come from Westminster and the Welsh Government. He did not agree with Councillor Perkes' Amendment as it would substantially weaken the Motion as without the necessary resources being made available, the Health Board would be between a rock and a hard place.

Councillor Gray, referring to the Motion, considered that it contained no written actions for the Council to take forward with the Health Board and he considered that to be a mistake. He considered that the Amendment put forward by Councillor Dr. Johnson could be improved upon as Councillor Perkes' Amendment was more about the wider future of the Barry Hospital rather than the specific Sam Davies Ward.

Councillor Burnett indicated that she had specific concerns regarding the current wording of the fourth point of the Motion given that it was calling upon the Welsh Government to ring fence additional funding recently announced by Westminster. She reminded Members that no specific funding arrangements had been confirmed to date. She was also concerned that merely asking for an element of funding now would ultimately see the Ward come under threat again in the future due to funding constraints and that was why Councillor Perkes' Amendment would broaden out the exploration of the strategy of the Health Board in terms of the hospital's future.

At this juncture, the Mayor enquired of Councillor Perkes if she still wished her Amendment to go forward. Councillor Perkes confirmed that she wished for her Amendment to be considered, but was content to let it be consolidated with Councillor Dr. Johnson's earlier Amendment.

General discussion ensued with the Mayor providing clarification that the Amendment which would be subject to a vote would be to delete the current point 4 of the Motion and replace the same with a new point 4 which was the consolidated Amendment of Councillor Perkes' and Councillor Dr. Johnson's Amendment (Point 5) as follows:

"That the Vale of Glamorgan Council is concerned that Barry Hospital faces an uncertain future and the Council agrees to write to the Cardiff and Vale UHB stating its concerns at the proposed closure of the Sam Davies Ward and asks the Health

Board to publish a strategy for the long term future of Barry Hospital and the patients who will be directly affected”.

A Recorded Vote then took place on the above Amendment to the Motion.

Members	For	Against	Abstain
Julie Aviet	√		
Rhiannon Birch	√		
Jonathan Bird	√		
Bronwen Brooks	√		
Lis Burnett	√		
George Carroll		√	
Christine Cave		√	
Janice Charles		√	
Millie Collins		√	
Geoff Cox	√		
Robert Crowley		√	
Andrew Davies		√	
Pamela Drake	√		
Vince Driscoll		√	
Stewart Edwards		√	
Ben Gray	√		
Stephen Griffiths		√	
Sally Hanks	√		
Nic Hodges		√	
Hunter Jarvie	√		
Gwyn John	√		
Ian Johnson		√	
Gordon Kemp		√	
Peter King	√		
Kevin Mahoney		√	
Kathryn McCaffer	√		
Anne Moore	√		
Neil Moore	√		
Michael Morgan	√		

Jayne Norman	√		
Rachel Nugent-Finn		√	
Andrew Parker	√		
Bob Penrose		√	
Sandra Perkes	√		
Leighton Rowlands		√	
Ruba Sivagnanam	√		
John Thomas	√		
Neil Thomas	√		
Steffan Wiliam		√	
Margaret Wilkinson	√		
Edward Williams	√		
Mark Wilson	√		
Marguerita Wright		√	
TOTAL	25	18	

The Amendment was duly carried.

Councillor Kemp, speaking to the Motion as amended, referred to his personal family experience of using the facilities at the Sam Davies Ward and generally within the Barry Hospital. Alluding to the earlier discussions, he indicated his personal disappointment that Members had not supported the original Motion and the matter of funding. Given his personal experiences of using the facility at the Barry Hospital, it was his view that the Hospital was not sufficiently funded by the Health Board.

Accordingly, Councillor Kemp Moved the following Amendment to add a new point 5 as follows:

“The Council calls upon the UHB to properly fund the Sam Davies Ward and Barry Hospital”.

Councillor Rowlands formally seconded the Amendment.

The Leader indicated that he was happy to support Councillor Kemp’s proposed Amendment.

Councillor Mahoney, alluding to a long history of Welsh Government removing funding that should be ring fenced had little trust in the Welsh Government or indeed their intentions or their instructions to the Health Board. He also referred to personal family circumstances and the costs associated with transport to the UHW at Cardiff. It had also not been lost on him references made to sustainability and used by the Council and Government circles and considered the Health Board proposals to be at odds with this principle. His general view was that the Council should be raising the

issue of more, additional and improved services being provided locally with the health Hoard as opposed to services being relocated at Llandough and UHW.

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council regrets proposals which could lead to the closure of the Sam Davies Ward;
- (2) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council fears the impacts the closure of the ward will have and the additional pressures it will place on ambulance staff;
- (3) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council shares Trade Union concerns in relation to the proposals and consultation;
- (4) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council is concerned that Barry Hospital faces an uncertain future and the Council agrees to write to the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board stating its concerns at the proposed closure of the Sam Davies Ward and asks the Health Board to publish its strategy for the long term future of Barry Hospital and the patients who will be directly affected.
- (5) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council calls upon the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to properly fund the Sam Davies Ward and Barry Hospital.

263 NOTICE OF MOTION –

The following Notice of Motion (submitted by Councillors G.D.D. Carroll and A.R.T. Davies) had been included on the agenda for discussion:

“The Vale of Glamorgan Council:

- Regrets the Council's decision not to renew the Cowbridge livestock market auctioneer's annual rental agreement;
- Calls on the Council to act on the feasibility report it commissioned that seeks to find an alternative market site;
- Recognises the concerns Cowbridge residents have in relation to the market site;
- Calls on the Council to engage with the community on any redevelopment proposals to seek a broad base of support for any plans that may be brought forward.”

Councillor Carroll, in speaking in support of the above Motion, referred to the benefits of retaining a viable livestock market in Cowbridge and considered it deeply regretful that the previous Administration’s Cabinet had informed the market operators that the lease for the site would not be extended beyond March 2020. He considered the result of this action would almost certainly lead to the closure of the market before a replacement could be found, thus resulting in the permanent end of such an important feature in the town’s heritage. He acknowledged that the Conservative Group were the first to accept that the livestock market could not remain at its current site, but any change in the nature of the agricultural industry

would inevitably result in a new site located out of town. Referring to the aims and objectives of the recently commissioned feasibility report into the market's future in September 2018, he praised the Council for seeking to find a solution. Separately, he called upon the Council to deliver on the recommendations of the feasibility report to ensure that the local heritage of Cowbridge was not destroyed. Alluding to the various parking issues facing town centres, he considered that any proposals delivered by the Council along the lines as proposed by the feasibility report would ultimately backfire should the new proposed parking provision be subject to charging. He considered that any proposals to charge for car parking would create a precedent which could see charging implemented across the whole town, which he could not agree to. Accordingly, he called upon the Council to explain its intentions regarding any proposed car parking charges under any new arrangements for delivering a Cowbridge livestock market. He reiterated his earlier comments that proposals for a new cattle market within Cowbridge should be brought forward at the earliest opportunity so that residents were not kept in the dark and called upon Members to support the Motion.

Councillor Davies formally seconded the Motion.

Councillor Davies, referring to the future of the livestock market, which had been subject to discussion as far as he could recall over the previous 15-20 years, believed that there was a real danger if the current site closed before a new site had been identified. He acknowledged it was not within the Council's financial resources to provide that new site and alluded to the recent feasibility report which had been one of many such reports undertaken over previous years and at considerable cost to the Council and enquired why the Council was determined to serve notice on the market operator in the absence of a viable alternative. He hoped that Members would support the Motion and call for consultation with residents of the town over the wider proposals so that residents had the confidence that the proposals being brought forward by the Council would improve Cowbridge and in particular, parking capacity which would allow for an increase in businesses to the town.

