

HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 15th May, 2024.

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

Also present: V. John (Representative from Tenant Working Group / Panel); Councillors A. Asbrey, H.C. Hamilton, S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement), E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards be appointed Vice-Chair for the Municipal year.

AGENDA ITEM 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from G. Doyle, D. Dutch and H. Smith (Representatives from Tenant Working Group / Panel).

AGENDA ITEM 3. MINUTES –

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

AGENDA ITEM 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 5. PRESENTATION: COUNCIL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the presentation on the Council Housing Development Update be noted.

(2) T H A T the Council ensures that any acquisitions of housing properties are consulted upon fully with the relevant Elected Ward Member prior to purchase. Also, if appropriate or required, any significant purchases of housing properties within the Vale of Glamorgan be considered for call-in or referral to this Committee for the appropriate scrutiny.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. 2024 UPDATE TO THE HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2025 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the 2024 Update to Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2022 - 2025 be noted.

(2) T H A T the Housing Support Grant Spend Plan 2024-2025 be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. LOCAL HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT (LHMA) 2023 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T, having considered the Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA) 2023 attached at Appendix A, the following comment be referred to Cabinet as part of their consideration on the LHMA:

- The Committee wished to highlight the importance of the Council considering the provision of suitable housing for older persons (including retirement housing and housing with care, as referred to in the LHMA report) in order to address the growing shift to an ageing population within the Vale of Glamorgan and thereby 'future proof' the County's housing provision and related needs for its residents. It was important that such considerations be fully embedded within Council policies, strategies and planning (i.e. the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Replacement Local Development Plan).

(2) T H A T the Committee noted that Cabinet would be asked to permit the Head of Housing and Building Services to make minor editorial changes to the document once approved.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To enable Cabinet to consider the comment raised by the Committee as part of their consideration of the implications of the assessment and demand for affordable housing units required in the Vale of Glamorgan.
- (2) To ensure that typographical or other minor changes can be made without the need to seek further Cabinet approval, following their consideration of the LHMA.

AGENDA ITEM 8. 4TH QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION
TRACKING 2023/24 AND PROPOSED ANNUAL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME
SCHEDULE 2024/25 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A - D to the report be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the Cabinet Annual Forward Work Programme for 2024/25 attached at Appendix E to the report, in the context of the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee Annual Forward Work Programme 2024/25 content, be noted.
- (3) T H A T the Committee's proposed Annual Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2024/25, attached at Appendix F to the report, be approved and uploaded to the Council's website, subject to the following amendments being made:
 - The Corporate Safeguarding Annual Report will move from July to September 2024.
 - The Corporate Safeguarding Mid Term Report will move from December 2024 to January 2025.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) To align with section 7.6 of the Cabinet and Scrutiny Roles and Responsibilities Protocol.
- (3) For public information.