

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024

REFERENCE FROM LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:  
18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

“951 SERVICE PLANS AND TARGET SETTING TO DELIVER THE VALE OF  
GLAMORGAN COUNCIL’S ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2024/25 (DLS) –

The Director of Learning and Skills, in presenting the report, advised that Members’ endorsement was sought in respect of the priority actions as reflected in the Service Plans and proposed service performance targets for the period 2024/2025 that would deliver the Council’s Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) within the remit of the Committee.

The report presented the planned service activities (as outlined in Service Plans) and associated performance targets within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee. These were the Committee’s specific areas of focus associated with the delivery of the Council’s ADP for 2024/2025 as aligned to the four Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives. (attached at Appendices A and B to the report).

Progressing the ADP would help to meet statutory obligations under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Both pieces of legislation placed specific duties on the Council in relation to reviewing and setting objectives, keeping performance under review and reporting on performance, with a focus on improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.

In line with statutory duties the relevance of the Well-being Objectives were continually reviewed. As a result, going forward into 2024/2025, the Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives and the associated commitments outlined in the ADP 2024/2025 (contained in the background papers to the report) were assured as relevant in delivering improved outcomes for Vale of Glamorgan citizens and contributed to the national Well-being Goals.

All Scrutiny Committees had considered a draft ADP in December 2023 and their views, together with those of other key stakeholders, had informed the final Plan, which was endorsed by Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 and approved by Full Council on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

The commitments in the ADP 2024/25 were reflected in 16 Service Plans which were provided for information in the background papers to the report. Those Plans showed how individual service areas would contribute to achievement and overall delivery of the four Well-being Objectives and how resources would be deployed to do so. In line with the Annual Performance Calendar, the report advised that Members had continued to help shape the way in which performance related activity

and reports were presented to support them in their critical friend challenge role. Feedback from the recent workshop (relating to the Committee specific presentation of Service Plan activities and performance targets) in February 2024, had been reflected in the approach to this year's reports.

Scrutiny Committee Members were asked to review the contributions from services (through planned activities and proposed performance measures and associated targets) as relevant to this Committee's remit that would support achievement of the ADP commitments for the period 2024/25 which were set out in Appendices A and B to the report.

Upon review, Members were also requested to recommend to Cabinet the planned activities and associated service performance targets as relevant to the Committee's remit as the primary means against which performance for the ADP 2024/25 would be monitored, measured and reported quarterly as set out in Appendices A and B to the report.

In considering the report Councillor Goodjohn sought the detail in relation to ADP 19 with the Head of Additional Learning Needs and Wellbeing advising that this appeared to be a clerical error and that the required information would be added and despatched to Committee Members and Cabinet for information. With regard to ADP 18 and 20, again following a request for further information, the officer advised that when the Committee would be considering the Service Plan progress during the year, it would be receiving the detail at that time.

Councillor Hodges, in recognising that the position was in its early days and that a lot of information was not as yet available he however considered that there various aspects of the document that although related to other Scrutiny Committees was actually relevant to this Committee, in particular place making and its cultural aspects, suggesting that such information be also considered by the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee going forward. The Chair asked the Director to ensure that such information was available to the Scrutiny Committee going forward with the Director agreeing to take the request back for consideration.

Councillor Payne, in referring to ADP 21 – sustainable transport, sought an update on how progress was being made with the promotion of active travel around schools and potential solutions being considered due to the amount of cars present on school runs and it also being a safeguarding issue. The Director of Learning and Skills stated that she would forward the query to the Neighbourhood Services Directorate to ascertain what information could be brought back to the Committee as an update on the work that was currently being undertaken in regard to such matters.

Having regard to discussions at the meeting, it was subsequently

#### RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the planned service activities for 2024/25, relating to the remit of the Committee and set out in Appendix A to the report, be endorsed.

(2) T H A T the proposed measures and service performance targets for 2024/2025, relating to the remit of the Committee and set out in Appendix B to the report, be endorsed.

(3) T H A T Cabinet be informed going forward of the Scrutiny Committee's requests to receive information for consideration, as outlined above, relating to cultural aspects and sustainable travel options being considered in relation to schools.

#### Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report to ensure that the planned activities aligned to the Committee's remit are accurate, up to date and relevant and become the main document through which performance against the Corporate Plan's Annual Delivery Plan is monitored and measured during 2024/2025.

(2) To ensure the Council's Corporate Plan Performance Measurement Framework identifies a relevant set of performance measures and targets against which the Annual Delivery Plan can be monitored and measured during 2024/2025.

(3) To inform Cabinet of the Committee's request for such information to be presented for its consideration."

View Report to Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 [here](#).  
The comments of the Scrutiny Committee have been incorporated into the report on the Cabinet agenda at Agenda Item No. 12