Councillor Rowlands referred to the need for an alternative site to be found before disposing of the current site, and reminded Members of the Cabinet report considered earlier in July when all three Cowbridge Members fully supported its recommendations. Echoing the points previously made by Councillors Carroll and Davies, considered that any disposal before an alternative site being identified as being irresponsible and accordingly he indicated that he would be supporting the Motion.

Councillor Jarvie, being aware that some Members of the Council wished to embarrass the local Members who represented the Ward, suggested that they knew little about the facts. Referring to Councillor Carroll's comments and reminding Members that Councillor Carroll lived 30 miles from Cowbridge and purporting to speak on behalf of the residents of Cowbridge, indicated that residents of Cowbridge were well represented by the three local Members who indeed did speak to residents frequently. He was well aware that there was overwhelming agreement that something had to be done to the current site. Referring to work on the Market which had commenced some time ago when Councillor Kemp was the then Leader of the Council and he the Deputy Leader, reminded Members that the lease at that time

had not been renewed with an annual licence instigated on the basis that an alternative site would be identified. Referring to the improvements that had already been made with the removal of the cattle sheds and the provision of a new car park coming to fruition and the town walls restoration, acknowledged that there was a desire to see the project finalised. He indicated that elements of the Motion he could support, but other parts he could not and consequently he called upon the Welsh Government Shadow Minister for Agriculture to put pressure on his colleagues to provide the funding for an alternative site so that the project could go ahead.

Councillor Parker, echoing the comments of Councillor Jarvie, suggested that the Shadow Minister for Agriculture should stand up for Welsh farmers and hold Ministers to account. A site had been identified, but it was important for the Welsh Government to come forward and provide appropriate funding, without such it was almost certain that the cattle market would close.

Councillor Cox reminded Members that the livestock market had been discussed both within the community of Cowbridge and within the Council as far back as 2001. Referring to the Motion, it was his view that residents of Cowbridge were more concerned with the lack of parking provision within the town and the impact that this was having not just on residents, but also on businesses and provided an explanation of the parking elements contained in the Cabinet report considered earlier in July. Referring to his personal knowledge, condition of the site and to associated parking arrangements, accepted that there was a need for more short term and long term parking, including an area where buses carrying visitors could park. The proposed use of the market site would satisfy these needs, especially given the expansion of Cowbridge and alluded to the Darren Farm development.

Councillor Burnett indicated that she would be not supporting the proposed Motion as it suggested that the Council was not already doing something to address the issue. Referring to point 1 and point 3 of the Motion she reminded Members that in the recent months a number of meetings had been held to discuss the issue. She also referred to an archive copy of the Glamorgan Gem newspaper from April 2012, which was of interest given that it referred to proposals of Councillor Kemp, then the Leader, of his plans to close the market and redevelop it. She also felt that since May 2012, there had been a record of the Council working with the local community on the matter. It was her view that the current site was not delivering the requirements of farmers in the Vale nor the local community and this had also been identified in the recent feasibility report. She had personally met within the last month the local action group and market operator representatives where the issue had been discussed robustly and where they had been informed that the Council was prepared to listen to alternative proposals. Sadly, she indicated she was still waiting for a response. She reiterated that the Council had been engaging and were listening and understood the proposals and would continue to look for an alternative site and continue to work in co-operation with farmers to reinvigorate the farming sector in the area.

Councillor Dr. Johnson, indicating that he was no expert on Cowbridge or the area, acknowledged that residents generally listened to local Councillors. Taking on the point raised by the Cabinet Member regarding the validity of the first point of the Motion and on the understanding that the Cabinet Member had indicated that those

actions were already taking place, suggested that Councillor Carroll may wish to withdraw point 1. Alluding to the earlier debate on the previous Notice of Motion and in the spirit of unanimity, he suggested that it may make more sense to have an Amendment to delete point 1 given the response of the Cabinet Member. Accordingly, Councillor Dr. Johnson Moved the following Amendment:

“Delete point1 of the Motion due to its uncertainty”.

Councillor William formally seconded the Amendment.

Councillor Gray, acknowledging the points raised by Councillor Dr. Johnson and his proposed Amendment, felt that the Motion as tabled generally failed to recognise that the Council was indeed engaging with the community, not recognising the fact that the Council was supporting and intending to act upon the feasibility report therefore he could not support the Motion due to its negative connotations. Whilst he was happy to support Councillor Dr. Johnson’s proposed Amendment, he still could not support the remaining three points due to the manner in which they were worded.

Councillor Carroll indicated that he would not be supporting Councillor Dr. Johnson’s proposed Amendment. It was his and his Group’s view that the closure of the market before an alternative site could be identified would not be supported.

The Leader suggested that there was no confusion as to the licence and echoed the previous points raised by Councillor Jarvie. As the then Leader in 2012, he reminded Council that he had been approached by the Auctioneers to discuss the future management of the site. At that time agreement had been reached that an annual licence would be the mechanism and since that time a new licence had been issued in each year. However, he indicated that even though a new licence had been offered to be renewed for the current year this had not been taken up, therefore, the current operators were occupying the site without a licence as he understood it. In the event of the licence not being renewed it would be the case that the market would cease at the end of March 2020. In relation to the other points raised in the Motion, as far as he was concerned these actions were already being undertaken and accordingly he considered the Motion to be pointless and he would not be supporting it.

A Recorded Vote then took place as indicated below on the above Amendment:

Members	For	Against	Abstain
Julie Aviet		√	
Rhiannon Birch		√	
Jonathan Bird			√
Bronwen Brooks		√	
Lis Burnett		√	
George Carroll		√	
Christine Cave		√	

Janice Charles		√	
Millie Collins	√		
Geoff Cox			√
Robert Crowley		√	
Andrew Davies		√	
Pamela Drake		√	
Vince Driscoll		√	
Stewart Edwards		√	
Ben Gray			√
Stephen Griffiths		√	
Sally Hanks		√	
Nic Hodges	√		
Hunter Jarvie			√
Gwyn John		√	
Ian Johnson	√		
Gordon Kemp		√	
Peter King			√
Kevin Mahoney		√	
Kathryn McCaffer			√
Anne Moore		√	
Neil Moore		√	
Michael Morgan			√
Jayne Norman		√	
Rachel Nugent-Finn		√	
Andrew Parker			√
Bob Penrose		√	
Sandra Perkes		√	
Leighton Rowlands		√	
Ruba Sivagnanam		√	
John Thomas			√
Neil Thomas			√
Steffan Wiliam	√		
Margaret Wilkinson		√	
Edward Williams		√	

Mark Wilson			√
Marguerita Wright		√	
TOTAL	4	28	11

The Amendment was lost.

Councillor Carroll, in summing up and referring to previous comments in regard to the conclusions contained in the feasibility study which his Group supported, stressed the rationale for the inclusion of point 1 in his Motion as it made the point that currently the lease on the site would not be renewed beyond March next year and consequently was not in the spirit of the recommendations contained within the feasibility report because that report made it clear that if the current site closed prior to an alternative site opening and functioning, then in all probability the market would be lost from Cowbridge town forever. It was a key part of the town's heritage, it was something that he personally did not wish to see and he urged Members to support the Motion.

