

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 18th December, 2024.

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

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 20th November, 2024 be approved as a correct record, subject to it being noted that under Declarations of Interest Councillor Franks advised that he was a member of the Friends of Seel Park and not a Trustee.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. Q2 SICKNESS ABSENCE REPORT 2024/2025 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Cabinet be informed of the following recommendations of the Committee:

- (1) That the results of the review being undertaken by the Council's HR Business Partner Team (which includes the Health and Wellbeing Team) be reported to the Committee in six months' time;
- (2) That an update report relating to the effectiveness of the Westfield Health Service be provided to the Committee in six months' time;
- (3) That further updates be provided to the Committee relating to options to align the descriptors for reporting sickness with NHS descriptors and that the Welsh Local Government Association be asked to support a piece of work being undertaken with regard to a consistency of approach across all Local Authorities in Wales.
- (4) That statistical data and age-related information relating to musculoskeletal absence be detailed in a further report to Committee and costings be included for physio provision by the Council where it may be considered appropriate.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report, discussions at the meeting and for further consideration by the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 5. QUARTER 2 REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2024/25 Revenue Budget be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Revised Budget 2024/25 set out as part of the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T an update report in respect of the work being undertaken by the Education Department Task and Finish Group regarding procurement, agency work costs and funding support for ALN provision be presented to the Scrutiny Committee.
- (4) T H A T the Director of Social Services be requested to provide more detail relating to the costs of social care and any social care benchmarking that is available for the Committee to consider.
- (5) T H A T Cabinet be recommended to consider that savings targets be set for procurement exercises.
- (6) T H A T Cabinet be recommended to consider that the maximum budget the Council has available for a procurement exercise be shared with bidders, making it clear in the Invitation to Tender that the maximum budget cannot be exceeded.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (3&4) In order to apprise Committee in order that they can consider further suggestions as required.
- (5&6) To assist the budget setting process and to set saving targets for contracts.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2024/25 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee be noted as contained within Appendix 1 to the report.

(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 2024/25 Capital Programme and future years' Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.

(5) T H A T a further report be presented to the Scrutiny Committee on why the new procurement framework had delayed the scheme at St. Richard Gwyn.

Reasons for recommendations

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

(5) In order for Committee to understand why the delay had occurred and the impact of the delay.

AGENDA ITEM 7. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26 TO 2029/30
REFRESH AND UPDATE (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Medium Term Financial Plan and the work undertaken in mitigating the cost pressures be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 8. INITIAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)
BUDGET REVISED BUDGET 2024/25 AND PROPOSALS 2025/26 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Initial Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget revised budget 2024/25 and proposals 25/26 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having considered the report and in noting that no recommendations had been referred to the Committee for consideration from the Scrutiny Committee Homes and Safe Communities.

AGENDA ITEM 9. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE 2024/25 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Quarter 2 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 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 the remedial actions to be taken to address areas of underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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