

LIVE WELL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote meeting, 9th September, 2025.

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

Also Present: O. Carroll (Cardiff and Vale Citizens Advice); Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) and G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors B. Loveluck-Edwards (Vice-Chair) and J. Lynch-Wilson.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item No. 4 – Libraries Annual Report 2024/25 in that the Councillors was a trustee of Rhoose Library. Councillor Hennessy had a dispensation from the Standards Committee to speak and vote on general matters relating to Rhoose Library and to speak only on matters regarding property or finance at both Vale of Glamorgan Council and Barry Town Council meetings, therefore Councillor Hennessy remained in the meeting for the item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. LIBRARIES ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress and outcomes, as set out in the Libraries Annual Report, be endorsed.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet along with the recommendation of the Live Well Scrutiny Committee as follows:

- T H A T the Re-launch of the Tablet Loan Scheme, and recognition by Welsh Government as leaders in digital inclusion, be promoted as much as possible going forward.

(3) T H A T any future iterations of the report be received by Committee Members via the For Information Scrutiny Reporting process.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report to brief Elected Members on the performance of the Libraries Service for the 2024/25 period.

(2) To ensure that Cabinet has oversight of the performance of the Library Service, and its impact during the period, as well as support the re-launch scheme to improve access to digital services for those without personal devices and help to reduce digital exclusion across Vale of Glamorgan communities.

(3) To ensure that the Live Well Scrutiny Committee maintains effective oversight of library service delivery and its performance and impact over the reported period.