

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 19th November, 2025.

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

Also present: Councillors L. Burnette (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2024-2025 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report and appendices be endorsed.

Reason for recommendation

To allow the Council to meet its reporting duty to the Welsh Commissioner as part of the Welsh Language Standards.

AGENDA ITEM 5. PROCUREMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEW (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) **T H A T** the report be referred to Cabinet in order for them to consider Recommendations (2) and (3).

(2) **T H A T** officers ensure that the use of the terms ‘social value’ and ‘community wellbeing benefits’ are clear and consistent throughout the Procurement Policy and Strategy document.

(3) T H A T a Local Spend Action Plan, to include a Local Supplier Directory, be created and included in the Procurement Policy and Strategy.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To advise Cabinet of the views and recommendations of the Resources Scrutiny Committee, having reviewed the Draft Policy and Strategy.

(2) To ensure clarity in the document, as the terms were often used interchangeably.

(3) To maximise the Council's potential spend with local businesses.

N.B. Recommendation (1) was omitted as a typographical error when the Decision Notice was originally published.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Q2 SICKNESS ABSENCE REPORT 2025/2026 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report be noted, and referred to Cabinet alongside the views of the Resources Scrutiny Committee, and its recommendation as follows:

- T H A T, given that the Time to Change Wales programme to support people with mental health challenges has now ended, this be made clearer in reporting, and consideration be given to how similar support for staff members can be continued, particularly in relation to the Council's obligations under the Time to Change Wales programme, and to maintaining the Council's group of Mental Health Champions, going forward.

Reason for recommendation

To make Cabinet aware of the views of this Committee, and to avoid this support for staff members being degraded or lost over time, now that the programme has ended, and without this source of training.

AGENDA ITEM 7. UPDATED FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2025/26 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T, subject to updates regarding the school budgets report and C1V update report being included, the Forward Work Programme be agreed.

(2) T H A T a summary of the Decision Tracking Data relevant to the Resources Scrutiny Committee be presented to the Committee as part of the biannual Forward Work Programme Monitoring Reports.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To agree the items, topics and delivery methods that the Resources Scrutiny Committee will consider for the remainder of the 2025/26 Municipal year, and to update the Forward Work Programme published on the Council's website.
- (2) To provide a six-monthly update to Committee Members on the data readily available, and to maintain an understanding of the Committee's impact in supporting the Council's decision-making processes.