

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

**“C88 QUARTER 1 REVENUE MONITORING 2025/26 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY
– RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Leader presented the report to provide an update on Quarter 1 Monitoring for 2025/26.

There was concern currently with demands from unplanned use of reserves and deficits in some school budgets. There was a disparity between schools of similar demographics where one would be in surplus and another in deficit that would be addressed over the coming months. Schools were experts in teaching and learning and not financial managers and support was available for schools experiencing issues from Council Finance staff. Meetings would be taking place with schools experiencing issues with Senior Leaders to look at specialist support going forward.

Councillor Birch agreed that Headteachers were not financial managers but were expected to be and may need some support. Often Headteachers had to take difficult decisions as to where to allocate their funding for a wide variety of school aspects. Finance staff had been in to some schools to provide support already and that work would continue going forward so as not to interfere with the education standards for children and young people.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the report and the financial measures taken and proposed be approved.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration and for any recommendations to be referred back to Cabinet for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To approve the report and the financial measures taken and proposed.

(2) To enable the Scrutiny Committee responsible for finance to review the year end position.”