

CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 19th December, 2024.

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

C197 ANNOUNCEMENT –

The Leader commenced by advising of some housekeeping issues and advised that the meeting was being livestreamed, recorded and would be uploaded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

C198 MINUTES –

Councillor M.R. Wilson had been present at the meeting that took place on 28th November, 2024 but was not included as in attendance in error.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meetings held on 28th November and 5th December, 2024 be approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor M.R. Wilson as present at the 28th November 2024 meeting.

C199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C200 CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE (REF) –

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 20th November, 2024 was presented.

The Leader said there was a depth of discussion at the meeting, concerning some of the proposed ways forward, the Docks Office, Levelling Up funding and the Community Asset Management Transfer process. Committee noted the report and requested that Cabinet consider that where any small parcel of Council land surplus to use and of minimal market value could be earmarked for the benefit of Community organisations to use for growing etc. which Cabinet were happy to endorse.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the reference from the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 20th November, 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T going forward, consideration be given where any small parcel of Council land surplus to use and of minimal market value could be earmarked for the benefit of Community organisations to use for growing etc.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C201 CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN (REF) –

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 20th November, 2024 was presented.

The Leader said the discussion at the meeting was led by Officers and was hugely detailed and insightful. It was commented on at the Committee that the target was ambitious but that the Council continued to work towards meeting those targets within financial constraints. The Vale of Glamorgan Council were one of the first Councils in Wales to declare a climate emergency and remained committed to moving forward with that.

Committee noted the report and requested that Cabinet considered focusing its approach to behavioural change as a dedicated work stream and researched the contribution that behavioural change could have on the Council meeting its Net Zero Targets, which the Leader said Officers were already working on. Progress was already on track in areas such as waste and recycling which had led to the Council being one of the leaders in terms of recycling in Wales, largely due to the adaptation and support of residents to change their behaviours concerning how waste was collected.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the reference from the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 20th November, 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T the recommendation with regards the approach to behavioural change as a dedicated work stream and researched the contribution that behavioural change could have on the Council meeting its Net Zero Targets be noted as ongoing work by Officers.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C202 WALES CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY – RESPONSE TO THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024-2030 (REF) –

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 20th November, 2024 was presented.

The Leader said there had a response report compiled by the Wales Centre for Public Policy (WCPP) and looked at whether the steps being proposed were able to deliver the required results, and on the whole the actions proposed in the document appeared realistic and reflected a well thought-through series of actions intended to reduce organisational operational emissions across scopes 1, 2 and 3.

Committee noted the report and the response from Officers to be made to the WPC and requested that Cabinet

- To look at alternative funding options that climate bonds represent;
- To look at the additional possibilities with planning considerations that the report refers to; and
- To consider holding climate conversation events across wards within communities in the Vale of Glamorgan in order to speak with residents, to seek their views on what they consider need to be looked at in their areas and to raise public awareness of the Plan.

Officers were present for that discussion and it was proposed that those actions be referred to the Project Zero team for further consideration, which was agreed.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the reference from the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 20th November, 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T the recommendations of the Committee be referred to the Project Zero team for further consideration.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

C203 GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST ADVISORY GROUP–

The minutes of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Advisory Group meeting held on 11th October 2024 were presented.

Matters considered at the meeting included an update on work undertaken on the Heritage Coast, a presentation regarding the Vale Coastal Project, matters raised by

Bridgend County Borough Council, Natural Resources Wales and the Friends of Glamorgan Heritage Coast.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Advisory Group meeting held on 11th October 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

C204 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2025/26 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report to seek approval for the Council Tax Base for 2025/26.

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 pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations, the amount calculated by the Vale of Glamorgan Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2025/-26 should be:

- For the whole area: 63,970
- For the area of Town and Community Councils:

Barry	21,434	Pendoylan	367
Colwinston	385	Penllyn	1,181
Cowbridge with Llanblethian	3,017	Peterston-Super-Ely	549
Dinas Powys	4,054	Rhose	3,242
Eweny	455	St. Athan	1,756
Llancarfan	495	St. Brides Major	1,504
Llandough	979	St. Donats	212
Llandow	443	St. Georges & St. Brides-Super-Ely	241
Llanfair	393	St. Nicholas & Bonvilston	775
Llangan	470	Sully & Lavernock	2,849
Llan-maes	252	Welsh St. Donats	333
Llantwit Major	4,384	Wenvoe	1,563

Michaelston	244	Wick	553
Penarth	11,840		

Reason for decision

It was essential that the Council Tax Base was set in order that it could be submitted to the Welsh Government and used by Councils and levying bodies to set the precepts.

