

HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 7th February, 2024.

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Present: Councillor A.M. Collins (Chair); Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards (Vice-Chair); Councillors J. Aviet, G. Ball, S.J. Haines, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, S. Lloyd-Selby and H.M. Payne.

Also present: C. Ireland (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale Representative), G. Doyle, V. John and H. Smith (Representatives from Tenant Working Group / Panel); Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson, S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement), C. Stallard, E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors S. Campbell and M.J.G. Morgan and D. Dutch (Representative from Tenant Working Group/Panel).

AGENDA ITEM 2 MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 - Initial Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2028/29 Proposals for Consultation. The nature of his interest was due to being a recipient of a telecare service from the Council (Telecare service and charges having been referred to in the reference and report in question). He had dispensation to speak and vote at Council meetings on general matters, but to speak only if the issue was prejudicial, on issues relating to telecare services (paragraphs (d) and (f) of the relevant regulations).

Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 - Initial Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2028/29 Proposals for Consultation. The nature of her interest was a personal not prejudicial interest, due

to family members being in receipt of services for Social Care and Telecare. She had dispensation to speak only on issues relating to Telecare and Care Package services at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings (paragraphs (d) and (f) of the relevant regulations).

Councillor H.M. Payne declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 - Proposed Corporate Strategy for Children who Need Care and Support 2024-28. The nature of her interest was the reference to Llamau in several parts of the report, which was her employer. She had dispensation to speak only at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings when matters regarding housing and homelessness were discussed relating to finance and property given the Councillor's role for Llamau (paragraphs (c), (d), (f) and (h) of the relevant regulations).

Councillor H.M. Payne declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 - Homelessness – Rapid Rehousing Plan Update. The nature of her interest was the reference to Llamau in the report, which was her employer. She had dispensation to speak only at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings when matters regarding housing and homelessness were discussed relating to finance and property given the Councillor's role for Llamau (paragraphs (c), (d), (f) and (h) of the relevant regulations).

AGENDA ITEM 4. INITIAL BUDGET 2024/25 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 TO 2028/29 PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference and appended report on the Initial Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2028/29 Proposals for Consultation be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference and appended report on the Draft Capital Programme Proposals 2024/25 to 2028/29 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. PROPOSED CORPORATE STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED CARE AND SUPPORT 2024-28 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made in developing a new four year Corporate Strategy and Action Plan for Children who need Care and Support be noted.
- (2) T H A T the proposed Strategy and the associated Action Plan be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. HOMELESSNESS – RAPID REHOUSING PLAN UPDATE (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the current service pressures arising from homelessness and progress in implementing the Rapid Rehousing Plan be noted.
- (2) T H A T the steps being taken to reduce the use of temporary accommodation be noted.
- (3) T H A T the following comment be referred to Cabinet for their consideration:
 - The importance of the Vale of Glamorgan Council to lend its voice to help amplify calls and lobbying of the U.K. Government in order to increase the Local Housing Allowance rate to ensure private rents are affordable.
- (4) T H A T the Committee be provided with updates on the conversion of existing Council and non-residential buildings to increase the supply of permanent and temporary accommodation, as well as a review of the Emphasis project and the work being undertaken with Llamau in this area.

Reasons for recommendations

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

- (3) In order for Cabinet to consider lending the Vale of Glamorgan Council's support to calls and lobbying of the U.K. Government to increase the Local Housing Allowance rate to a more affordable level.
- (4) For Committee to receive updates on the work being undertaken in these areas, as part of the Council's efforts to tackle homelessness and implement rapid rehousing.