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ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 12th April, 2022.

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Present: Councillor S. Sivagnanam (Vice-Chair), V.J. Bailey, V.P. Driscoll, G. John, M.G.J. Morgan and A.R. Robertson.

Also present: Councillor P.G. King (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport).

1034 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

1035 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors B. Brooks (Chair); P. Drake and S.T. Wiliam.

1036 MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

1037 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

1038 RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGY (2022 TO 2032) (REF) -

The Operational Manager - Neighbourhood Services, presented the reference from Cabinet on 28th March, 2022 regarding the Recycling and Waste Management Strategy (2022 - 2032).

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It was outlined that the Council had adopted Welsh Government's 'collections blueprint', which required domestic recycling to be separated on the kerbside for collection and is in the process of rolling this service out across the Vale of Glamorgan.

It was reported that the 'collections blueprint', along with other measures to enhance the Council's recycling service, ensuring compliance to current Welsh Government (WG) guidance and waste related legislation had successfully been introduced in the rural Vale and in Barry. The rollout to Dinas Powys and Penarth was due to take place when the Waste Transfer Station at Barry was completed later in 2022.

The Council now needed to adopt a long term Strategy to imbed the domestic recycling and waste collection already agreed and to plan for the up to 10 years hence, it also needed to agree a business plan that was linked to its long term aspirations.

This report presented the Business Plan case that identified the resources, staffing and budget necessary to deliver the Recycling and Waste Management Strategy together with the infrastructure and capital funding that would be required. In addition, a number of waste service contracts were due to expire shortly and Cabinet had approved the extensions to these contracts at similar terms and conditions to allow continuity of the related services.

Cabinet had approved in principle the draft 10-year 'Recycling and Waste Management Strategy' which formalised the service delivery along with other measures to ensure the Council met its environmental ambitions and Statutory Recycling targets. This was a key contributing action to the Council's decarbonisation programme, Project Zero. Once agreed, the Strategy would then be subject to a 12 week public consultation period, which would also require consideration of the Strategy by this Scrutiny Committee.

The report also provides an update in respect of the Reuse Shop located at Atlantic Trading Estate which is currently under construction and the opportunities for a replacement Household Waste Recycling Centre at Llandow for the Western Vale.

In response to a query regarding separate public waste bins, the Operational Manager advised that there would be opportunities for these at areas with a high footfall, but there was a problem around contamination which spoiled the materials that could be collected. The Council would however have to explore all opportunities to separate materials over the coming years if the Council wanted to meet its waste recycling targets.

Overall, the Committee Members praised the work and efforts of staff with in Neighbourhood Services, and they strongly supported the new Recycling and Waste Management Strategy.

Having considered the report, it

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RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Recycling and Waste Management Business Plan and Strategy (2022 to 2032) be supported.

Reason for recommendation

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