

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 20th February, 2024.

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Present: Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Chair); Councillor I.A.N. Perry (Vice-Chair); Councillors C.E.A. Champion, P. Drake, V.P. Driscoll, A.M. Ernest, M.J. Hooper, C. Iannucci, E. Penn, J. Protheroe and S.T. Wiliam.

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, J. Aviet, B.E. Brooks (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places), I.R. Buckley, L. Burnett (Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), C.P. Franks, H.C. Hamilton, Dr. I.J. Johnson, N.C. Thomas and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillors C. Champion and P. Drake declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 5 – Audit Wales Recommendations Regarding Governance And The Planning Service – Planning Committee. The nature of the interest was that both Councillors were also members of the Planning Committee. Both remained in the meeting for the duration of the item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. UPDATE REPORT: RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHANGES 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee supports the changes as outlined in the report and recognises the challenges facing the Council, while wishing to ensure that for proposals, such as, the move to three weekly collections for flats and apartments and the removal of some litter bins, that appropriate steps be taken to communicate the changes to those affected.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. AUDIT WALES RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GOVERNANCE AND THE PLANNING SERVICE (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the report be referred on to the Governance and Audit Committee for its consideration of the findings of Audit Wales.
- (2) T H A T in terms of developing a detailed plain language planning protocol, for consideration to be given for further engagement activity practically around the benefit of consulting with the Equalities Forum to ensure that the plain language used was fit for purpose.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To allow the Governance and Audit Committee to consider the findings of the Audit Wales review of the planning services governance arrangements and to present the proposed response to those recommendations.
- (2) To ensure that the draft planning protocol was fit for purpose from an equalities perspective.