

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 17TH JUNE, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 11TH APRIL, 2019

“927 RESHAPING SERVICES - UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION (REF) -

The Head of Performance and Development presented the report which provided an update on the progress being made to implement the Council’s Reshaping Services programme.

The report was a summary of activity, with individual projects being reported as required for specific endorsement of actions to progress reshaping services activities.

The Head of Performance and Development stated that Cabinet had agreed for separate reports to be presented to the other four Scrutiny Committees, to outline progress for initiatives relevant to each Committee.

The update report detailed achievements under the programme, current initiatives being considered, budget implications for the projects and future proposals and challenges.

A Committee Member queried the Amber RAG status attributed to the Town and Community Councils and Voluntary Sector Reshaping Services. In reply, the Head of Performance and Development stated that the Amber status reflected that a process was in place to encourage Town and Community Councils and the Voluntary Sector to come forward with proposals. This also included the introduction of a protocol to cover Community Asset Transfers. The Head of Performance and Development went on to state that the likely reason why there had not been much uptake was because the Council services were being protected and properly managed. He stated that if services were to be withdrawn then Town and Community Councils may feel obliged to come forward and take over these services. The Head of Performance and Development stated that the Council could be in this situation in 2020/21.

In relation to the Town and Community Council Charter, a Committee Member stated that this was a good thing and other Local Authorities were “jealous”. The Member indicated that some Town or Community Councils, including Llandough were frustrated as the Vale Council had not identified what services or assets could be transferred. The Committee Member stated that there were very little assets in Llandough for the Community Council to take over, and he stated that greater progress and momentum was needed. In reply, the Head of Performance and Development stated that there was an offer there to Community Councils but there had been very little take up. He therefore stated that it may be appropriate for the

Council to focus on the larger Town and Community Councils which had greater resources.

A Committee Member stated that for some of the programmes within the report, there were no savings attributed, adding that there was no comparison figure to indicate whether savings were on target. In reply, the Head of Finance agreed that the saving element needed to be included, has did information of why savings had not been achieved.

With regard to the number of Amber RAG statuses, a Committee Member stated that some projects, such as Catering and Youth Services were progressing, so he asked why these had not been given a Green status. In reply the Head of Performance and Development explained that in some cases, Amber would indicate where a project had not yet been fully developed, or was taking longer to implement. He agreed that more information was required which was why separate reports would be presented to all Scrutiny Committee meetings. The Committee suggested that in addition to the Red, Amber and Green statuses that a Yellow option should be available. This was formally recommended by the Committee.

Subsequently, it was

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet be advised of the recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee for outlining progress against targets, for an additional Yellow progress status to be added as an option.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Following the update on progress of the Reshaping Services programme.
- (2) In order to provide an additional progress status that sits between Amber and Red.”