

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 25th March, 2026.

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

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor N.J. Wood.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January, 2026 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. UPDATE PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL BUDGETS (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the information presented to Committee at the meeting be noted, and officers be thanked for the Presentation.

(2) T H A T Committee receives a further update in 6 months' time, particularly regarding procurement savings and the actions undertaken by the improving schools along with the savings achieved.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the presentation and to discussions at the meeting.

(2) To ensure that the Resources Scrutiny Committee are aware of the progress in addressing the situation regarding the school budgets situation.

AGENDA ITEM 5. TASK AND FINISH REVIEW ON COUNTERING MISINFORMATION (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the report and recommendations contained therein be referred to Cabinet for consideration, and that a formal response be requested including agreed next steps.
- (2) T H A T the topic of Mis- and Disinformation, and the potential harms associated, be reflected in the Corporate Risk Register.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To present the findings and subsequent recommendations compiled by the Resources Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Review Group, and subsequently agreed by the Resources Scrutiny Committee, for approval by Cabinet.
- (2) To enable risk mitigation to be considered formally regarding this specific topic.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CORPORATE RESOURCES DIRECTORATE PLAN 2026/27 (OUTLINING YEAR 2 ACTIVITIES, PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND ASSOCIATED PERFORMANCE TARGETS) TO DELIVER VALE 2030, THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN 2025-30 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Corporate Resources Directorate Plan (Appendix A to the report) and associated measures and performance targets for 2026/27 contained within it be endorsed, and this endorsement be referred to Cabinet, alongside the views of the Committee, for their consideration and endorsement of the Plan.
- (2) T H A T officers and Cabinet consider and review how the prioritisation of actions and performance exceptions can be best presented in performance reports.
- (3) T H A T officers and Cabinet reconsider whether the number of Directorate risks for the Corporate Resources Directorate should be expanded.
- (4) T H A T the Resources Scrutiny Committee be provided with an update on how the Corporate Landlord model is implemented and embedded, alongside the planned update report to Cabinet.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To ensure that the planned activities, associated measures and performance targets for the Corporate Resources Directorate as detailed in the Plan were relevant, and together with the other four Directorate Plans, become the main means

through which performance against Vale 2030 was monitored and measured during 2026/2027.

(2&3) To reflect the views and suggestions of the Resources Scrutiny Committee regarding the Corporate Resources Directorate Plan and advise Cabinet of such.

(4) To ensure the Resources Scrutiny Committee are aware of the progress of the new Service implementation.

AGENDA ITEM 7. QUARTER 3 REVENUE MONITORING 2025/26 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference and appended report be noted, and that the following recommendation be referred back to Cabinet:

- That an appraisal of insourcing versus outsourcing pothole repair services be provided to the Resources Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for recommendation

To advise Cabinet of the views of this Committee regarding the year end Revenue Monitoring position, and to enable Scrutiny to compare the status quo with bringing the relevant activities in-house.

AGENDA ITEM 8. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference and appended report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the reference and appended report, and to discussions at the meeting.