

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 9TH DECEMBER, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 21ST OCTOBER 2019

“C129 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2020 – 25 (L) (SCRUTINY – ALL) – (Urgent by reason of the need to obtain Cabinet approval in sufficient time to allow meaningful consultation to be undertaken on the draft Corporate Plan 2020-25)

The Leader advised that the report set out how the Council had developed the draft Corporate Plan 2020-25 and proposals for consulting on the draft Corporate Plan 2020-25 from 22nd October, 2019 – 10th December, 2019, including the involvement of all Scrutiny Committees, the Council’s partners and the public.

In developing the draft Corporate Plan, the Council had undertaken extensive engagement and considered a range of information and data to inform the development of the Plan. This included:

- The Public Opinion Survey;
- Big Conversation with Staff ;
- Performance data;
- Key Population data for the Vale;
- Consideration by Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Performance & Resources);
- Partnership activities and priorities;
- Stakeholder workshop;
- Discussions with the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum;
- Corporate Risks;
- Budget consultation; and
- Discussions at Community Liaison Committee and Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee.

The Leader also added that in developing the draft Corporate Plan and therefore the Council’s priorities for the next five years it had considered:

- what Vale of Glamorgan residents had told us;
- the Council’s knowledge and understanding of the local area and the local community;
- the Council’s statutory duties;
- the resources available to the Council;
- best practice and what the Council knows works locally;
- the views of Council partners;

- commitments the Council had made to deliver with its partners e.g. the Public Services Board Well-being Plan;
- the Council's achievements in delivering the previous Corporate Plan;
- advice and support from the Future Generations, Welsh Language, Children's, Older People, and Equalities and Human Rights Commissioners; and
- advice and recommendations from the Council's regulators and inspectors.

The report also included the timetable for reviewing the consultation findings and the development of a final draft for consideration by the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet and Full Council prior to the publication of the new Corporate Plan in April 2020 at paragraph 2.23.

In developing the draft Plan, it was proposed that in response to feedback received that a new approach to corporate planning be adopted by producing an Annual Delivery Plan to accompany the overarching five-year plan and that a more detailed Annual Delivery Plan would be published each Spring that detailed the key activities that would be undertaken to deliver on the commitments in the Corporate Plan. The Leader added that the process would directly inform individual Service Plans which were also produced annually and contained annual performance measures and targets. The Council had a robust and well-respected performance management framework. The Leader with Cabinet and the Corporate Management Team would continue to monitor performance and ensure progress against the four objectives. The Council's Scrutiny Committees would regularly scrutinise performance to ensure that the Council was delivering its vision and the necessary outcomes to improve local well-being.

In conclusion, the Leader drew Cabinet's attention to the Council's proposed new Well-being Objectives, at paragraph 2.12 of the report which were a requirement under the Well-being of Future Generations Act and framed how the Council would contribute to the national Well-being goals and deliver its continued vision for Strong Communities with a Bright Future.

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport then commended the work already completed under the current corporate plan and in particular the staggering amount of new trees planted as part of the new roadworks replacing the 5 mile lane.

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health then also commended the amount of public consultation that had been undertaken to date and the fact that the draft Corporate Plan was built around communities rather than directorates. It was also pleasing to see that the draft plan document itself was easy to read.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the draft Corporate Plan (contained in Appendix A), summary (contained in Appendix B) and Equality Impact Scoping Assessment (Appendix C) for consultation as outlined in this report be approved.

(2) T H A T the report and appendices be referred to all relevant Scrutiny Committees for their consideration in the November 2019 cycle of meetings as part of the consultation process.

(3) T H A T the use of article 14.14.2 (ii) of the Council's Constitution (Urgent Decision Procedure) be authorised in respect of Resolutions (1) and (2) above to enable the consultation process on the draft Corporate Plan 2020-2025 to commence from 22nd October, 2019.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure the Council has an effective and up to date Corporate Plan which reflects the work being undertaken across the Council to improve the quality of life in the Vale of Glamorgan.

(2) To enable timely and meaningful consultation and scrutiny of the draft Corporate Plan 2020-25.

(3) To enable the maximum amount of time for the consultation process to run and for the findings of the same to be fully considered and scrutinised prior to the meeting of Council in February 2020. The consultation plan outlined in this report makes provision for the draft Corporate Plan 2020-2025 to be considered by all five Scrutiny Committees as part of the consultation process during November 2019.”