CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice - Meeting, 24th May, 2023.

The Committee agenda is available <u>here</u>.

The recording of the meeting is available <u>here</u>.

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

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, 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. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR -

RESOLVED – T H A T Councillor E. Goodjohn be appointed Vice-Chairman for the Municipal year.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. AUDIT WALES – VALE OF GLAMORGAN OUTLINE AUDIT PLAN 2023 (REF) -

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) T H A T the proposed Audit Wales Outline Audit Plan 2023 for the Vale of Glamorgan Council be endorsed.
- (2) THAT the report be referred to Cabinet for their oversight and approval.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To enable the Cabinet to have oversight of the Audit Wales work programme.

AGENDA ITM 5. 4TH QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION TRACKING 2022/23 AND PROPOSED ANNUAL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2023/24 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) THAT the status of the actions listed in Appendices A through to D to the report be agreed, subject to the following changes:
 - The status for the uncompleted recommendations in Appendices A and B, be reviewed and marked as complete as appropriate.
 - The status for Recommendation (3) for Min. No. 731 Draft Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings (REF) (Appendix D) be updated and marked as complete.
 - The status for Recommendation (2) for Min. No. 843 Audit Wales: Springing Forward – Vale of Glamorgan Asset Management and Workforce Planning (DCR) (Appendix D) be updated and marked as complete.
- (2) T H A T the Cabinet Annual Forward Work Programme for 2023/24 attached at Appendix E, in the context of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee Annual Forward Work Programme 2023/24 content, be noted.
- (3) THAT the Committee's proposed Annual Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2023/24 attached at Appendix F be approved and uploaded to the Council's website
- (4) THAT the following topics for Task and Finish work be taken to the Scrutiny Committees Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group, in order for them to be considered and prioritised in line with Corporate Objectives in compliance with Council policy:
 - To review the new Procurement Policy and Strategy and the related work with Cardiff Capital Region (CCR), including Cardiff Council, on a shared approach to procurement, as well as looking at the potential benefits of the Policy and Strategy in terms of social value and decarbonisation.
 - To look at the ongoing Cost of Living crisis and its impact on residents within the Vale of Glamorgan, including the ongoing effects of the 'Bedroom Tax', Universal Credit and housing rent arrears.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) To align with section 7.6 of the Cabinet and Scrutiny Roles and Responsibilities Protocol.
- (3) For public information.

(4) For consideration by the Scrutiny Committees Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group in line with Corporate Objectives in compliance with Council policy.

AGENDA ITEM 6. WELFARE REFORM - CLOSURE REPORT (DCR) -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and that it was agreed that the Welfare Reform agenda be incorporated within reporting on the wider cost of living agenda moving forward.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL – THE APPLICATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLE IN SERVICE AREAS (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) THAT the findings arising from the review of the Council's Application of the Sustainable Development Principle in Service Areas (Appendix A) and the Council's response to the review findings and Audit Wales's recommendations (Appendix B) be noted and endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Governance and Audit Committee and thereafter to Cabinet for their oversight and endorsement of the proposed Council actions (Appendix B) to address the recommendations.

Reasons for recommendations

- Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) For the consideration of the report by Governance and Audit committee and thereafter to Cabinet in order to ensure the Council responds appropriately and implements areas of improvement as identified by Audit Wales.

AGENDA ITEM 8. LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – FINANCIAL UPDATE (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the current financial position and the support provided to the Leisure Centre provider through the Covid-19 Pandemic and current economic challenges be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

AGENDA ITEM 10 LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – FINANCIAL UPDATE (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 12A AND 14) -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the current financial position and the support provided to the Leisure Centre provider through the Covid-19 Pandemic and current economic challenges be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

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