

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 9TH DECEMBER 2020

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 30TH NOVEMBER, 2020

“C400 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN (IMPROVEMENT PLAN PART 1) 2021-22 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) -

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek Cabinet endorsement of the draft Annual Delivery Plan (Improvement Plan Part 1) 2021-22 for consultation.

The report set out how the draft Annual Delivery Plan had been developed, the proposed consultation and the timetable for the Plan.

The Annual Delivery Plan was the Improvement Plan (Part 1) for 2021-22 and was aligned to the Council's four Well-being Objectives.

The Plan detailed the activities that would be undertaken in 2021-22 to deliver these objectives within the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the Council's Recovery Strategy.

The commitments within the Annual Delivery Plan would be reflected in Annual Service Plans together with service improvement targets which will detail how different Council services would contribute to the delivery of the four Well-being Objectives.

Publishing the Well-being Objectives at the start of the financial year would enable the Council to meet our statutory obligations in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFGA), both of which placed specific duties on the Council in relation to objective setting and reporting. Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, the Council was required to publish its Well-being Objectives by 31st March each year and to keep them under review. Under the Local Government Measure, the Council also had to set annual Improvement Objectives and publish those as soon as possible at the start of the financial year. The forthcoming Local Government and Elections Bill was currently progressing through the Senedd and would place similar duties on Local Authorities. The latest draft guidance had been reviewed and the Annual Development Plan comprised a part of the Council's response to the Bill which would see the repeal of the Local Government Measure from 2021.

The Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives and associated commitments for 2021/2022 as outlined in the draft Annual Delivery Plan would be reflected in Service Plans for 2021-2022. Work had commenced to develop the service plans which

would be presented to the relevant Scrutiny Committees in the New Year together with proposed service improvement targets for 2021-22.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED -

- (1) T H A T the draft Annual Delivery Plan (Appendix A) as the basis for consultation as described in this report be approved.
- (2) T H A T the consultation approach and timetable as set out in the report be approved.
- (3) T H A T the approach taken this year to draft the Annual Delivery Plan and the relationship with Annual Service Plans be noted.
- (4) T H A T the report be referred to all scrutiny committees as part of the programme of consultation requesting any comments to be shared with the Head of Policy and Business Transformation to inform revisions to the Annual Delivery Plan.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that consultation can be undertaken on the draft Annual Delivery Plan.
- (2) To ensure that effective consultation is undertaken within the necessary timeframes for publishing the Annual Delivery Plan.
- (3) To ensure that Cabinet are aware of how the Coronavirus Recovery Strategy and other key documents have informed the Annual Delivery Plan which will provide the framework for Annual Service Plans.
- (4) To ensure that all Scrutiny Committees have the opportunity to consider the draft Annual Delivery Plan and provide feedback as part of the programme of consultation.”