

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 20th September, 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, 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), W.A. Hennessy and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor S.M. Hanks.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Carroll declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Financial Strategy 2024/25. The nature of his interest was that he served on the Board of Governors of Llandough Primary School, where the funding settlement was raised. As this represented a personal rather than a prejudicial interest, under 19.3.3 (b) of the Council's Constitution, Councillor Carroll spoke on, and remained in the meeting for the duration of, the item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and the appended report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report on the Financial Strategy 2024/25.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY 2024/25 AND INITIAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Committee receive a briefing session concerning the latest CIPFA published revised codes of Practice and what impact this had on reporting.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report.
- (2) To ensure the Committee had an update on revised codes of Practice and impact on reporting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2022/23 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the following comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee be passed to Cabinet:

- That further emphasis was given to the reflections and views of residents on Council services within the report. This should provide an open and honest reflection of what had gone well and not so well from residents' viewpoints and provide the rationale behind the Council's decisions concerning these, in order to inform Elected Members and residents about why the Council were making the decisions it had on these areas, and the factors involved, as well as the risks of not carrying these out.
- It was important for the Council to communicate to the public about the services it provided and what it could and could not do due to the current economic and other pressures that it faced.
- Residents and Elected Members should be further encouraged (by the Council and Elected Members) to feedback into this process, i.e. through the Let's Talk About Life in the Vale survey and the Vale of Glamorgan Council Champions network.
- To have greater clarity in the report concerning its scope and purpose in that it was reporting on those areas and services that the Council said it would do and had done.

Reason for recommendation

In order for Cabinet to consider the comments raised by the Committee prior to the final Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment Report being considered by the Governance and Audit Committee, Cabinet and thereafter presented for endorsement by Full Council.

AGENDA ITEM 7. ANNUAL CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING REPORT:
2022/2023 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report.

AGENDA ITEM 8. QUARTER 1 REVENUE MONITORING 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2023/24 Revenue Budget be noted.

(2) T H A T the virements included as part of the report as set out in Table 1 be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

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

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2023/24 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee be noted.

(2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.

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

(4) T H A T the changes to the 2023/24 and future years' Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, 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. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Quarter 1 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 commitments as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives within the remit of the Committee be noted.

(2) T H A T following the Committee's consideration of the remedial actions to be taken to address areas of underperformance and to tackle key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee, the following comments were made, to be passed to Cabinet:

- Further detail and clarity be given to those actions and measures, in Appendix C of the report, that were currently showing as 'grey' in order to make clear that these referred to areas currently not monitored, not available on a quarterly basis or had only just started to be monitored and therefore no baseline was available.
- Further detail and clarity be given to those actions, targets and measures in Appendix C of the report given a Red rating due to no update on progress being made and to encourage further updates to be provided in order that these were accurately recorded.

Reasons for recommendations

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

(2) For the consideration of Cabinet and to ensure the Council was effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet its performance requirements as outlined in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflecting the requirement of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that it maximised its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.