A Recorded Vote then took place as indicated below on the Notice of Motion as submitted:

Members	For	Against	Abstain
Julie Aviet		√	
Rhiannon Birch		√	
Jonathan Bird		√	
Bronwen Brooks		√	
Lis Burnett		√	
George Carroll	√		
Christine Cave	√		
Janice Charles	√		
Millie Collins	√		
Geoff Cox		√	
Robert Crowley	√		
Andrew Davies	√		
Pamela Drake		√	
Vince Driscoll	√		
Stewart Edwards	√		
Ben Gray		√	
Stephen Griffiths	√		
Sally Hanks		√	

Nic Hodges	√		
Hunter Jarvie		√	
Gwyn John		√	
Ian Johnson	√		
Gordon Kemp	√		
Peter King		√	
Kevin Mahoney	√		
Kathryn McCaffer		√	
Anne Moore		√	
Neil Moore		√	
Michael Morgan		√	
Jayne Norman		√	
Rachel Nugent-Finn	√		
Andrew Parker		√	
Bob Penrose		√	
Sandra Perkes		√	
Leighton Rowlands	√		
Ruba Sivagnanam		√	
John Thomas		√	
Neil Thomas		√	
Steffan Wiliam	√		
Margaret Wilkinson		√	
Edward Williams		√	
Mark Wilson		√	
Marguerita Wright	√		
TOTAL	17	26	

RESOLVED – T H A T the Motion be lost.

264 USE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S EMERGENCY POWERS (MD) –

The following use of the Managing Director's Emergency Powers was reported:

(a) 20 Foot Catering Trailer

Purchase of a Catering Trailer for LATC which will need to be included in the capital Programme. This purchase cost will be £46,232 and will be funded from Catering reserves. A waiver was signed by the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer.

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

(b) Membership of Planning Committee and Senior Management Appointment Committee

Following the resignation of Councillor Bird and Councillor Penrose from the Conservative Group, it was necessary to amend the membership of the above Committees as follows until the revised political balance calculations could be confirmed at the Annual Meeting scheduled for 20th May, 2019:

- To provide for two vacancies on the Planning Committee;
- To provide one vacancy on the Senior Management Appointment Committee.

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

(c) Change of Membership of the Democratic Services Committee

The Leader of the Conservative Group requested that Councillor Vincent Bailey be replaced with Councillor Leighton Rowlands on the above Committee with immediate effect.

(Scrutiny - Corporate Performance and Resources)

(d) Additional Schools Capital Schemes 2019/20

On 20th March, 2019 Welsh Government issued a grant offer letter to the Council providing additional capital funding of £1,765,089 for schools. The grant funding could be used in 2018/19 to fund existing capital schemes with the displaced funding to be used in 2019/20 for investment in the improvement of schools.

A list of priority schemes was produced, and as some of those schemes needed to be undertaken during the summer holidays, authorisation to proceed was required as a matter of urgency.

It was requested that approval be given for the schemes to proceed and that the 2019/20 Capital Programme was increased by £1,765,089, being funded from displaced 2018/19 capital funding which will be carried forward between years in a specific capital reserve

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

(e) Change of Memberships on Outside Bodies

At the request of the Leader to replace the representation on the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee as follows:

- The position of Cabinet Member for Regulatory and Legal Services be replaced with Councillor Hunter Jarvie and Councillor Andrew Robertson be replaced with Councillor Gwyn John.

To take immediate effect until the next Local Government elections in view of the forthcoming meetings of the Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee that were scheduled to take place, prior to consideration by Cabinet on 17th June, 2019 of a report in respect of appointments to Outside Bodies.

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

(f) Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Year 2 Renewal

The Authority's ICT Department had entered into a three year contract for Microsoft Licensing with Phoenix Software Ltd. Following a planned Software Asset Management (SAM) report, it was discovered that the Authority had a licence shortfall in a number of areas and in order to remain compliant it was necessary to add a number of licences to the existing contract, therefore raising the cost of renewal for the second year from £387k to £473,105.72. Emergency Powers were sought to award the contract. At present it is not possible to predict the cost for Year 3 but if all specifications remain the same, Year 3 will also be £473,105.72.

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

(g) Change of Membership on Outside Bodies

Following the change in Administration, appointments were made as below in view of a meeting of the Welsh Local Government Association Council scheduled to take place on 14th June, 2019 prior to the consideration by Cabinet of a report on Appointments to Outside Bodies on 17th June, 2019.

- Welsh Local Government Association: Council – Leader, Councillor Neil Moore, Deputy Leader, Councillor Lis Burnett and Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, Councillor Ben Gray;
- Welsh Local Government Association Executive Board – Leader, Councillor Neil Moore;

The appointments to take immediate effect until the next Local Government elections.

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

(h) Change of Membership on Committees and Outside Bodies

Following the change in Administration, Emergency Powers were sought to amend the membership on Council Committees and Outside Bodies as below in view of impending meetings:

- Councillor Gwyn John, Leader of the Llantwit Major First Independent Group advised that Councillor Sally Hanks will replace him on the Senior Management Appointment Committee with immediate effect;
- Councillor Vincent Bailey, Leader of the Conservative Group, advised that Councillor Christine Cave will replace Councillor Janice Charles on the Appeals Committee with immediate effect.
- South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority: Councillors Robert Crowley and Kathryn McCaffer replaced with Councillors Pamela Drake and Hunter Jarvie with immediate effect until the next Local Government elections;
- Cardiff and Vale College Board of Governors: Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture replaced with Councillor Ben Gray with immediate effect until the next Local Government elections;

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

(i) Membership of Appeals Panel

The Appeals Panel was established by Full Council in June 2013 to consider appeals by employees in respect of the dismissal decision for reasons related to conduct and capability and in respect of Stage 3 Grievance Appeals. In light of the change of the Administration of the Council Emergency Powers were sought to appoint a pool of three Elected Members from which one Member would be drawn and appointed to the Panel. The pool of three Members being determined by nominations from the Group Leaders for the three largest political parties.

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

(j) Change of Membership on the Standards Committee

Councillor Vincent Bailey, Leader of the Conservative Group, advised that Councillor Marguerita Wright would replace Councillor Leighton Rowlands on the Standards Committee with immediate effect.

(Scrutiny – Corporate Performance and Resources)

265 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION: OFFICER DELEGATIONS (MO / HLDS) –

The report sought Council's approval to make the following minor amendments / additions to the Council's Constitution and Officer Delegations.

(i) “Head of Regeneration and Planning:

To approve the making, and where necessary the extension of, temporary traffic regulation orders relating to temporary road closures in respect of filming after consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and notification to the Director of Environment and Housing

This is to enable an additional officer delegation within the Council's Constitution in relation to the Head of Regeneration and Planning to approve the making, and where necessary the extension of, temporary traffic regulations relating to temporary road closures for filming.”

(ii) THAT a change be made to the Audit Committee commentary under Chairing of the Committee (paragraph 13.16(k) refers) "to include reference to both the Chairman and Vice Chairman roles as below:

Chairing the Committee

The Audit Committee shall be chaired and vice-chaired by persons elected by its members. The Chairman and Vice Chairman may be a Vale of Glamorgan Councillor or a lay member, but must not be a member of any Group which has Members on the Executive.”

This it to provide for an amendment to the commentary relating to the Chairing of the Audit Committee to include reference to the Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED – T H A T the changes to Officer Delegations as set out above be approved and the Council’s Constitution be amended accordingly.

Reason for decision

To update the Officer Delegation Scheme to reflect current structures and relevant provisions within the current Constitution.

266 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/19 (S1510) –

The Leader, in referring to the purpose of the report, sought the Council’s approval of the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement and agree the Final Letter of Representation for 2018/19.

