

CABINET

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 27th February, 2023.

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Present: Councillor L. Burnett (Chair); Councillors R.M. Birch, B.E. Brooks, G. John, S. Sivagnanam, E. Williams, and M.R. Wilson.

Also Present: Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson.

C232 ANNOUNCEMENT –

The Leader welcomed all parties to the Cabinet meeting and reminded everyone present that the meeting was being Live Streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.

She asked if all participants please ‘mute’ themselves when not speaking in order to avoid any background noise or feedback when other participants were speaking, and if a participant wished to speak if they could put their hand up (to be seen on screen) or use the ‘raise hand’ function.

Members were asked to ensure that all debate was raised verbally and not via the ‘chat’ function for the sake of the recording. The ‘chat’ function could be used to highlight any technical issues and/or to get the attention of the Chair or Democratic Services Officer.

The Leader had joined the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan the previous Friday in a minute’s silence at the Civic Offices to recognise the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and were joined by a number of Ukrainians who had found sanctuary and support in the Vale of Glamorgan. As it was the first Cabinet meeting since that first anniversary and also the first Cabinet meeting since the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the Leader asked to observe a minute’s silence for those who had lost their lives. She passed on her thanks to Llantwit Major Football Club for their kind words on the day and their demonstration of solidarity with the people of the Ukraine. The Leader also specifically mentioned local firefighter Robert Buckley and his colleagues in the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, who had just returned safely from the Turkish / Syrian earthquakes, where he was involved in rescuing a number of people from collapsed buildings.

C233 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor M.R. Wilkinson.

C234 MINUTES –

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

C235 DECLARATION OF INTEREST –

Councillor G. John	The interest related to Agenda Item 14(i) - Vale of Glamorgan Council – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/2024 which was taken in conjunction with Agenda Item 6 - Final Budget 2023/24 and MTFP 2023/24 to 2028/29. Councillor John advised that he had a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter, as a lifelong member of Llantwit Major Football Club but had dispensation from the Standards Committee to speak and vote on such Matters.
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C236 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2023/24 AND FINAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2023/24 TO 2027/28 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to set out final proposals for Cabinet to consider, before making their recommendations to Council, in respect of the final capital budget for the financial year 2023/24 to 2027/28 and to consider the Capital Strategy for 2023/24.

In order for the matter to proceed for consideration at Full Council on 6th March, 2023, the Leader asked to include an additional Recommendation concerning the use of the urgent decision procedure to that effect.

The Leader referred to the accompanying reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 15th February, 2023 that had been circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting and reflected the discussion of various aspects of the Capital Programme, including comments from the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee welcomed the Council's approach of putting the needs of children and vulnerable adults before the requirement to save money and passed on their thanks to Finance Officers.

As such, Cabinet noted the comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein and noting the inclusion of an additional resolution

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Capital Strategy 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the final Capital Programme for the years 2023/24 to 2027/28 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, are given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the 2023/24 to 2027/28 Housing Improvement Programme as appropriate.
- (4) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, are given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the 2023/24 to 2027/28 Asset Renewal budgets as appropriate.
- (5) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, are given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to S106 funded schemes subject to Member consultation as required under the existing process.
- (6) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, are given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from Energy Management Schemes.
- (7) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, are given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the Building Strong Communities Fund schemes.
- (8) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, are given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B programme (Previously 21st Century Schools schemes).
- (9) T H A T Cabinet approve the reprofiling of the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme for the years 2022/23 to 2027/28 as shown in paragraph 2.51 of this report.
- (10) T H A T Cabinet approves the carry forward of the £557k City Deal Scheme budget in to the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- (11) T H A T use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in order for the report to be referred to Full Council on 6th March, 2023 for consideration and approval.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To approve the Capital Strategy for 2023/24.
- (2) To set and approve future Capital Programmes to 2027/28.
- (3) To enable the Housing Capital budget to be managed effectively.
- (4) To enable the Asset Renewal budgets to be managed effectively.
- (5) To enable S106 schemes to be managed effectively.
- (6) To enable the Energy Management Schemes to be managed effectively.
- (7) To enable the Building Stronger Communities Fund to be managed effectively.
- (8) To enable the Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B programme to be managed effectively.
- (9) To reflect the work programme of the Sustainable Communities for Learning Band schemes.
- (10) To reflect the latest City Deal business plan.
- (11) To allow the Capital Strategy 2023/24 and Final Capital Programme Proposals 2023/24 to 2027/28 to be referred to Council on 6th March, 2023 for consideration and approval.

