

CABINET

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 21st September, 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 Dr. I.J. Johnson and I.A.N. Perry.

C98 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 the 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.

C99 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

C100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C101 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 20th July, 2023, for matters such as moving on contracts or accepting and using

grant funding. The Leader referred to previous funding allocated to country parks under the Brilliant Basics Fund that was now being used at St Donats.

Councillor John referred to 'Belle Vue Community Centre' in Penarth where the use of Emergency Powers had allowed for the official opening of the centre on 30th August, 2023. The response from the public had been positive and Councillor John looked forward to working with the Big Fresh Catering to develop the centre.

Councillor Birch referred to the 'Ysgol y Deri Expansion Project' and was pleased with the progress made, as well as 'Summer Holiday Free Schools Meals Support' which was an important offering to families that required support over that period.

Councillor Wilson referred to the 'Increase Capital Budget for the Eastern Shelter Refurbishment Scheme' as the Vale Council had been proactive in identifying issues in the Vale area and was pleased the project had been delivered and showed continuing investment in the Island.

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

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

C102 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2022-2023 – FINAL VERSION (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to ensure that Cabinet agreed the future priorities for the Directorate of Social Services. He encouraged Members who would have already seen the report via Scrutiny consideration, as well as members of the public, Council staff, third sector partners, Health Boards and service users to read the plan which covered the next four years as there was a broad range of interest for the topics covered.

Councillor Birch was aware of an increase in numbers of children presenting with anxiety, stress and other mental health problems as a result of the pandemic and social isolation during important times in their development which had had an effect on Social Services and highlighted the importance of the report in addressing those issues.

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 content of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Director's Annual Report for 2022/23 (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) be approved.
- (3) T H A T the improvement priorities for Social Services as set out in the Director's Annual Report for 2022/23 be endorsed.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To ensure that the Director's Annual Report for 2022/23 had the approval and agreement of Cabinet.
- (3) To ensure that the priorities as set out by the Director of Social Services were approved by Cabinet.