He referred to the Wales Audit Office (WAO) as the body responsible for undertaking the internal audit work within the Vale of Glamorgan Council and under the Accounts and Audit Wales Amendments Regulations 2014 as amended; the Council and the Auditor General were required to meet earlier statutory deadlines with regard to the closure of accounts by 15th June, 2019. Under the amended Regulations, these revised deadlines were being phased in with the final change taking effect from 2020/21 with a deadline of 31st May, 2021. In the Audit of Financial Statements Report, the WAO had acknowledged that in terms of the 2018/19 Financial Statements, Council officers had engaged with the WAO well to substantially

complete the Audit within the 8 week period and thanked the relevant officers for their efforts.

In his proposed audit report to the Council, the Auditor General had stated that the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the financial position of the Vale of Glamorgan Council as at 31st March, 2019 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended and had been properly prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2018/19. He had also stated that it was the intention of the Appointed Auditor to issue an unqualified audit report on the Financial Statements once the relevant Council officers had provided a signed Final Letter of Representation. Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations, the Statement of Accounts must be approved before 15th September and signed and dated by the Mayor as Chairman of the Council and in addition the Annual Governance Statement needed to be formally approved by the Council and signed and dated by the Leader of the Council.

The Leader also alluded to the Audit Committee meeting on 3rd September, 2019 which considered an agenda item entitled "Audit of the 2018/19 Financial Statements: Reporting to Those Charged with Governance". Audit Committee recommended that the report of the Wales Audit Office be approved and that the 2018/19 Financial Statements, including the Final Letter of Representation and the Annual Governance Statement be recommended for signature by those authorised.

The Leader moved that the Letter of Representation to the Wales Audit Office for 2018/19 be noted and agreed and signed and dated by the Mayor as Chairman of the Council. Secondly, that the Annual Governance Statement (within the Statement of Accounts) for 2018/19 be approved and signed and dated by himself as Leader of the Council, and thirdly, that the Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 be approved and signed and dated by the Mayor as Chairman of the Council. This was duly seconded by the Deputy Leader.

Councillor Carroll, referring to the report before Council and as the Chairman of the Audit Committee, indicated that proposals set out in the report had had the support of the Conservative Group.

Councillor Wilson, echoing the comments of the Leader, thanked officers for their efforts in producing the Statement of Accounts in a timely manner, especially given the high approval rate received from the WAO.

Councillor Dr. Johnson, referring to his customary annual comments on the matter, referred to financial information on page 2 of the Annual Statement of Accounts which indicated that the Council had made a profit of £5.8m thus increasing reserves by 13.5%. He also referred to the savings figures of £6m which the Council had achieved. It was his view that given the healthy financial status of the Council it would be questionable to increase Council Tax rates in the future and noted the £1.1m over collection of Council Tax which had been attained in previous years.

The Leader, in responding to Councillor Dr. Johnson's comments, reminded him that it was the case that the Council was a prudent Authority. He also further alluded to the Council's new Medium Term Financial Plan which had been approved by all

Councillors which set out a Council Tax collection rate for the current financial year of 97.5% with the Council actually collecting 97.7%. Therefore, given the financial pressures on the Council, it was better to collect more Council Tax not less.

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Letter of Representation to the Wales Audit Office for 2018/19 be noted and agreed and signed and dated by the Mayor as Chairman of the Council.
- (2) T H A T the Annual Governance Statement (within the Statement of Accounts) for 2018/19 be approved and signed and dated by the Leader of the Council.
- (3) T H A T the Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 be approved and signed and dated by the Mayor as Chairman of the Council.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) That the signed representation letter is returned to the Wales Audit Office.
- (2) That the Annual Governance Statement is signed and dated as required.
- (3) That the Statement of Accounts be approved prior to the deadline.

267 VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL REPORT (IMPROVEMENT PLAN PART 2) 2018/19) (REF) –

The above report had been considered earlier in the day by the Cabinet and was now being referred on to Council for approval.

The Leader, referring to the report considered earlier by the Cabinet, indicated that the purpose of it was to outline the Council's progress towards achieving the Well-being (Improvement) Objectives agreed in April 2018. He indicated that the report itself outlined the Council's performance on a range of services during 2018/19 relative to all other Welsh Local Authorities as published by Data Cymru. The report in addition incorporated the Annual Improvement Report from the Auditor General Wales which summarised the audit work undertaken in the Council during the same period.

Referring to the timetable set by legislation for publication of the report, the Leader pointed out that due to the scheduled Council meetings and the availability of national benchmarking data, it had not been possible for the Annual Report to be presented to the Council's five Scrutiny Committees to review the same prior to it being presented to Cabinet for consideration. Therefore and in order to ensure the views of all Members were considered, Cabinet had referred the report to Council for its consideration.

The majority of information contained within the Annual Report had previously been reported to all the Council's Scrutiny Committees and Cabinet as part of the quarterly performance reporting with the exception of the Annual All Wales Benchmarking

Data. In addition, consultation had been undertaken with the relevant sponsoring Directors for their respective areas. He indicated that the Council had made strong progress in achieving the majority of the outcomes intended in the Well-being (Improvement) Objectives for 2018/19, despite financial pressures and increased demand for services giving an overall performance (RAG) status of Green for the Corporate Plan. Two out of the four Corporate Plan Well-being Outcomes had been met and acknowledged other areas as stated in the report required further improvement. Citing the Data Cymru published Local Authority performance information on a range of services which highlighted areas where there had been notable changes in the overall level of performance across Wales, he was pleased to announce that the Vale of Glamorgan Council was the top performing Council in regard to its performance indicators across all service areas for the fifth consecutive year and congratulated all staff on this achievement.

The Leader's attention then turned to the recent Annual Improvement Report (AIR) from the Auditor General Wales which summarised the audit work that had been undertaken during the same period and brought together the key findings from all audit work undertaken in the Council during 2018/19. The findings of the report were generally positive and concluded overall, the Council was meeting its statutory requirements in relation to continuous improvement. That said, the Leader indicated that whilst no formal recommendations were made by the Auditor General, there were seven Proposals for Improvement and indicated that these would be dealt with during the year. Accordingly, the Leader Moved the following:

"That the Cabinet resolutions as set out in Cabinet Minute No. C83 be endorsed, including, noting of the use of Article 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution (Urgent Decision Procedure) to enable the Cabinet's decisions to be considered at the Council meeting".

The Deputy Leader formally seconded the Motion.

Referring to his comments made on the previous agenda item, Councillor Dr. Johnson congratulated all on being the consistent number 1 Council in Wales, which he viewed as a very good performance. Whilst acknowledging the consistent good performance of the Council, especially in the Public Accountability Measures, Councillor Dr. Johnson reminded Members that there were still areas where the Council did not perform so well and referred to roads. He also expressed concern and referred to the RAG status actions within the Council's Corporate Plan being overall Green, which appeared to him not to be strictly correct as a high percentage of actions were actually Amber and accordingly required further clarification.

The Leader accepted Councillor Dr. Johnson's point and suggested that this matter was an area in which the Council's Scrutiny Committees should seek to examine specific issues to their satisfaction. However, he agreed to provide Councillor Dr. Johnson a written reply on the subject.

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report (Improvement Plan Part 2) 2018/19 be approved.
- (2) T H A T the Council's overall performance on the national performance indicator dataset for 2018/19 relative to all Welsh Local Authorities as published by the Data Cymru on 1st August, 2019 and that analysis of this data ranked the Vale of Glamorgan Council as the highest performing Local Authority in Wales for the fifth year running be noted.
- (3) T H A T the findings of the Annual Improvement Report (AIR) from the Auditor General Wales, which summarised the audit, regulatory and inspection work undertaken in the Council covering the 2018/19 period be noted.
- (4) T H A T the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure (as set out in Section 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution) in respect of the above be noted.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure the Council fully discharges its duties under both the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WBFG) and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (LGM) to publish an annual review of council performance against its Well-being (Improvement) Objectives by 31st October as per the statutory timetable.
- (2) To apprise Members of the performance of the Vale of Glamorgan Council relative to other Welsh local authorities during 2018/19.
- (3) To apprise Council of the Auditor General's report findings in relation to the audit, regulatory and inspection work undertaken in the Council during 2018-19.
- (4) The Urgent Decision Procedure was required in order for the report to be considered by Council in advance of 31st October, which is the statutory publication date for this report under the Local Government Measure (2009).

