

VOLUNTARY SECTOR JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Decision Notice –Remote Meeting, 29th January, 2024.

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Present: Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Vice-Chair in the Chair); Councillors I. Buckley, A.M. Collins and J.M. Norman

Representatives of the Voluntary Sector: R. Connor (Glamorgan Voluntary Services), L. Newton (Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health) and Councillor C. Hawkins (Town and Community Councillor Representative)

Also present: Councillors S.M. Hanks and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health)

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors R.M. Birch (Chair), G. Bruce, C. Iannucci and N.J. Wood and H. Smith (Barnardos).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

AGREED– T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 – Strengthening our Communities and Work to Tackle Poverty and Current Cost of Living Crisis – Reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee: 18th October, 2023 in that she had a dispensation to speak and vote on general matters relating to the Vale Food Bank but to speak only when matters regarding finance or property in respect of the Vale Food Bank were being considered at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 4. SOCIAL SERVICES AND THIRD SECTOR -

AGREED –

(1) T H A T the Head of Resource Management and Safeguarding be thanked for a comprehensive presentation.

(2) T H A T further updates be presented to the Committee at the end of the next year.

(3) T H A T the presentation provided at the meeting be forwarded to all Members of the Committee for their information.

Reason for recommendations

(1-3) Having regard to discussions at the meeting following the presentation.

AGENDA ITEM 5. GLAMORGAN VOLUNTARY SERVICES (GVS) ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 (VS) –

AGREED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the Glamorgan Voluntary Services Annual Report 2022/23 be noted.

(2) T H A T R. Connor, (Glamorgan Voluntary Services) be thanked for a detailed report.

Reasons for Recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and the terms of the Deed of Grant between VOGC and GVS..

AGENDA ITEM 6. RESHAPING: THE NEXT PHASE OF TRANSFORMATION (REF) -

AGREED – T H A T Cabinet be informed that the Committee welcomed the proposed approach to service transformation, the intention to streamline the Community Asset Transfer process and that the Third Sector also welcomed the opportunity to work more closely with the Council in relation to any new opportunities that may arise through the service transformation approach.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES AND WORK TO TACKLE POVERTY AND THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS (REF) –

AGREED –

(1) T H A T the comments made at the meeting be referred to Cabinet for consideration and in particular that the Committee welcomes the commitment to

strengthening engagement, the importance of continuing to work together and the value of recognising the role of experts in the field.

(2) T H A T the Committee also asks Cabinet to consider the drivers around poverty and where the Council could have an impact in working with Communities and the Third sector.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8. PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (CX) -

AGREED –

(1) T H A T the progress detailed in the report and Appendix A to the report in relation to the challenges in the Climate Change Challenge Plan be noted.

(2) T H A T future reports to be presented to the Committee include an example case study in order for the Committee to ascertain what a particular activity was achieving with regard to Project Zero.

Reasons for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to discussions at the meeting.