

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

**“C845 PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A NON TREASURY SERVICE INVESTMENT STRATEGY, THE INVESTMENT AND GROWTH FUND (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The purpose of the report was to outline proposals for the introduction of a Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy in 2022/23 to Support Economic Regeneration and Growth in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Appendix 1 to the report set out the proposals for the Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy, which was intended to address opportunities identified in the Council’s Recovery Strategy to support innovative business and economic regeneration, increase capital programme investment and focus on green jobs and green infrastructure.

The Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund was to be funded using £2.2m of the Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund Reserve and with provision for up to £10m Prudential Borrowing. The fund for Investment totals £12m with £200k earmarked for feasibility and due diligence costs and the initial costs associated with specialist Non Treasury Investment Advice.

The Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund would be supported by a Strategic Project Board with Investment Decisions approved by Cabinet and regular reporting to Cabinet, Council and Governance and Audit Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The first call on any investment return should be repayment of debt and building up an earmarked reserve to mitigate the risks outlined in the risk management section in Appendix 1.

The Deputy Leader said it was an important report as it was sometimes clear what was needed in order to make a difference within a community but not always possible to find a relevant budget. When looking to tackle inequality or enhance economic growth in areas where Section 106 contributions were not available, having alternative funding sources for already developed areas was essential.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

RESOLVED -

- (1) T H A T the content of the report and Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy (Appendix 1) be noted and approved.
- (2) T H A T the Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for consideration.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Council that the proposed 2022/23 to 2024/25 Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy be approved.
- (4) T H A T a Strategic Investment and Growth Project Board be established to support the implementation and operation of the Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund.
- (5) T H A T the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 14.14 of the Council's Constitution be used in order for the Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy to be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 and Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, with any comments from Governance and Audit Committee referred directly to Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 for consideration.**

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To present the Proposals for the establishment of a Non Treasury Service Investment Strategy.
- (2) To enable Governance and Audit Committee to review the proposals for the Fund.
- (3) To allow the Non Treasury Service Investment and Growth Fund to be implemented for 2022/23.
- (4) To support the development of the Economic Regeneration and Growth Fund.
- (5) To allow this matter to be referred to Governance and Audit Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 and Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022."**