268 PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PRIMARY WELSH MEDIUM SCHOOL PLACES IN BARRY (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure (Cabinet Minute No. C64(3)), 29th July, 2019 (as set out in Section 14.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution) be noted.

Reason for decision

To allow for the determination of the proposal to be made within 16 weeks of the end of the objection period, (15th September, 2019) in accordance with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and the School Organisation Code 2018.

269 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.18 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION –

Due notice had been given of the following questions:

(i) **Question from Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson**

In December 2018, the Vale Council unanimously passed a motion “That the Vale Council works towards becoming a formally accredited Living Wage Employer with the Living Wage Foundation and commits to paying all direct employees the Real Living Wage, as well as developing policies to ensure that the Real Living Wage is paid to indirectly employed staff”.

In advance of the budget process for 2020-21, can Council please receive an update on steps taken towards formal accreditation with the Living Wage Foundation?

Reply from the Leader

As part of the recent changes to the Council's Single Status Pay Structure the lowest hourly rate currently payable in the Council is £9.18 an hour which exceeds both the National Living Wage (£8.21 for over 25's) and the Real Living Wage (£9.00).

The Council's minimum rate of £9.18 per hour is also paid to agency workers, therefore, meeting a significant part of the Living Wage Foundation terms.

A presentation was delivered by Foundation Living Wage in May 2019 to the Council's Corporate Management Team. I am pleased to confirm that further work is ongoing to project the potential additional costs to support formal accreditation in relation to the pay arrangements for indirect workers of our external service providers and contractors.

Supplemental

Councillor Dr. Johnson, in thanking the Leader for his reply, enquired what had actually taken place since the matter had been last discussed in December 2018.

The Leader indicated that a presentation was delivered by the Foundation Living Wage in May 2019 to the Council's Corporate Management Team and he was pleased to confirm that further work was ongoing to project the potential additional costs to support formal accreditation in relation to pay arrangements for indirect workers of the Council's external service providers and contractors, and acknowledged that it had to be accepted that there would be additional costs. He anticipated that this work would be completed later in the Autumn and further information would be shared as appropriate.

(ii) Question from Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson

How many people have been successfully settled in the Vale of Glamorgan as part of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme in each year since the scheme began?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services

In the three full years since the Scheme has been operating in partnership with Cardiff City Council, the Vale of Glamorgan has successfully settled nineteen people in the first year; ten people in the second year and sixteen people in the third year. This fulfilled the commitment made by the Council to settle four families each year.

Supplemental

Councillor Dr. Johnson asked the Cabinet Member if she would provide an assurance as to the future of the Scheme and the Vale's participation.

Councillor Mrs. Wilkinson confirmed that, subject to confirmation from the Home Office, the scheme would continue.

(iii) Question from Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson

Many of Barry's historical buildings have been demolished, with poor maintenance often cited as a reason why they cannot be returned to gainful use. What powers does the Council have to identify and request pre-emptive action to ensure that the town's heritage is not further diminished by irresponsible property owners?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services

The Council has very little powers to prevent demolition of a building if it is not listed. The powers to list a building rest with Welsh Government and specifically CADW. However, Local Planning Authorities have powers under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended by the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016) to serve a Building Preservation Notice (BPN) on owners and occupiers of a building which is not listed but which is considered to be of special architectural or historical merit and is in danger of demolition or major alteration. The BPN will provide protection for a building for a maximum of six months until either the Welsh Ministers (CADW) list the building or inform the LPA they do not intend to do so.

In addition the Vale of Glamorgan Council is one of a limited number of Councils in Wales that has prepared and adopted a list of locally significant buildings, known as County Treasures.

Supplemental

Councillor Dr. Johnson, referring to the Council's sponsoring of the Barry Story and to the recent Planning Committee decisions that had seen the approval of the

demolition of notable buildings, enquired of the Cabinet Member what he could recommend to preserve Victorian and Edwardian buildings in the future and how would he use related powers.

Councillor Williams reminded Councillor Dr. Johnson that the Building Preservation Notices should not be served lightly, and a Council had to fully assess the likelihood of the building actually being listed before it is served as if the building were not listed by Ministers, then the Local Planning Authority (LPA) may be liable to pay compensation for any losses which occur.

In terms of the County Treasures list, this had been published along with Supplementary Planning Guidance which includes criteria for the list. In addition, CADW had also published guidance relating to Historic Assets of special local interest in 2017. The LPA does carry out reviews of the local list from time to time as and when resources allow.

Whilst the inclusion of locally listed buildings on the Country Treasures list did not have any immediate effect in law and they are not currently subject to any additional planning controls over demolition, their inclusion does require the Council to consider any proposals against Strategic Policy 10 (SP10) and MD8 which relate to the protection of the built and historic environment.

In terms of track record, and if criticised for any particular case, he pointed out the long track record of seeking to preserve, protect and enhance the built heritage. This was evidenced by the manner in which the Council approached key assets in the town, including the Pump House, Barry Island seafront, the Hood Road Goods Shed and Nell's Point toilet block. In all these cases it was sought to regenerate and reuse these sites in a sustainable manner having regard to the long term, bringing economic and cultural benefits to the town.

(iv) **Question from Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson**

At the time of writing, Wales will leave the European Union on 31st October, 2019 without a trade deal. Serious concerns have been raised about the impact of this upon vulnerable people, particularly shortages of medicines and food. What actions are the Council taking to mitigate the negative effects of this upon our population?

Reply from the Leader

The Council's response to Wales leaving the European Union is captured in the Corporate Risk Register that was reported to the Audit Committee on 3rd September. The Council has sought to use a series of risks that could be associated with Brexit to develop plans to respond to any emerging issues. Risks of fuel disruption, availability of supplies and food are captured in this work. The Council has well established Emergency Planning arrangements and business continuity plans for priority one services have been refreshed. The Council's Management Team and all Heads of Service are to review arrangements and share the latest information from professional networks at a meeting this week. The Director of Environment and

Housing continues to represent the Council at the Local Resilience Forum, making connections between Local Authorities and emergency services across the region. The Council's Corporate Plan will continue to reflect the longer term issues that relate to Brexit.

Supplemental

Councillor Dr. Johnson, referring to actions within the Risk Register which appeared to be Amber and missed and further to the potential implications for staff recruitment in the Social sector, enquired as to how many employees would be affected by the potential changes to immigration status and EU settled status within the Council.

Whilst he was not in a position to provide Councillor Dr. Johnson with a reply not having the information to hand, the Leader was however aware that earlier in the day the latest Local Government EU Preparation of Preparedness Advisory Panel received an update report which would be considered at their next meeting on 16th September, 2019. He was aware that the structure was similar to that previously, he also referred to a Statement on Operational Readiness Emergency Management Business Continuity, EU Resettlement Scheme because these were areas that were of concern, in particular community cohesion, supplies and services, and economic development. In terms of the EU Resettlement Scheme, he indicated that he would provide the relevant information to the Member.