**C237 TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY
2023/24 AND UPDATE 2022/23 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE
PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to provide an interim report on the Council's Treasury Management operations for the period 1st April to 31st December, 2022 and to submit for consideration the proposed 2023/24 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Policy.

The Leader was pleased that all Members had been invited to attend a training session on Treasury Management that was taking place that afternoon and looked forward to a detailed discussion.

In order for the matter to proceed for consideration at Full Council on 6th March, 2023, the Leader asked to include an additional resolution concerning the use of the urgent decision procedure to that effect.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein and noting the inclusion of an additional resolution

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Treasury Management interim report for the period 1st April to 31st December, 2022 be noted and endorsed.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet recommended to Council to approve the policy for making Minimum Revenue Provision in 2023/24.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet recommended to Council to approve the proposed 2023/24 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy including the following specific resolution (detailed in Appendix 1)
- The Authorised Limit for External Debt be set at £225.439m for 2022/23, £247.141m for 2023/24, £276.773m for 2024/25 and £305.927m for 2025/26
 - The Operational Boundary for External Debt be set at £212.292m for 2022/23, £234.021m for 2023/24, £263.349m for 2024/25 and £292.295m for 2025/26.
 - The Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority within the total Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary as estimated for individual years to effect movement between the separately agreed limits for borrowing and other long term liabilities.
 - An upper limit of £10m for 2022/23, £10m for 2023/24, £10m in 2024/25 and £10m in 2025/26 is set for total principal sums invested for over 364 days.
 - The amount of projected borrowing that is fixed rate maturing in each period as a percentage of total projected borrowing that is fixed rate for 2023/24 be set as:

	Upper Limit	Lower Limit
Under 12 months	20%	0%
12 months and within 24 months	20%	0%
24 months and within 5 years	30%	0%
5 years and within 10 years	40%	0%
10 years and above	100%	0%

- T H A T the Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
- T H A T the Treasury Management Policy Statement set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

(4) T H A T the Treasury Management Practices set out in Appendix 3 be noted.

(5) T H A T use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in order for the Report to be referred to Full Council on 6th March, 2023 for consideration and approval.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To present the Treasury Management Interim Report.

(2) To agree the basis of the Minimum Revenue Provision calculation for 2023/24.

(3) The Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy is prepared as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

(4) To ensure the Treasury Management Practices are reviewed regularly in accordance line with the Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectional Guidance Notes (2021 Edition).

(5) To allow the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2023/24 And Update 2022/23 to be referred to Council on 6th March, 2023 for consideration and approval.

C238 FINAL BUDGET 2023/24 AND MTFP 2023/24 TO 2028/29 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to present final proposals to Cabinet for the revenue budget for 2023/24 and an update to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2028/29.

In order for the matter to proceed for consideration at Full Council on 6th March, 2023, the Leader asked to include an additional resolution concerning the use of the urgent decision procedure to that effect.

The Leader referred to the accompanying reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 15th February, 2023 that had been circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting. She also said that as the Reference from the same Committee which the Chair had decided was urgent under Agenda Item 14(i) and circulated to Members in advance of the meeting was related to the report that it would also be considered alongside the report.

She said that it had been a difficult budget round with a huge amount of uncertainty in a very challenging economic environment which made financial planning difficult. Cost pressures in October 2022 were estimated at £38m whilst still considering rising inflation, salary increases and increasing energy charges. Following the settlement which had been better than expected, the overall gap was now £7.378m which had to be managed through savings and managing a number of priorities to bring forward a balanced budget whilst protecting services for the most vulnerable in

the County and a sustainable level of funding for schools. Consideration was also given to managing the use of reserves on a one-off basis.

For Social Care there was an additional £8m in the budget, significantly over the Welsh Government uplift ensuring that the Council could commission the necessary domiciliary care and meet the needs of the residential care sector. Schools would receive an extra £10.4m, including one-off support, a rise in excess of 9% recognising all of the inflationary costs being faced but also accepting that there needed to be some efficiencies also.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council Tax level was below the Welsh average and the proposed rise by 4.9% would see that position maintained.