C205 COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS ON LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES AND SECOND HOMES (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report to seek approval for the policy to be adopted for Council Tax Long Term Empty Properties and Second Homes for 2025-26.

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 policy to not grant any level of discount for unoccupied dwellings that have remained so for 6 months which was agreed for 2024-25, be agreed for 2025-26.
- (2) T H A T the long term empty property premium of 100% agreed by Full Council on 6th March 2024 for the 2024-25 financial year continue for such properties from 2025-26 that remain so for the period up to (but not including) 24 months.
- (3) T H A T the long term empty property premium of 150% agreed by Full Council on 6th March, 2024 for the 2024-25 financial year continue for such properties from 2025-26 that remain so for a continuous period of 24 months up to (but not including) 36 months.
- (4) T H A T, as agreed by Full Council on 6th March, 2024, a premium of 200% be introduced from 1st April, 2025 for long term empty properties that have remained as such for a continuous period of 36 months or more.
- (5) T H A T the premium of 100% for periodically occupied properties for the 2024-25 financial year agreed on 6th March, 2024 be reaffirmed and continue for 2025-26.
- (6) T H A T the report be referred to Full Council for final consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) The Council was required to determine its policy on discounts in relation to unoccupied dwellings as defined in classes A, B and C to the Council Tax (Prescribed Class of Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 1998 each year.
- (2) The Council was required to determine its policy regarding premiums in respect of long-term empty properties as defined in Sections 12A and 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as inserted by the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.
- (3) Upon reviewing the implementation of the premium for long term empty properties introduced from the start of 1st April, 2023, it was felt that a straight increase to the premium levels as previously proposed may counteract the intention of the policy, which was to bring long term empty properties back into use, if the level of charges due hindered necessary works required to make a dwelling habitable. As such it was felt that a stepped approach would be more in keeping with the policy to ensure that persistent long term empty properties were targeted.
- (4) As (2) above.
- (5) The Council was required to determine its policy regarding premiums in respect of second homes as defined in Sections 12A and 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as inserted by the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.
- (6) To enable Full Council to consider the matter.

C206 PRECEPT PAYMENT DATES 2025/26 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report to seek approval for the payment of precepts for 2025/26.

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 payment due to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales be paid in 12 equal instalments on the last working day of each month.
- (2) T H A T payment due to Town and Community Councils be paid in 3 equal instalments on the last working days of April, August and December 2025.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) The dates were determined to optimise the Council's cash flow in line with the regulations.

C207 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Leader presented the report to confirm the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2025/26 based on regulations and to reconfirm the Council's discretions.

The Council Tax Reduction Scheme provided support for those on a low income towards paying their Council Tax liability and the regulations allowed the Council to provide additional support to residents above the default scheme set by Welsh Government.

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 Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations SI 2013/3029 (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 SI 2014/66 be referred to Full Council in order to be adopted.

(2) T H A T any amendments to Regulations made by the Welsh Government were reflected in the scheme.

(3) T H A T the national scheme was adopted with the following discretions: -

- That the Council should continue to allow Extended Payments up to a maximum of 4 weeks;
- That the Council should continue to disregard War Widow and War Disablement pensions in assessing income for Council Tax Reduction;
- That the Council should continue to allow Backdated Reductions for a period up to 26 weeks.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31st January, 2025 and be in place for implementation from 1st April, 2025.

(2) To ensure that the Council's scheme continued to comply with regulation.

(3) To reconfirm the three local discretions.

C208 CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING MID-TERM REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024 (SCH) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to provide a summary on the activity that had been undertaken in relation to Corporate arrangements for Safeguarding across the Council and provide assurance around safeguarding activity taking place across the Council.

The Corporate Safeguarding Group had cross-Directorate representation from Housing, Place, Education and Social Services as well as with Human Resources colleagues to ensure that safeguarding was a Corporate concern.

Councillor Birch said that all staff took safeguarding seriously as the Authority was responsible for many vulnerable people and it was essential that processes were in place, adhered to and regularly reviewed. Councillor Williams agreed and added that the Corporate Safeguarding Group also looked at case and practice reviews as well as any further learning that came forward.