(v) **Question from Councillor Miss. A.M. Collins**

According to Natural Resources Wales, the effective height of the Barry Docks Incinerator stack is said to be 37 metres, rather than 43 metres as originally advertised. What consideration has the Vale of Glamorgan Council given to the impact of the reduced stack height upon emissions in the central Barry area?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services

The Council has no reason to believe or evidence to suggest that the stack is not 43 metres in height. Indeed the developer has confirmed that the stack is 43 metres high.

Supplemental

Councillor Collins, referring to Natural Resources Wales identifying that the stack was not 43 metres but more like 37 metres, enquired of the Cabinet Member if he had considered the impact this would have on residents and residents of planned developments in the area and what reassurances he could provide to those residents who would be affected?

Councillor Williams reminded Councillor Collins that she was aware that the height of the stack was not within the Council's remit to deal with, indeed it was a fact that Natural Resources Wales Environmental Permit, which outlined an emissions to air schedule which specifically controlled emissions generated via the stack exhaust and pointed out that within that permit Emission Reference Point A1 it stated a 43m

stack. In addition, the air schedule provided a monitoring time and applicable emissions monitoring standards that were required. Monitoring was undertaken to comply with the conditions within the permit and would be facilitated by accredited personnel and equipment.

Councillor Williams further reminded Councillor Collins that in addition to the above it should be noted that the planning permission reference 2015/00655/FUL also included a 43 metre high stack and this was approved on 31st July, 2015. That being the case, Councillor Williams indicated that qualified people would be able to monitor emissions and provide the answers that that Councillor Collins was requiring.

(vi) **Question from Councillor N.P. Hodges**

What plans does the Council have for the yard area to the east of Jenner Park?

Reply from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration

With the Council's adopted Local Development Plan, the site of Court Road Depot is allocated under Policy MG2 for 50 dwellings. That said, at present we intend to retain the land as an operational base for Neighbourhood Services.

Supplemental

Councillor Hodges, acknowledging the reply from the Cabinet Member in that there were no plans to build residential homes on the site, enquired if there were any possibilities of discussions with Barry Town United?

The Deputy Leader, reiterating her earlier reply, suggested that if discussions did occur, these would be subject of a report to Cabinet as well as consultation with staff. She also reminded Councillor Hodges that any alternative use would also require full consideration of all material factors, but at the moment there were no plans.

(vii) **Question from Councillor G.D.D. Carroll**

Will the Leader confirm how much the Council has spent on ICT equipment and services for Members in the past 2 years?

Reply from the Leader

50 x Lenovo Miix 510 Tablets with Extended Warranty, Carry Case, Bluetooth Mouse, RSA Tokens, PDF Annotator Software	£41,303.50
50 x Aruba Rap-3WN Home Working Devices	£9,698.75
Total cost	(excluding VAT) £51,002.25

Supplemental

Referring to his previous refusal to use his own personal ICT equipment on the grounds of GDPR and noting that other public and private organisations did not prevent this because of GDPR, Councillor Carrol enquired if the Leader would consider amending the Council's existing policy to enable Members to use their own personal equipment and thus save the Authority money.

The Leader indicated that he was not prepared to do so as there was a requirement for security and referred to VPN systems that were in place to protect sensitive information.

(viii) Question from Councillor G.D.D. Carroll

Will the Leader please confirm how much the implementation of the recent recycling changes has cost the Authority?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

It is important that in answering this question, I set out the context for the recent changes. Firstly you ask about recent changes to recycling, but it is not clear from your question whether you are referring to the recent initiative around reducing contamination to recycling or the proposed rollout of the blue print. I will therefore touch on both issues.

Dealing firstly with our attempts to reduce contamination, I would comment as follows:

The Council's co-mingled recycling collection service has always required material to be presented on the kerbside in our specified containers. There was no provision for recycling to be presented in single use plastic bags. The use of such bags seems to have increased year on year, likely due to convenience for most residents, but unfortunately, for a small minority, as a method of disposing of non-recyclable waste.

This use of plastic bags as a method of general waste disposal was causing significant recycling contamination issues such that whole 18 tonne loads of recycling were being rejected by our recycling re-processor. Between the months of May and July this year this cost the Council £85,000, peaking in July at £53,000 for one single month. Whole vehicle loads of recycling were being sent to incineration due to the levels of contamination and this had to be addressed and promptly.

It was necessary to write to all residents to advise them of the removal of single use plastic bags from the waste stream to ensure that the message was received quickly and by as many residents as possible. The letters cost £18,122 to send out and £35,850 of the Council's existing budgets was used to fund additional blue bags and green boxes.

Secondly, Members will be aware that we are in the process of moving to the Welsh Government blueprint in the way that we recycle. Part of that move, which will

commence in the Rural Vale on 14th October, involves updating our containers for recycling. We have used money from the 'Collection Blueprint' grant provided by Welsh Government to fund additional containers for this move to the blueprint which containers have been used to facilitate the urgent need to move away from single use carrier bags. It will now not be necessary to issue all householders with a blue bag for the Blueprint as the vast majority of householders will already have excess blue bags giving them the capacity required for the new collection arrangements.

Supplemental

Apologising to the Cabinet Member in that he had not made it clear that his question had related to contamination and thanking him for his reply, Councillor Carroll enquired what lessons had been learned from the way the scheme had been implemented and did the Cabinet Member believe that those lessons would enable the implementation of changes to recycling at a lower cost in the future.

Councillor King, being well aware that the Council had issued just over 100,000 blue bags to replace the use of single use plastic bags that currently went into incineration no matter the contents, reminded Councillor Carroll that the Council had recently passed a Motion regarding the climate crisis. He estimated that the recent exercise was likely to remove 1.5m single use plastic bags from incineration. That said, what had been learned was that there was a need to be more astute as to what refuse was actually being collected and the way to enable that was to provide a system where operatives could see what refuse was being collected and opaque single use bags prevented this.

(ix) Question from Councillor G.D.D. Carroll

Will the Cabinet Member please outline what constitutes predetermination of a planning application?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services

The courts have sought to distinguish between situations which involve predetermination or bias on the one hand and predisposition on the other. The former is indicative of a 'closed mind' approach and likely to leave the Committee's decision susceptible to challenge by Judicial Review. Clearly expressing an intention to vote in a particular way before a meeting (predetermination) is different from where a Councillor indicates that they have a view on a matter but are willing to listen to all the considerations presented at the Committee before deciding on how to vote (predisposition).

A Member of the Planning Committee that is predisposed to a planning application may take part in the discussion and decision on a planning application, however a Member of the Planning Committee that has pre-determined the matter cannot as this may result in a Court quashing the planning decision and the Member in question potentially breaching the Members' Code of Conduct for not being objective in their decision making process.

Supplemental

Being very careful not to refer to any particular planning application, Councillor Carroll noted that the Cabinet Member had made a number of references to Members of the Planning Committee and enquired if that also extended to other Members of the Council or generally, because Members had been recently advised not to attend a public meeting on a development for fear of predetermination.

Councillor Williams, acknowledging that every Councillor had a right to speak on behalf of residents, took the view that when it came to a planning matter all Members had to bear in mind their position and not to potentially compromise themselves and referred to the last meeting of the Planning Committee when certain Members of the Committee on hearing certain points which clarified the situation, subsequently changed their minds. It was his view that if officers had provided advice on attendance of a public meeting which was against a Planning proposal, it was then a matter for the individual Member to make their own decision on attending once that advice had been received.

(x) Question from Councillor G.D.D. Carroll

Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Council's Pest Control Policy?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services

You ask for an Update on the Council's Pest Control Policy. I cannot really respond, as it is not at all clear what you are asking. Can I suggest you look at our website which will provide information on the Policy.

Supplemental

Alluding to a recent appeal from traders on Barry Island calling for action to be taken in regard to aggressive sea gulls, Councillor Carroll asked the Cabinet Member what measures the Council was considering to address this problem.