Difficult choices had to be made in identifying the £4.65m savings package but it was recognised that fees and charges had to increase in line with rising costs, particularly in terms of non-statutory services which had to move towards being cost neutral.

Matters had been discussed at length by the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee within the two references. The Leader said she had been invited to have discussions with local businesses concerning street café licences which she would be happy to do. Hygiene caddies was another topic discussed but was not a mandatory service which, although of benefit to local residents, had cost, storage and delivery implications for the Council.

Both matters were able to be reviewed and as such, Cabinet noted the comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

The Leader asked for the Relevant Scrutiny Committee section at the head of the report to be amended to 'Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee', rather than 'All Scrutiny Committees', which was agreed.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein and noting the change to the Relevant Scrutiny Committee section at the head of the report and the inclusion of an additional resolution

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the updated financial position as detailed in the Report be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet recommended to Council to approve a Council Tax increase of 4.9%
- (3) T H A T Cabinet recommended to Council to approve the budget for 2023/24.
- (4) T H A T the forecasts across the medium term to 2027/28 be noted.
- (5) T H A T there were no changes to the proposed fees and charges approved for Consultation in January following review by Scrutiny be noted.

- (6) T H A T the realigned reserves to match the risks the Council now faced be noted.
- (7) T H A T the comments of the Section 151 Officer on the adequacy of reserves and robustness of estimates in paragraphs 2.91 to 2.97 be noted.
- (8) T H A T the arrangements in place to ensure the delivery of the £7.378m savings programme be noted.
- (9) T H A T use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in order for the report to be referred to Full Council on 6th March, 2023 for consideration and approval.
- (10) T H A T the change to the Relevant Scrutiny Committee section at the head of the report be noted.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) It was important for Cabinet to be regularly apprised of the Council's medium term financial position.
- (2) Setting the annual rate of Council Tax was a key policy decision for Council.
- (3) Setting a balanced budget was a statutory responsibility and decision for Council.
- (4) Sustainability was one of the fundamental principles of the Financial Strategy.
- (5) To confirm fees and charges for 2023/24.
- (6) The review of the reserves was one of the fundamental principles of the Financial Strategy.
- (7) The Section 151 Officer had a statutory duty to comment on the adequacy of reserves and robustness of estimates.
- (8) To ensure all savings could be delivered in full for 2023/24.
- (9) To allow the Final Budget 2023/24 and MTFP 2023/24 to 2028/29 to be referred to Council on 6th March, 2023 for consideration and approval.
- (10) To refer to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

C239 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CODE UPDATE 2022/23 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to consider the Council's compliance with the Financial Management Code 2022/23, preparation for 2023/24 and prospects for improvement.

The Leader said that the exceptional financial circumstances faced by Local Authorities in recent years was worrying, particularly as a sizable number of Local Authorities in England with social care responsibilities were projecting to potentially issue Section 114 Notices because they were having difficulties managing finances.

Demonstrating compliance with the Financial Management Code was a collective responsibility of both Officers and elected Members, with adherence to professional standards and political scrutiny referenced within the CIPFA Statement of Principles of Good Financial Management.

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 Statement on Compliance with the Financial Management Code and the contents of the review set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees for consideration and any comments brought back to Cabinet.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that the Council's compliance with the Financial Management Code is considered by Members as part of their collective responsibility for compliance with the Code.

(2) To seek further assurance on the Council's Financial Management arrangements.

**C240 CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-2028 (EL/PR)
(SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval to adopt the new Corporate Asset Management Plan 2023-2028.

With regards the charging points that had been installed at the Civic Offices, the Leader said that we are looking to make them open to staff and visitors in the future once the proper infrastructure was in place.

The Leader asked that Recommendation (2) be amended to refer the report to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny for consideration rather than for information, with any comments referred back to Cabinet, as well as to include a third Recommendation to thank the Officers that had worked on the Corporate Asset Management Plan for the amount of work that had been undertaken in producing the report, which were agreed.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein and noting the amendment to Recommendation 2 and inclusion of an additional resolution

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the new Corporate Asset Management Plan 2023-2028 as attached at Appendix A to this report be approved.
- (2) T H A T the Corporate Asset Management Plan 2023-2028 be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration with any comments referred back to Cabinet.
- (3) T H A T Officers that had worked on the Corporate Asset Management Plan be thanked for the amount of work that had been undertaken in producing the report.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that the Council has a clear strategy for managing its property assets in line with the requirements of the Corporate Plan and Wellbeing Objectives
- (2) To ensure the relevant Scrutiny Committee are aware of this updated plan.
- (3) To acknowledge those responsible for the production of the report.

