

## LIVE WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

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Present: Councillor A.M. Collins (Chair); Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards (Vice-Chair); Councillors G. Bruce, I.R. Buckley, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, S. Lloyd-Selby, J. Lynch-Wilson, M.J.G. Morgan and N.C. Thomas.

Also Present: O. Carroll (Cardiff and Vale Citizens Advice); Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor C.A. Cave.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Lloyd-Selby declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 4 – Annual Review of Commissioned Services to Adults with a Care and Support Need, as the Councillor had relatives in receipt of social care packages. Councillor Lloyd-Selby had dispensation to speak and vote and therefore remained in the meeting for the item.

Councillor Lloyd-Selby declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 5 – Work to Tackle Poverty and the Current Cost of Living Crisis, in that the Councillor was a Trustee of the Vale Food Bank. Councillor Lloyd-Selby had dispensation to speak and vote and therefore remained in the meeting for the item.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMMISSIONED SERVICES TO ADULTS WITH A CARE AND SUPPORT NEED (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the following aspects of the report be noted:

- the ongoing challenges and demand for commissioned social care services,
- the changing population of the Vale of Glamorgan and the associated increase in demand for care services,
- the availability of commissioned services for Vale of Glamorgan residents and the associated increase in expenditure, and
- the sustained improved timeliness of providing home care to residents.

(2) T H A T a further Annual Review of Commissioned Services for Adults with a Care and Support Need Report be received by the Committee on a biannual basis via the Scrutiny For Information Reporting mechanism.

(3) T H A T the Committee receives a report on the outcome of the Vale of Glamorgan Care Home Provision Review.

#### Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report to provide Members with an opportunity to exercise oversight of the key statutory function and the following factors:

- the demographic changes in the Vale of Glamorgan, the relevant social care legislation, and the impact for commissioning care,
- the budget implications of providing more care and at a higher cost and the response of the Council in meeting this increase, and
- the changed and sustained position with respect to the availability of home care for Vale of Glamorgan residents.

(2) The Committee continues to receive related data for its information beginning in the Autumn of 2025.

(3) To ensure that Committee is sighted on the review findings, at the appropriate time, in line with the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5. WORK TO TACKLE POVERTY AND THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS (DCR) –

##### RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the following aspects of the report be noted:

- the work being undertaken with regards to tackling poverty and the cost-of-living crisis, and
- the use of the cost-of-living reserve to support those in need.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet.

### Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report to ensure Committee is aware of the work being undertaken with regards to tackling poverty and the cost-of-living crisis, which has been identified as a key challenge in Vale 2030, as well as the use of the cost-of-living reserve to date.
- (2) For Cabinet to consider the report as part of its consideration of progress of work to tackle poverty and the cost-of-living crisis.

### AGENDA ITEM 6. TASK AND FINISH REVIEW ACTIVITY (DCR) –

#### RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the commencement of the Task and Finish Review as follows be agreed:

#### Equal Opportunities and Accessibility in the Sports and Leisure Sector for Underrepresented Groups.

Including a focus on disabled persons and female service user participation levels to help mitigate inactivity and poor health in both young and mature service users. As well as looking at both informal or organised sport to help reduce sedentary lifestyles and increase social participation, that in turn can reduce feelings of anxiety and loneliness.

- (2) T H A T the size, composition and membership of the Task and Finish Review Group be as follows:

1.	Councillor Collins	Plaid Cymru
2.	Councillor Hanks	Llantwit First Independents
3.	Councillor Bruce	Welsh Conservative
4.	Councillor Hennessy	Welsh Conservative
5.	Councillor Loveluck-Edwards	Welsh Labour
6.	Councillor N. Thomas	Welsh Labour

### Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report to agree the Task and Finish Review Group topic for the Live Well Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) To proceed with next steps for the agreed Task and Finish Review.