

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 13th July, 2022.

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Present: Councillor J. Protheroe (Chair), Councillor E. Goodjohn (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.D.D. Carroll, P. Drake, C.P. Franks, S.J. Haines, H.C. Hamilton, S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and N.J. Wood.

Also Present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Well-being) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

AGENDA ITEM 3. ANNUAL CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING REPORT: 2021/22 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report: 2021/22 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 4. DRAFT RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION STATUTORY GUIDANCE AND DIRECTIONS MADE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Cabinet be informed of the comments made by Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on the Draft Response to Welsh Government's Consultation Statutory Guidance and Directions made under the Local Government Act 2000, the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, namely:

- The need to ensure sufficient resources for the Democratic Services Team in order to address areas such as additional information, research and support services for all Elected Members in order to hold Cabinet and the Council to account and to discuss key issues in a more effective manner;

- The importance of ensuring that the Welsh language was not treated any differently or any less favourably than English i.e. the use of an interpreter at hybrid meetings and the importance of bilingual participation;
- The importance of reviewing the timings of meetings, work life balance, diversity, feedback, training and development for Members.

Reason for recommendation

In order for Cabinet to consider the comments and views of the Scrutiny Committee prior to submission to Welsh Government.

AGENDA ITEM 5. PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress detailed in the report in relation to a number of the challenges within the Climate Change Challenge Plan be noted.

(2) T H A T Cabinet be informed of the comments made by Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on the Project Zero Update Report, namely:

- Additional information be provided on the following areas covered by the report:
 - Aberthaw Power Station.
 - OVOBikes (e-bikes).
 - On the status of the reserves to support the delivery of Project Zero (i.e. has there been any drawdown on these, etc.).
 - On the engagement with, and the work of, the Local Nature Partnership in relation to Project Zero.
 - On any work to be undertaken around 'blue spaces' (i.e. rivers, coasts and streams);

and, where relevant, the above information be included as an addendum or appendix prior to the report being referred onto Cabinet, and the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee as well as for future reports for the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

- Future reports include the following in terms of its focus and format:
 - The use of hyperlinks or other means of access to the relevant background reports and papers linked to Project Zero, as well as the related minutes, in order to track decision-making more easily.
 - A greater emphasis on the barriers, emerging risks and challenges, as well as the successes or work undertaken, around Project Zero and on the progress made addressing these.
 - To update on the timescales around decarbonisation and whether these are being met, as well as utilising 'RAG' ratings (Red, Amber and Green) for the various elements of the Project.

- To provide more detail on the financial aspects of this Project, i.e. an update on the finances and reserves that support the delivery of Project Zero.

(3) T H A T following consideration of the report by Cabinet that they refer the report to Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to consider with the comments of both the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet and refer any further comments back to Cabinet.

(4) T H A T Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee recommend to Cabinet that this report be distributed to all elected Members, the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) In order for Cabinet to consider the comments and views of the Scrutiny Committee.

(3) To enable the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to consider the report and the comments of both the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.

(4) To update all elected Members and other stakeholders on the arrangements in place to deliver Project Zero.

AGENDA ITEM 6. REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST MAY 2022 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2022/23 Revenue Budget within the remit of the Committee be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST MAY 2022 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme for the schemes in the remit of the Committee be noted.

(2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority in relation to projects set out at Recommendation (2) of the report be noted.

(3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

(4) T H A T the changes to the 2022/23 and future years' Capital Programme as set out at Recommendation (4) of the report be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the content of the report on Capital Programme progress, the use of Delegated Authority, the use of Emergency Powers and changes to the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 8. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE 2021/22 (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2021/22 commitments as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives within the remit of the Committee be noted.

(2) T H A T the remedial actions to be taken to address areas of under-performance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee be noted.

(3) T H A T the progress being made through the Council's recovery strategy and Directorate Recovery Plans in response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.