**C241 PEOPLE STRATEGY AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (EL/PR)
(SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purposes of which were to advise Cabinet and seek agreement for consultation of a revised People Strategy and advise of supporting policy documents which aligned to the People Strategy, as appended to the report, which included:

- Strategic Workforce Implementation Plan
- Hybrid Working Strategy
- Learning and Development Plan
- Volunteer Policy.

The report sought approval for further consultation with staff and partners, given the importance of the strategy and supporting documents to the future way of working of the organisation and in line with future cost pressures and to refer the same to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the report and appendices be approved as the basis for consultation as described in the report.
- (2) T H A T the report and appendices be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration as part of the six-week consultation process.
- (3) T H A T any comments from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee be reported back to Cabinet as part of a future report reflecting on the wider consultation with staff and partner organisations.
- (4) T H A T, in pursuance of Resolution (1), delegated authority be given to the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, in consultation with the Leader and Director of Corporate Resources to agree and deliver a consultation plan.
- (5) T H A T a further report be brought before Cabinet following the conclusion of the consultation exercise to progress the adoption of the People Strategy and associated documents.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To allow consideration of the People Strategy and associated documents by Cabinet.
- (2) To enable Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee to consider the report.
- (3) To inform Cabinet's consideration of a final version of People Strategy and associated documents.
- (4) To enable a consultation plan to be developed and delivered.
- (5) To enable Cabinet to consider the responses to consultation in advance of adoption of the People Strategy and associated documentation.

C242 PROCUREMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to approve the 2022 Policy and Strategy.

The Leader requested to amend Recommendation (1) to approve the Procurement Policy and Strategy, subject to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny

Committee receiving the report for consideration and having no comments or Recommendations , which was agreed.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein and noting the amendment to Recommendation (1)

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the 2022 Policy and Strategy be approved, subject to Resolution (2).
- (2) T H A T the report and appendices be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for the Committee’s consideration, and to approve the Policy and Strategy should no material amendments be required to the same following consideration by the Committee.
- (3) T H A T a further report be recommended to Full Council to amend the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules, as set out in the Council’s Constitution, to reflect Social Value considerations, as referenced in paragraph 2.8 of the report.
- (4) T H A T the annual Modern Slavery Statement be approved to be published on the Council’s website and delegated authority be granted for the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council to review and republish annually.
- (5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council to update the Climate Action section of the Policy and Strategy when Welsh Government introduces its toolkit.
- (6) T H A T the Policy and Strategy have a major review every five years and delegated authority be granted to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Leader to review the document annually and update for changes in Welsh and Council policy.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) The existing Policy and Strategy was out of date and in need of revision.
- (2) To enable the Scrutiny Committee to consider the contents of the report, and should there be no material changes required, to approve the Policy and Strategy.
- (3) Contract Procedures Rules needed to align with the aspirations of the Policy and Strategy.
- (4) It was a statutory responsibility to publish an annual Modern Slavery Statement.

- (5) The Welsh Government toolkit had been delayed but should be incorporated in the Policy and Strategy.
- (6) It was important that the Policy and Strategy be updated regularly and remained current.

C243 PROCUREMENT SERVICE – NEW SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS AND DELEGATION AGREEMENT (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to enter in to shared service arrangement with Cardiff for the delivery of the Procurement Function.

The Leader said that previous collaborations that had been established, e.g., Audit and Shared Regulatory Services, had worked very successfully and to the benefit of the Council so collaborating with Cardiff would be beneficial and would strengthen resilience. It would also provide access to more specialist procurement input, would bring in strategic support and analytical input and allow the Council to be more proactive in procurement activity with Cardiff, Torfaen and Monmouthshire Councils. Collaboration would also create opportunities and efficiencies through procurement exercises for which Cardiff was already recognised as having a well-established approach.

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 contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the proposal to enter into a Delegation Agreement with Cardiff Council to deliver the Corporate Procurement Function be approved.
- (3) T H A T authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to execute the necessary Delegation Agreement with Cardiff Council from 1st April, 2023 for a period of three years.
- (4) T H A T Cabinet receives a further update after the first year of the Delegation Agreement operating to consider progress.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To appraise Cabinet of the proposals.
- (2) To provide the authority to enter into the necessary legal arrangements.
- (3) To enable the Council to formally enter into the Delegation Agreement.