Councillor Williams indicated that had he known what the original question was going to be, he may have been a position to answer. As he did not, he would have to get back to Councillor Carroll with a written reply.

(xi) Question from Councillor S.J. Griffiths

Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on road resurfacing works across the Vale?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

You ask for an Update on Road Resurfacing works across the Vale. I cannot really respond, as it is not at all clear what you are asking. Can I suggest you look at the

recent Cabinet report of 1st July on the topic, that was also referred to Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 23rd July, I believe that report will provide you with an update.

Supplemental

Referring to the asphalt resurfacing work that was taking place across the Vale and specifically to roads / streets in Dinas Powys, Councillor Griffiths enquired of the Cabinet Member if he was aware of what was occurring.

Councillor King referred Councillor Griffiths to his earlier reply.

(xii) **Question from Councillor L.O. Rowlands**

Will the Cabinet Member provide an update on Leisure Centres across the Vale of Glamorgan?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture

You ask for an Update on the Council's Leisure Centres. We have Leisure Centres in Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major, which as you know are managed by Legacy Leisure. Other than that, I cannot really respond, as it is not at all clear what you are asking. Again, if you want specific information, can I suggest you look at the website where you will find a great deal of information on our Leisure Centres.

Supplemental

Referring to delays under the previous Administration, Councillor Rowlands enquired if the Council would be offering refunds.

Councillor McCaffer indicated that she would respond in writing to Councillor Rowlands on the matter.

(xiii) **Question from Councillor L.O. Rowlands**

Will the Leader please provide an update on potential Community Asset Transfers in the Vale?

Reply from the Leader

You ask for an Update on Community Asset Transfers in the Vale. Any community group or organisation can seek to progress Community Asset Transfers. Other than that, I cannot really respond, as it is not at all clear what you are asking, but information for that is clearly on the website.

Supplemental

Councillor Rowlands, referring to The Kymin in Penarth, asked the Leader what was happening.

The Leader reminded Councillor Rowlands that his supplemental question did not relate to his substantive question, but indicated that the lease was with Penarth Town Council, which was due to revert back to the Council. He reminded all Members that any community or organisation could seek to have a Community Asset Transfer and the procedure was available on the Council's website.

(xiv) Question from Councillor L.O. Rowlands

Will the Leader provide update on Penarth Pavilion?

Reply from the Leader

You ask for an Update on Penarth Pier Pavilion. It's a Pavilion owned by the Council and leased to Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd. Other than that, I cannot really respond, as it is not at all clear what you are talking about. I know the Pavilion has its own website and social media feeds – I suggest that is the best place for you to look and seek updates on the Penarth Pier Pavilion.

Supplemental

Making reference to concerns of Penarth residents relating to the financial position of the company which held the lease, Councillor Rowlands intimated that the Leader should bring a report to Council for consideration.

The Leader, assuming Councillor Rowlands was referring to Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd., indicated that he would not be bringing a report to Council as it was not a matter for Council to consider, however should there be any negotiations with the company, then a report would be brought to the appropriate body. As far as he was aware there were no financial issues other than historic ones.

(xv) Question from Councillor L.O. Rowlands

Will the Cabinet Member provide update on the proposed Penarth Well-being Hub?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health

Thank you for your question on the Penarth Well-being Hub update. This is a proposal that is currently being progressed by the University Health Board.

Supplemental

Alluding to concerns of travelling residents to the facility, Councillor Rowlands enquired if the Cabinet Member would speak to the University Health Board with a view to providing a taxi rank.

Councillor Gray directed Councillor Rowlands to information that was already available on the Health Board's website. As far as he was aware the University Health Board were currently engaging and were at an Outline Business Case stage in relation to the Welsh Government approval process. It would be up to the Council in due course to consider its position in regard to the planning stage and therefore he would not wish to prejudice any future decisions.

(xvi) Question from Councillor L.O. Rowlands

Will the Cabinet Member provide update on the recycling services across the Vale of Glamorgan?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

You ask for an update. I refer you to the website.

Supplemental

Making reference to residents' concern within his Ward regarding non collection of recycling and the potential to be fined, Councillor Rowlands asked the Cabinet Member as to what assurances he could provide in the event of inclement weather so that residents would not be fined as a result of their recycling being blown from their collection bags.

Acknowledging the problem which was impossible to control and which he was mindful of, Councillor King indicated that residents would not be fined where such conditions occurred and suggested that the new blue recycling bags and containers should reduce the problem.

(xvii) Question from Councillor Mrs. R. Nugent-Finn

Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the Council's Dementia Strategy?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health

Like many people across the Vale I have had personal experience of the effect Dementia can have on individuals and their families so it is something I take a particular interest in.

The Vale of Glamorgan has taken a strategic approach to Dementia on a regional basis. The Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Dementia Strategy was launched in May

2018, following on from a Needs Assessment completed in February 2018. It is currently being overseen by the Dementia Delivery Group, a multi-agency group including Vale of Glamorgan representation.

An update regarding this Strategy and on local dementia services was delivered to Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 15th July this year. As Chair of that Committee I am sure the Member is already updated and so welcome her supplementary question.

Supplemental

Councillor Nugent-Finn, referring to the need to tackle the issue in an inclusive manner, sought an assurance that the Council would move forward collectively to deal with the issue.

Agreeing with Councillor Nugent-Finn's comment, Councillor McCaffer being mindful that the issue was a UK wide problem, indicated that she would be working closely with all on the subject.

(xviii) **Question from Councillor G.C. Kemp**

Does the Cabinet Member support the campaign to ban the giving of goldfish as prizes at fairgrounds and other places of entertainment?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services

I may well have a personal opinion on this issue, but currently the law in England and Wales does not prohibit the giving of animals as prizes at funfairs and similar venues. That said, the Animal Welfare Act does prohibit the sale or giving of animals as prizes where the purchaser or recipient is under the age of 16. Should the Council receive complaints about the supply of goldfish that breaches this requirement, or should there be particular welfare concerns, then these would be investigated.

There are no plans at present for the Vale of Glamorgan Council to adopt a ban on the giving of goldfish as prizes. Any such ban would have relatively limited effect as it would apply to Council land only, however we are advised that such arrangements have been put in place in other parts of the country and will keep a watching brief on developments in those areas to determine their effectiveness.

Supplemental

Councillor Kemp enquired of what investigations the Council undertook, whether this was by complaint or the Council being proactive.

Councillor Williams referred Councillor Kemp to his earlier reply on the subject.

(xix) Question from Councillor V.P. Driscoll

Could you please advise how much is Jenner Park costing the Council to run? Also how much was spent by the Council on trying to get the facility up to UEFA standard to host European matches?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture

The cost of operating Jenner Park in 2018 / 2019 was £116,484. This does however include £62,451 of NNDR (Rates) and asset rents (depreciation) of £62,451. Income of £76,942 was recorded in the same year.

In terms of seeking certification for European Football many of the tests and maintenance works carried out would have been required regardless due to the standards required for higher Welsh League football. The total for pre-season works on the pitch and certification associated of the artificial pitch was around £5,700.

Supplemental

Alluding to the financial strain put on clubs with single use pitches, Councillor Driscoll requested the Cabinet Member to review the policy with a view to making it fairer.

Councillor McCaffer reminded Councillor Driscoll that he was aware of discussions taking place with all clubs on every level in regard to the policy and the necessity of the policy was to get the best value for money for the Council and would provide the Member with a written reply.

