

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 21st May, 2025.

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Present: Councillor J. Protheroe (Chair); Councillors G.M. Ball, S. Campbell, G.D.D. Carroll, P. Drake, C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and J.M. Norman.

Also present: Councillors G. Bruce and L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources).

57 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

58 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Councillor E. Goodjohn be appointed Vice-Chair for the Municipal year.

59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors E.J. Goodjohn, R. Fisher and N.J. Wood.

60 MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH APRIL, 2025 –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 9th April, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

62 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26 (DCR) –

The report was presented by the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer, and requested that Members consider the draft Annual Forward Work Programme items and topics of investigatory scrutiny (Task and Finish Review) for 2025/26 and the new Resources Scrutiny Committee.

A draft Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2025/26 was attached at Appendix A and Members of the Committee were asked to consider the contents for approval.

In addition, the Committee was asked to note the remit of the Resources Scrutiny Committee, as shown in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

Following presentation of the report, Committee Members made the following suggestions for Task and Finish work topics:

Committee Member:	Suggested Topic:	Potential Areas of Focus/ Investigation
Councillor Loveluck-Edwards	The Council's Communications Strategy	How communications could be improved, in terms of both promoting the successful work of services, and also regarding how the Council engages with residents' responses to its communications, particularly online.
Councillor Carroll	Productivity within the Authority	Making use of the benefits of using AI in the Council's work; The impact of home-working on the Council's output.
Councillor Carroll	Tackling waste within the Authority	
Councillor Franks	Financial Cost/Benefit analysis of the introduction of Car Parking charges across the Vale of Glamorgan.	
Councillor Franks	The impact of the Council's Arts Policies on the economic and social life of the Vale of Glamorgan	Whether the Council's arts policies generate additional resources – for example, whether there is a benefit in

		terms of generating jobs Whether improving the cultural life of Vale of Glamorgan residents benefits as many people as possible. Understanding the positive impacts of investment in cultural services in the Vale of Glamorgan – For example of Arts Central and Penarth Pier Pavilion.
Councillor Protheroe	Contact Centre Redesign	A review of C1V, including looking at improvements to the service, including response times to residents' calls.
Councillor Campbell **Due to connection issues, these were provided during the meeting via telephone call with a supporting Officer.	Attrition rates for Council staff	Whether there is a correlation between attrition rates and recruitment methods, particularly regarding social care and school staff. The Council's spend on agency staff, and how this may correlate with recruitment processes. The length of recruitment processes for certain roles.

Councillor Loveluck-Edwards subsequently made the point that a Task and Finish topic regarding working from home may be one where it may be difficult for Members to affect change, given that there was an existing policy in place, which had been agreed by stakeholders such as the trade unions.

Officers subsequently provided the following advice in response to questions from the Committee:

- The Draft Forward Work Programme was briefer than those used in previous years, in terms of the number of reports which were scheduled to be reported to Committee meetings. This was due to a number of reports now sitting under the remit of other Scrutiny Committees, but was also intentional, so as to encourage more meaningful scrutiny of each item, and to allow agenda space for any additional items which may arise as the municipal year progressed, for example references from Cabinet, or as a result of the Committee's Task and Finish work.
- At this stage, all of Members' suggestions for Task and Finish topics, including those which may crossover with, or which may eventually sit better within the remit of other Scrutiny Committees would be considered, with a view to Committee refining and prioritising these topics, as Task and Finish work developed.

With no further queries or comments, Committee subsequently:

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the initial draft of the Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2025/26 (Appendix A to the report) including suggestions for areas for deeper dive Task and Finish review investigations, be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the remit of the Resources Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To agree the items and topics that the Resources Scrutiny Committee will consider for 2025/26.
- (2) To note the remit for the new Resources Scrutiny Committee.