- (4) To update Cabinet on the progress made.

C244 RE-COMMISSIONING OF FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek authority to re-commission the existing Regional Children’s Family Support Service Contract which was due to elapse on 30th June, 2023 and to seek delegated authority to award the contract to the successful provider.

Councillor Williams said it was vital to ensure that action was taken early and to do what could be done early to reduce the long-term impact on children that may be affected and effectively manage the resources and the Council. He said that there was increasing demand and complexity following the COVID-19 pandemic and that the numbers of families and children affected had increased by up to 30% over that period.

Councillor Brooks welcomed the report as there had been an increase in mental health problems being presented by children in the last couple of years, many of whom already had complex needs before the pandemic and welcomed the move to improve children’s experiences.

The Leader said she would be interested to see how young people engage in the quality element of the process,

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 re-commissioning of the existing Regional Children’s Family Support Services Contract, due to elapse on 30th June, 2023 via a procurement process be authorised. The current contract value was £1.07 million per annum over the three Lots, though it was noted that funding for future commissioning was under review, and future funding increases would be agreed according to the Council’s budget setting process.

(2) T H A T following completion of the tender process, that the Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health be authorised to award the contract(s) for the service for an initial period of four years with an option to extend for up to a further four years.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to negotiate, draft and execute contract(s) with the successful bidder(s).

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that the Council provides Family Support Services in a cost-effective way and met the assessed needs of children and young people and their families.
- (2) To fulfil the responsibilities set out in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.
- (3) To meets the requirements of the Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules.

C245 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2026: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE ON RETAIL AND TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYMENT LAND AND PREMISES – CONSULTATION FEEDBACK, PROPOSED CHANGES AND ADOPTION (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the results of the consultation undertaken on the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) in relation to Retail and Town Centre Development and Economic Development, Employment Land and Premises and to seek approval to apply the proposed changes and adopt the SPGs for development management purposes.

The Leader said there were 5 or 6 town centres in the Vale of Glamorgan and that each had different histories and characteristics, that the updated SPGs recognised those differences and that there were key principles that were needed in terms of developing and supporting town centres.

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 contents of the report be noted and the responses to the representations received on the draft Supplemental Planning Guidance (SPG) attached as Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T, subject to the provisions of Resolution (3), the amended SPGs attached to the report as Appendices 2 and 3, be approved for immediate use in development management decisions alongside the adopted Local Development Plan.
- (3) T H A T the Head of Sustainable Development be authorised to agree the final format of and any necessary minor typographical changes and minor

amendments to the SPGs prior to their publication, and thereafter update them with any factual updates in response to policy or legislative changes as appropriate.

(4) T H A T Members of the Planning Committee be advised of the outcome of the public consultation and adoption of the SPGs.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To provide a summary of the public consultation undertaken on the draft Retail and Town Centre Development and Economic Development and Employment Land and Premises SPGs; and to seek Cabinet's endorsement of the responses and changes to the finalised SPGs.

(2) To ensure the effective consideration of planning applications and to provide decision makers, applicants and developers access to the Council's most up-to-date guidance relating to Retail and Town Centre Development and Economic Development and Employment Land and Premises.

(3) To accommodate any necessary changes and/or amendments resulting from the current revision of Planning Policy Wales by the Welsh Government and to enable the correction of any typographical or minor errors found within the revised SPGs and ensure conformity between the Council's adopted SPG documents.

(4) To inform Planning Committee of the adoption of the SPGs as material considerations in the determination of future planning applications.

C246 MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matter which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading be considered.

C247 VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL - PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2023/2024 (REF) –

(Matter which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason that the matter had been considered by the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 15th February, 2023 and comments referred on to Cabinet for its meeting on 27th February, 2023 for consideration.)

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee of 15th February, 2023 was presented.

The Leader advised that as the reference had relevance to the Final Budget 2023/24 and MTFP 2023/24 to 2028/29 Report listed as Agenda Item 6 that the reference would be considered alongside that report.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the reference be considered alongside Agenda Item 6 concerning the Final Budget 2023/24 and MTFP 2023/24 to 2028/29 Report.

Reason for decision

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