

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 15th February, 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, S.J. Haines, S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and N.J. Wood.

Also Present: Councillors A. Asbrey, R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), V.P. Driscoll, W.A. Hennessy, C. Iannucci, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), S. Sivagnanam (Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services), E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor H.C. Hamilton.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor S.J. Haines declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 - Vale of Glamorgan Council – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/2024. The nature of his interest was that he rented a Council allotment. Although he had dispensation to speak and vote on matters relating to rented allotments at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings, this did not include on matters of finance. Due to this being a prejudicial interest, as per 19.3.3 of the Council's Constitution, Councillor Haines withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 - Vale of Glamorgan Council – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/2024. The nature of this interest was that he was a Member of Barry Town Council and had made a decision with regards to Appendix 1C of the appended report, concerning fees for Porthkerry Cemetery. He also had dispensation to speak and vote on matters relating to sports facilities within the Vale of Glamorgan when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Council meetings. Due to this, and with no prejudicial

interest present, Councillor Dr. Johnson remained in the meeting during the consideration of this item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. DRAFT TRANSGENDER INCLUSION TOOLKIT AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR SCHOOLS AND OTHER SETTINGS (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended Cabinet report in relation to the Draft Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings (Appendix A) and the Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix B) be noted.
- (2) T H A T greater consideration is made around the Welsh Language and the Draft Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings and the Equality Impact Assessment.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to the Corporate Parenting Panel for consideration as part of the proposed consultation exercise.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. PAY POLICY 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Council's Pay Policy 2023/24 be noted and therefore referred to Full Council for consideration.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. BUDGET 2023/ 24 FOR CONSULTATION AND FURTHER MTFP UPDATE (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended Cabinet report in relation to the 2023/24 Budget for Consultation and Further Medium Term Financial Plan Update be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Committee supported the comments made by the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee and asks Cabinet to consider these, namely:

- As a result of continued diligence shown by Council Officers, Committee are already well versed in the significant pressures faced by the Social Services sector.
- Members of the Committee commend the proposed budget as presented which is a detailed proposal around investing in vital areas of Social Care provision despite the enormous financial pressures that the Council is facing.
- The Committee welcomes all proposals for investment as presented within the report.
- The pressures that are clearly evidenced within the Social Services sector are increasing and statutory. Therefore, the Council has a statutory obligation to fund said pressures and to ensure that services operate as effectively as possible.
- The Committee thank Finance Officers for a comprehensible report and useful supporting presentation.

Reason for recommendation

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

(2) In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments or recommendations made by any of the Scrutiny Committees as part of their consideration of the 2023/24 Budget for Consultation and Further Medium-Term Financial Plan Update.

AGENDA ITEM 7. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL – PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2023/2024 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Cabinet be informed of the following comments and recommendations made by the Committee regarding the Vale of Glamorgan Council – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/2024, for their consideration:

- That Cabinet considers the potential impact of increased charges on the purchase / service fees of Hygiene Caddies.
- That Cabinet considers the potential impact of increased fees and charges on Café Style Licences to trade on the highway, with regard to local shops, small businesses, traders and the overall high street economy within the Vale of Glamorgan.

Reason for recommendation

To enable Cabinet to consider the views of the Scrutiny Committee when reaching a determination on the Vale of Glamorgan Council – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/2024.

AGENDA ITEM 8. DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2023/24 TO 2027/28 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the draft Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Committee supported the comments made by the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee and asks Cabinet to consider these, namely:
 - As a result of continued diligence shown by Council Officers, Committee are well aware of the significant costs incurred as a result of the requirement to place children and young people out of area.
 - The report is phrased as ‘investment-to-save’ and as such the Committee commends the report as presented which includes details on investing in community-based specialist accommodation provision despite the enormous financial pressures that the Council is facing.
 - The Committee welcomes the report which demonstrates the Council’s approach of putting the needs of children and vulnerable adults before the requirement to save money.
 - As a Council and Committee, we look to offer the best protection we can offer to vulnerable individuals within the Vale of Glamorgan considering the financial constrictions placed upon the Council.
 - The Committee thank Finance Officers for a comprehensible report and useful supporting presentation.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the reference, appended report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments made by any of the Scrutiny Committees before making a proposal on the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 9. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2023 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme be noted.
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority as set out in the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers as detailed in the attached Appendix be noted.
- (4) T H A T the changes to the 2023/23 and future years’ Capital Programme, as set out in the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 10. REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2023 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2022/23 Revenue Budget be noted.
- (2) T H A T the arrangements to offset the projected overspends in 2022/23 as set out in the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T the Amended Revenue Budget or 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

Reasons for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(3) To adjust the Amended Revenue Budget for 2022/23 for movements between Directorates.

AGENDA ITEM 11. CHIEF OFFICER APPRAISAL SCHEME – PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the proposals for Chief Officer Appraisals be referred to the Cabinet meeting on 16th February, 2023 for their endorsement prior to final consideration and approval by Council on 6th March, 2023 in order to introduce the new scheme from 1st April, 2023.

Reasons for recommendations

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

(2) To seek endorsement from Cabinet for the proposed changes to the appraisal system and enable all Council Members to consider the proposals in line with the Council's Constitution to enable the new scheme to operate from 1st April, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 12. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2023-24 (CX) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the updated draft Annual Delivery Plan (attached at Appendix A to the report), the consultation feedback report (Appendix B to the report) and the Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix C to the report) be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

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