

## **CABINET**

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 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: Councillors C.P. Franks, Dr. I.J. Johnson and N.C. Thomas.

### **C289 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.

### **C290 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –**

This was received from Councillor M.R. Wilkinson.

### **C291 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 be approved as correct record.

### **C292 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations of interest were received.

**C293 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE 2022/23 AND PROGRESS AGAINST EXTERNAL REGULATORY RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to present Quarter 3 performance results for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 in delivering the Council's 2022/23 Annual Delivery Plan commitments as aligned to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives as well as to present progress to date in addressing existing recommendations and improvement proposals from external regulators.

The Leader said that the report had been considered and noted by all five Scrutiny Committees as discussed in paragraph 2.6 of the report.

In terms of what had been achieved, the Leader referred to the Council winning the "Delivering Social Value" award at the Ystadau Cymru awards held in December for its work in partnering with Ogmore by Sea Village Association which was referenced in Appendix B as well as the progress regarding the LED street light conversion programme to increase the percentage of street lights converted to LED as an area of future focus and improvement. Councillor Wilson said that the replacement of Victorian street lights in Penarth had been welcomed.

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 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 commitments as aligned to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives be noted.

(2) T H A T The views and recommendations of Scrutiny Committees in relation to Q3 performance be noted and the identified remedial actions be approved as the basis to address areas of underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified.

(3) T H A T the Council's progress to date in addressing existing recommendations and improvement proposals made by the Council's external regulators be noted.

(4) T H A T the removal of completed actions from the Strategic Insight Board Insight Tracker informed by the views and recommendations of Scrutiny Committees and the Governance and Audit Committee be approved.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure the Council clearly demonstrated the progress being made towards achieving its commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 aimed at making a positive difference to the lives of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.
- (2) To ensure the Council was effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet performance requirements as outlined in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflecting the requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that it maximised its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.
- (3) To ensure the Council implemented its regulatory recommendations and improvement proposals and responded appropriately to the recommendations and proposals for improvement identified through the Audit Wales' programme of local and national Local Government Studies.
- (4) To ensure that the Council's Strategic Insight Board Insight Tracker reflected the most up to date position on the Council's regulatory recommendations.

**C294 USE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMERGENCY POWERS (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to notify Cabinet of the exercising of Emergency Powers by the Chief Executive since the last report on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. The Leader said that many of the uses concerned the accepting of grant funding or agreeing contracts to proceed with matters as soon as possible.

Councillor John referred to the Knap Skate Park and updated Cabinet Members that it was due to be completed in July 2023 which the Leader said was ideal as it would be in time for the school holidays. Also a local organisation would be working with young people to decorate the walls of the Skate Park.

Councillor Wilson referred to the seasonal grass cutting services contract and that some of the work was being financed from Civil Parking Enforcement monies, also grass cutting was only taking place when needed and to encourage biodiversity where possible.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED – T H A T the use of the Chief Executive's Emergency Powers be noted.

Reason for decision

To inform Cabinet.

**C295 CABINET ANNUAL STRATEGIC FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME MAY 2023 TO APRIL 2024 AND CABINET QUARTERLY WORK PROGRAMMES – JANUARY TO MARCH 2023 AND APRIL TO JUNE 2023 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – NONE) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to inform Members of the Annual Strategic Forward Work Programme of the Cabinet / Council for the 12 month period May 2023 to April 2024 to inform Members of the progress to date in respect of Cabinet Quarterly Work Programmes for the period January to March 2023 and to confirm the Quarterly Work Programme for April to June 2023.

The Leader and Councillor Wilson both said that the hyperlinks within the appendices were useful for members of the public and Elected Members to see what work had been completed to date and was planned for the coming year and thanked officers for the large volume of work completed to date.

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 Annual Strategic Work Programme attached at Appendix 1 to the report for the period May 2023 to April 2024 be approved and published on the Council's website.

(2) T H A T the updates to the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme for January to March 2023, attached at Appendix 2 to the report, be agreed.

(3) T H A T the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme April to June 2023, attached at Appendix 3 to the report, be endorsed.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000, subordinate legislation and the Council's Constitution in setting Annual Work Programmes.

(2) To monitor progress.

(3) To approve the Work Programme for April to June 2023.

**C296 2023 UPDATE TO THE HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT DELIVERY PLAN 2022 -2025 (PSHTE) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to inform Cabinet of the updated Housing Support Grant (HSG) priorities and sought approval for the 2023-24 HSG spend plan.

The Leader referred to emergency accommodation provision, daytime drop in services, mediation services and floating support for a range of people with some examples of what was being provided for residents of the Vale of Glamorgan.

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 2023 Update to Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2023-2025 be approved.

(2) T H A T the Housing Support Grant Spend Plan 2023-2024 be approved for submission to Welsh Government.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure the Council complied with the requirements of the Housing Support Grant (HSG) Guidance (Wales) April 2021.

(2) To ensure that the HSG Spend Plan 2023-2024 was submitted to Welsh Government in accordance with the HSG conditions.

**C297 VALE OF GLAMORGAN RAPID REHOUSING PLAN (PSHTE)  
(SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The Leader presented the report which sought approval of the Vale of Glamorgan Rapid Rehousing Plan. The Leader said the report dealt with some challenging issues because of the pandemic and recent changes to homelessness legislation. It was proposed to refer the report to the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee for consideration where the Leader hoped other Cabinet Members would be able to attend and take part in the discussion if the recommendations were agreed.

The Deputy Leader said that while she had been the relevant Cabinet Member in 2012 a great deal of work had been done to reduce and negate the need to use bed and breakfast accommodation, but it was the right time to take the matter to Scrutiny and gather any comments to be referred back to Cabinet as required.

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 Rapid Rehousing Plan for the Vale of Glamorgan be approved.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee for consideration and subject to any changes being received, it be agreed to submit the Rapid Rehousing Plan to Welsh Government.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) To ensure that the Council minimised the use of temporary accommodation and complied with Welsh Government requirements, namely that all Welsh Councils would have in place their own Rapid Rehousing Plan.

**C298 VALE OF GLAMORGAN REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2036 ISSUES, VISION AND OBJECTIVES BACKGROUND PAPER (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the results of the engagement undertaken on the draft Vision and Objectives, and the resultant Issues, Vision and Objective Background Paper and also to seek approval of the paper as part of the evidence base for the emerging Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP).

Councillor Sivagnanam said that the Planning Policy Team had conducted a review of an extensive evidence base which identified ten themes under which the key issues had been grouped. The RLDP would strive to address and support the challenges, opportunities and ambitions for the Authority across the new Plan period and the objectives would offer greater detail on how the planning system could help achieve the vision and respond to the key issues which needed to be addressed in the Vale of Glamorgan and in line with the Community Involvement Scheme.

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 Issues, Vision and Objectives Background Paper, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, be endorsed as a part of the evidence base for the emerging Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP).
- (2) T H A T the Head of Sustainable Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services, be authorised to agree the final format of and any necessary minor typographical changes and minor amendments to the Issues, Vision and Objectives Background Paper, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, prior to its publication.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) In accordance with Cabinet Minute C877, to endorse the Issues, Vision and Objectives Background Paper as part of the evidence base for the emerging RLDP.
- (2) To make typographical or other minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet approval.