

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022

**“C133 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COMMUNITY REVIEW (EL/PR)  
(SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES –**

The Leader presented the report the purpose of which was to update Members on the Vale of Glamorgan Council’s Community Review and the process to be adopted.

Cabinet on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 considered a report relating to the Council’s duty to conduct a Community Review and resolved that a full Community Review (“the review”) in line with the requirements of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (“the Act”) for the Vale of Glamorgan be commenced in June 2023 having regard, at that time, to the timing of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales’s (“the Commission”) principal area review for the Vale of Glamorgan and the need to avoid the risk of voter confusion during election years in 2021 and 2022; minute number C285 referred.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales and all other mandatory consultees, including Town and Community Councils, were formally notified of the agreed timescale for the next Vale of Glamorgan community review.

Following the Local Government Elections in May 2022, discussions had been taking place with the Commission around the timing of the review, which would last 12-18 months, with a commencement date of January 2023, this taking account of the Commission’s capacity to undertake no more than three reviews during this period.

Accordingly, it was proposed that the review be undertaken by the Commission on behalf of the Council in line with the Commission’s powers under section 26(2)(a) of the Act, and in line with the Commission’s Guidance for Principal Councils, July 2022, on the Review of Communities.

There were prescribed rules which were set out in the Act for the conduct of a community review which included consultation with mandatory consultees on all elements of the process.

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 a full Community Review for the Vale of Glamorgan Council be commenced in January 2023.
- (2) T H A T the process and relevant timescales for the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Community Review, as included in the appended Terms of Reference be noted.
- (3) T H A T the Local Democracy Boundary Commission for Wales and all other mandatory consultees be formally notified of the revised commencement date of the next Vale of Glamorgan Community Review.
- (4) T H A T a copy of the report be referred to the Community Liaison Committee and, in the interim to all Town and Community Councils in the Vale of Glamorgan Council for information.
- (5) T H A T the report be referred to Full Council in December 2022.**

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To determine a further revised timescale for the commencement date of the community review having regard to the Commission's available capacity, to ensure a timely completion of the review, to take effect in respect of the Local Government Elections in May 2027.
- (2) To ensure that Cabinet were sighted on the process and relevant timescales for the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Community Review.
- (3) To advise parties in line with the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.
- (4) To apprise the Committee and Town and Community Councils.
- (5) To apprise Full Council, given that the final recommendations relating to the review would be a matter for Council."**