(xx) Question from Councillor V.P. Driscoll

Could you give an update on the demolition of the Bryn Y Don Bridge Dinas Powys?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

The demolition works have been delayed whilst a final resolution was agreed to the necessary diversion of BT Openreach apparatus currently attached to the bridge structure and details for the support of their cables between the bridge abutments following the removal of the bridge deck.

It is now currently programmed to issue tender documents in order to procure a suitable and experienced demolition contractor in early Autumn 2019 so that works can then commence at the earliest opportunity when all necessary approvals and consents are in place from the relevant parties, including Natural Resources Wales.

Supplemental

Councillor Driscoll, referring to the work being put back, sought an assurance from the Cabinet Member that there would be no further delays, being mindful of the risk of flooding.

Councillor King, not being in a position to give such an assurance, pointed out that any demolition of the bridge could exacerbate the flooding risk during heavy weather conditions and in turn the work would have to be delayed.

(xxi) **Question from Councillor A.R.T. Davies**

Will the Cabinet Member please confirm what meetings she has had with the Welsh Government in relation to the recent announcement by the UK Government announcement on education funding?

Reply from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration

Over the past three months I have had numerous conversations with Welsh Government Ministers, Local Government Leaders and fellow Cabinet Members for Education as well as attending seminars on Local Government and Education funding. However, as I'm sure Councillor Davies is aware, education funding is a devolved matter in Wales and so will appreciate that the UK Government announcement currently has no relevance to Wales and as a result any discussions would be premature.

Supplemental

Referring to the Welsh Government First Minister's indication that local government would be first in the queue for any additional money that might to Wales via the consequential funding arrangements, enquired how the Cabinet Member would be working, either on her own or with other colleagues in local government, to secure resources for the Council from the consequential funding.

Giving Councillor Davies some credit for not being a Councillor for long, the Deputy Leader reminded him that her efforts were well evidenced in terms of funding in education, which included promoting fair funding for Vale schools for many years, establishing a review of the funding formula in the Vale of Glamorgan and promoting the review of the formula in Welsh Government. She also reminded Councillor Davies that education in Wales was devolved and asked him not to use it for political gain to try and insist that funding which would become available as consequentials from the UK Westminster Government should automatically be funded in any category of local government in the future.

(xxii) **Question from Councillor A.R.T. Davies**

Will the Cabinet Member please confirm what environmental requirements must be adhered to in relation to major planning applications when they come before the Council?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services

As you are aware, all planning applications are assessed against a full spectrum of material planning considerations including National Planning Policy such as Planning Policy Wales, local policies in the Local Development Plan and also other site specific material considerations such as effects on neighbours, environmental impact, ecology etc.

Supplemental

Councillor Davies, referring to the many applications, some large, made within his Ward, signalled that residents of Rhoose had expressed concerns on a number of environmental factors and enquired of the Cabinet Member what assurance he could provide that evidence supporting any planning application was robustly tested for its accuracy, including any data put forward to the Council so that residents' concerns were allayed.

Reminding Councillor Davies that all applications submitted were scrutinised by Planning officers using all the information available including, an assessment of any environmental impact. Consideration of planning applications was balanced, taking account of the relevant planning policy and on occasions, Planning Committee decisions made may not accord with residents' views.

(xxiii) **Question from Councillor A.R.T. Davies**

Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on waste collection changes in the Rhoose ward?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

The implementation of a source separated recycling service will roll out on the 14th October, 2019. All the necessary literature has been posted out to all residents in the rural Vale explaining the changes and no doubt you will have received this directly. In addition, all the information is on the website.

Supplemental

Councillor Davies sought an assurance that residents of the Rhoose Ward, which would be one of the first Wards to have the changeover on 14th October, would have the necessary containers and equipment by that date.

Councillor King confirmed that this would be the case.

(xxiv) **Question from Councillor Mrs. J.E. Charles**

Will the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the work the Council is doing to tackle youth homelessness in the Vale of Glamorgan?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services

Strong, trusting relationships underpin the partnership approach in the Vale, along with a focus on continual improvement for services to young people in housing need.

The Council operates a 'one stop shop' for young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and their families (where appropriate) in partnership with Llamau at 236 Holton Road, Barry. This service is jointly funded by Housing (including Supporting People) and Children's Services. The Cabinet considered a report on the Homelessness Prevention Strategy on 17th June, 2019 and I refer the Member to that report which provides details of our strategy. In addition the Draft Empty Homes Strategy for the next 5 years was reported to Cabinet on 15th July and that report was also considered by Scrutiny Committee.

Supplemental

Alluding to the £26m of funding the Welsh Government had announced, Councillor Charles enquired of the Cabinet Member if she knew how much of the funding would be allocated to the Council.

Whilst she was unable to inform Councillor Charles of the exact amount of funding that would be made available to the Council as a decision on the matter was still awaited, Councillor Wilkinson indicated that the Council was working with Housing Options and welfare rights advice to provide support for young people and also vulnerable individuals of all ages. A full joint homelessness assessment by social services and housing officers would take place and there were also a number of initiatives that were currently available including the Vale Assisted Tenancy Scheme and partnership working with the private sector.

(xxv) Question from Councillor Mrs. J.E. Charles

Would the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the work they are doing to engage with the private rented sector?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services

The Housing Solutions Team works extensively with the Private Rented Sector and provides the following:

- The Vale Assisted Tenancy Scheme (VATS) which allows properties to be let in the private rented sector without any cost to a landlord;
- A regular support service for landlords and letting agents both pre and post tenancy to assist with tenancy sustainability;
- A Private Sector Procurement Officer to liaise with landlords to secure additional accommodation for clients in housing need;
- A bespoke tenancy agreement for landlords to use where appropriate;
- A full credit check on prospective tenants;
- A paper bond scheme;
- Rent in advance payments where appropriate;

- Tenancy Ready training for new tenants and those already in properties where they are having problems;
- Floating support for vulnerable tenants who require assistance to live independently, maintain a home and integrate into the community.

Supplemental

Being concerned with protecting tenants in privately rented accommodation and aware of families that had been given notice who had significant needs, Councillor Charles asked the Cabinet Member if she could ensure that this issue was addressed in the training provided to private landlords.

Councillor Wilkinson agreed that she would raise the matter with her colleagues to ensure the issue was addressed.

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The following question was submitted and replied to as shown, in accordance with the protocol agreed by Council on 5th May, 2010:

(i) **Question from Mrs. P. Andrews**

What is the rationale behind the changes in the presentation of the co-mingled recycling?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport

Thank you Mrs. Andrews for your question. Essentially there are three main reasons why we need to move from co-mingled recycling:

- **Quality** - When co-mingled recycling is collected the materials are crushed together and often damaged. This makes it a lower quality product for recycling and therefore it is less likely to be recycled here in the UK. We currently pay a fee for the waste to be sorted and some of the plastic and cardboard products could go as far as China and Indonesia before it gets recycled because of its poor quality. This is clearly neither sustainable nor acceptable, and in the context of climate change, as a Council we are committed to reducing our impact on the planet.
- **Legal Duty** - We have a legal duty to separate recycling. Co-mingled recycling does not comply with Welsh Government's [Waste and Recycling Collections Blueprint](#). It is also an EU Directive to collect source separated recycling.
- **Cost** - It is more financially viable to collect source separated recycling because it provides a better quality product which is more likely to be bought here in the UK. In addition, by 2024/25 the Council needs to meet Welsh Government's new target of recycling 70% of waste. Failure to do so will result in fines. And the Welsh Government will only provide capital funding to those who collect source separated recycling. This funding will help us to

make the changes we need to our recycling and waste fleet as well as provide containers that will facilitate separated recycling.

Full details of the Waste and Recycling Collections Blueprint and the schedule for its implementation across the Vale is detailed on the Council's website.