

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 18th January, 2023.

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

Also Present: Councillors I. Buckley, L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), W.A. Hennessy, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), N.C. Thomas and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. AUDIT WALES: VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ASSURANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT (ARA) REVIEW 2021/2 AND THE AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES NATIONAL STUDY REPORT ON PUBLIC SECTOR CARBON READINESS FOR NET ZERO BY 2030 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) **T H A T** the following comment from the Committee, regarding the contents of the Vale of Glamorgan Council Assurance and Risk Assessment Review 2021/22, be referred to Cabinet:

- The need for the Council to monitor and address savings targets, for example, looking to set targets for specific areas of savings in order to help meet savings targets in a more targeted way which achieves the savings requested without impacting on services and other key areas of Council business.

(2) T H A T the following comments from the Committee, regarding the contents of Public Sector Readiness for Net Zero Carbon by 2030 National Report and the Council's response, be referred to Cabinet:

- It was important for the Council to consider the wider challenges regarding funding the move to Net Zero, where this funding will come from, and to address decarbonisation around the wider supply chain linked to the Council.
- The need for leadership at a higher and wider level in order to achieve decarbonisation.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) For Cabinet to be informed of the views of the Committee, as part of their consideration of these reports.

AGENDA ITEM 5. COST OF LIVING SUPPORT FOR FOOD, WARM SPACES AND OTHER MEANS OF SUPPORT (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Council's response to the Audit Wales Report, be noted.
- (2) T H A T any further updates or reports to Cabinet on the Council's response to the Audit Wales Report be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Committee, in particular, any reporting on the effectiveness of the projects being undertaken as part of the response to the cost of living support for food, warm spaces and other means of support.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of both the reference and appended report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order that Committee can scrutinise the actions and projects undertaken as part of the Council's response to the Audit Wales Report, and to highlight the progress and success of these in addressing food and fuel poverty, etc.

AGENDA ITEM 6. PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

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

(2) T H A T overall progress be reported twice a year, in addition to the progress reported already as part of the quarterly performance monitoring reports and specific topic related reports.

(3) T H A T the funding available in reserves and the arrangements proposed to approve the use of reserves to progress future schemes be noted.

(4) T H A T the information provided with regards to the Council's carbon emissions as reported to Welsh Government in the Autumn 2022 be noted.

(5) T H A T the report and the following comments from the Committee be referred to Cabinet for their consideration:

- The importance of the future Procurement Strategy, linking into the Climate Change Challenge Plan, in order to address the significant carbon emissions identified within procurement and supply chains.
- To 'embed' within the Council's culture the importance of assessing whether additional materials, items, etc. need to be purchased, or if existing materials, etc., can be repurposed, reused or recycled instead.
- The importance of highlighting key areas of focus for future reporting, as well as the need to identify the key challenges, and the emerging priorities for procurement, going forward.
- The need to have greater detail concerning an integrated public transport system as part of Project Zero and sustainable transport, i.e. supporting and expanding the use of bus routes, in rural areas of the Vale of Glamorgan.
- To look at the greater use of Photovoltaic (PV) panels for solar power on both Council owned public buildings within the Vale of Glamorgan and other buildings, such as Council owned housing stock, and new build housing, as well as greater reporting on this.
- To report on work undertaken by the Council with suppliers and procurement partners on decarbonisation and sustainability i.e. as part of the Procurement Strategy.

(6) T H A T it be recommended to Cabinet that this report be distributed to all elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information.

Reasons for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(5) In order that Cabinet can consider the comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as part of its consideration of progress in delivering the Climate Challenge Plan.

(6) In order to update all elected Members and other stakeholders on the arrangements in place to deliver Project Zero.