

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 21st June, 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, H.C. Hamilton, S.M. Hanks and N.J. Wood

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), W.A. Hennessy, N.C. Thomas and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors Dr. I.J. Johnson and B. Loveluck-Edwards.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 26th April, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference and appended report of the Vale of Glamorgan Council: Annual Performance Calendar 2023/24 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. RESPONSE TO THE WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK (RICHARD PENN REPORT); AND THE HARMONISATION OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY THRESHOLDS TO ALIGN WITH AN ALL WALES APPROACH (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report be endorsed including the recommendations made both in the original report and reference from Standards Committee.

Reason for recommendation

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

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

RECOMMENDED –

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

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

(3) T H A T the performance indicators in Appendix B to the report be noted.

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

- The importance of analysing the figures surrounding the amount of recycled versus non recycled waste collected by the Vale of Glamorgan Council since the roll out of changes to recycling services in parts of the Vale.
- The need to look at the potential carbon savings (if any) of Council staff working from their home location as part of agile and hybrid working versus commuting to and working at Vale of Glamorgan Council premises.
- The importance of the prioritisation or reprioritisation of the Council's key challenges, targets and objectives in order to achieve net zero and to undertake a focused approach to help implement this. In tandem with this, it was important to embed these priorities and the related behaviours and culture in order to help support this approach within the Council.
- For the Council, in conjunction with Scrutiny, to look at how they can use social media, the new Project Zero online hub and other means of engagement in order to foster greater involvement and participation of residents of the Vale of Glamorgan with Project Zero. This would include public feedback on how to improve on the work being done around the project, on its delivery, the methods being used to achieve this, as well as requests to Scrutiny to consider and scrutinise key areas of the project.

- The importance of the Council working with local communities and groups, and Welsh Government, to help achieve net zero and having the mechanisms in place to ensure the ongoing accountability and responsibility of the Vale of Glamorgan Council for achieving this goal.
- The need to tie-in Project Zero with other areas of the Council's work, as recently seen with the new Procurement Strategy, and to ensure that social value, reusing, repurposing, recycling, remanufacturing were taken into account and to have the necessary governance in place to help drive these forward.

(5) 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

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

(4) To enable Cabinet to consider the comments of the Committee as part of its consideration of progress in delivering the Climate Change Challenge Plan.

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. HYBRID MEETING PLATFORM UPDATE (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report on the hybrid meeting platform update be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the reference, 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves 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 9. HYBRID MEETING PLATFORM UPDATE (REF) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet is asked to consider, with reference to the Council's ICT Department, whether the proposed investment, as detailed in the report, for a dedicated 500Mbps broadband link to be installed in the Council Chamber's Audio / Visual Room (in order to allow the hybrid and streaming systems to be completely separated from the Council's internal network), is required.

(2) T H A T a comprehensive reflections report is produced for the Committee's consideration, outlining the timeline of the Hybrid Meeting Platform Project (including Civico), the financial and legal aspects, the successes and challenges, as well as the lessons learnt from the Project.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) For Cabinet to consider the necessity of the proposed investment as part of the Hybrid Meeting Platform Project.

(2) For Committee to be provided with a greater overview and understanding of the Project and to ensure that a comprehensive reflections piece is provided for the Council in order to assist it with similar undertakings in the future.