

HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 5th November, 2024.

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Present: Councillor J.E. Charles (Chair); Councillor N.C. Thomas (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.M. Ball, I.R. Buckley, C.A. Cave, A.M. Collins, S. Lloyd-Selby, J. Lynch-Wilson, J.M. Norman and C. Stallard.

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), C.P. Franks, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors C.M. Cowpe and R.E. Godfrey.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 7 – Telecare Services Update – in that they had multiple family members in receipt of Telecare Support. Councillor Lloyd-Selby had a dispensation from the Standards Committee to speak only on matters relating to Telecare Packages at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings and the Councillor remained in the meeting for the duration of the item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2024-30 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T both the reference and appended Cabinet report be noted.

(2) T H A T the following comments be shared with the Director of Corporate Resources:

- The ambitions set out throughout the draft Corporate Plan were admirable but further clarity and detail was required on how said ambitions would be delivered. An example being point 5 on page 30 which stated an ambition to work with the community and Council partners to “Enhance services that support children to stay with their families,” raising questions of which services exactly and how enhancements would be achieved practically.
- Consideration be given as to whether the draft Corporate Plan reflects efforts to engage young carers as well as families in receipt of social care services during the programme of consultation.
- In relation to future consultation exercises, the Council considers consulting with all residents in the Vale, including those living in the more rural areas, and that any supporting documents be easy to read and set out the relevance to the individuals being engaged with.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To ensure that Committee had the opportunity to consider the draft Vale of Glamorgan Council Corporate Plan 2025-30 and provide feedback as part of the programme of consultation.

(2) To inform revisions to the Corporate Plan, prior to Cabinet considering a final draft in due course.

AGENDA ITEM 5. SOCIAL CARE RECORDS SYSTEM (REF) –

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

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the reference and appended Cabinet report to ensure that Committee Members were kept up to date with the progress being made to implement a replacement Social Care Records System and the implications of the procurement exercise.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ANNUAL REPORTS FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT, PLAY DEVELOPMENT, 60+ ACTIVE LEISURE SCHEME AND NATIONAL EXERCISE REFERRAL SCHEME (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the good practice being undertaken by the Sports and Play Development, Exercise Referral and the 60+ Active Leisure Scheme Teams be noted.

(2) T H A T a further Annual Report on the activities of the Council's Sports and Play Development, Exercise Referral and the 60+ Active Leisure Scheme Teams be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee in 2025.

(3) T H A T both the report and supporting video be referred to Cabinet for its information.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report on the work of the Sports Development, National Exercise Referral and 60+ Active Leisure Teams.

(2) To keep the Committee informed of the work of the Council's Sports and Play Development, Exercise Referral and the 60+ Active Leisure Scheme Teams.

(3) To highlight the exemplary work of the related teams.

AGENDA ITEM 7. TELECARE SERVICES UPDATE (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the work undertaken to date, as well as future developments of the Telecare Service, be noted.

(2) T H A T the developments of the Telecare Service, as detailed within section two of the report, be endorsed.

(3) T H A T the next edition of the annual Telecare Services Update report presented to the Committee include information on the impact of the proposed charging changes including GOLD customers being charged a flat fee of £8.32 for telecare, which would provide an additional funding stream for the service.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report on the challenges, opportunities, and strategic direction of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Telecare service.

(2) To ensure Committee Members have the opportunity to consider and comment on the direction and actions being taken to develop the service.

(3) To assess whether the more simplified package and charging system had resulted in more or less individuals engaging with the Telecare Service and, in the context of any decline in the number of service users, whether this was as a result of financial hardship.

AGENDA ITEM 8. VALE, VALLEYS AND CARDIFF ADOPTION
COLLABORATIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2023 – 2024 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the work of the Collaborative undertaken to date, as set out in the appended Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Collaborative Annual Report 2023 – 2024, be noted.
- (2) T H A T Committee continues to receive annual reports in line with the requirements of the Collaborative Agreement which underpins the Collaborative.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report to provide Scrutiny Committee with the Annual Report and enable Committee to exercise scrutiny of the key statutory function.
- (2) To ensure that Committee maintained close scrutiny of the regional service on a regular basis.