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 work that had been undertaken to improve corporate arrangements for safeguarding and protecting children and adults be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet would continue to receive six monthly reports on work carried out to monitor Corporate Safeguarding arrangements and its effectiveness.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to all Scrutiny Committees for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that Cabinet was aware of recent developments in corporate arrangements for safeguarding.
- (2) To allow Cabinet to exercise effective oversight of that key area of corporate working.
- (3) To ensure that there was a wide-reaching level of Member oversight regarding that important area.

C209 APPROPRIATION OF TWO PROPERTIES FROM HOUSING STOCK TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to appropriate two properties from Housing to Social Services, with full considerations detailed in a Part II report on the meeting agenda and Cabinet requested to consider those reports in conjunction.

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 considered in conjunction with the Part II report on the meeting agenda.

(2) T H A T use of the Council's urgent decision procedure, as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution, be agreed in respect of the recommendations contained within the Part II report.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To allow the Part I and Part II reports to be considered together.

(2) To ensure the Council could deliver the scheme.

C210 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT – SECTION 65 POWER TO FIX FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES – APPLICATIONS TO VARY THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES TARIFF (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to determine an application received from Vale Taxis Unite to vary the current Vale of Glamorgan Council's rate of hackney carriage fares.

The basic tariff of fares had not risen since 2022 and any increase in taxi fares was subject to public consultation over the following two months before consideration of any changes.

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 application put forward by Vale Taxis Unite to vary hackney carriage fares with an implementation date of 28th January, 2025 (provided there were no objections) be approved in principle.
- (2) T H A T, subject to the Resolution (1), the fare variation be advertised in the local press.
- (3) T H A T subject to no objections being received, delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing to agree the fare variation in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To allow the new proposed fares to be publicly advertised. Under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, if any objections were received to the public notice, those must be considered by Cabinet and any new fare tariff must come into effect within 2 months from the original implementation date. The implementation date had been recommended to allow for reporting back of objections if received.
- (2) To vary hackney carriage fares it was necessary to give public notice in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- (3) To permit the change in fares to be implemented if there were no objections received.

C211 HOLM VIEW LEISURE CENTRE, BARRY (LSW) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek authority to market the property for a range of community uses.

The Leader said it was an exciting initiative. There had been a lot of discussion about the future use of Holm View and this was an opportunity to address some of the issues that local residents said mattered to them. Now that final confirmation of the Long Term Plans for Towns funding had been received there were opportunities to deliver for the local community. Councillor John said it was vital to get the building filled and used by the local community.

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 delegated authority be granted to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chief Executive, Director of Environment and Housing and the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services to market Holm View Leisure Centre by virtue of a 5-year lease opportunity for a range of community related uses.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Chief Executive, the Director of Environment and Housing and the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Performance and Resources to consider the bid proposals, confirm the preferred bidder and instruct the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services to draft the lease at the appropriate time.
- (3) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to enter into all necessary documentation in order to complete and execute the lease agreement and any other related documentation required.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To enable the property to be marketed at the earliest opportunity.
- (2) To enable a preferred bidder to be identified and for the legal team to be instructed.
- (3) To enable the lease to be completed at the earliest opportunity.

C212 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COLCOT AND BUTTRILLS RECREATION SITES, BARRY (LSW) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to provide an update on the proposals for Colcot and Buttrills recreation sites, Barry, following public consultation and grant application submissions.

Councillor John said the current changing rooms opened in 1963 and there was now a need for new changing facilities. Appendix B to the report detailed the survey undertaken at the Colcot and new changing rooms would be required as in the near future football teams in Barry would have no fit for purpose changing rooms.

The Leader said that often in order to develop schemes there was a need to stitch together different funding sources together or a scheme would not be sustainable. The Council would continue to look at how a scheme could be delivered but it was not possible to do so currently.

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 results of the Public Consultation exercise, the increased costs associated with the scheme and that the proposals previously considered by Cabinet on 22nd February, 2024 be noted, and not progressed any further at this stage.

(2) T H A T a further report on the future of the site be presented to Cabinet to outline other options for the provision of modern facilities to serve the communities in the wider area.

(3) T H A T the grant application to the Cymru Football Foundation be withdrawn to enable a new bid to be prepared and submitted, that still aimed to improve facilities for Barry Football Clubs.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To acknowledge that the current proposals were undeliverable, without an element of enabling housing development.

(2) To seek alternatives to the originally proposed improvements that would deliver quality facilities for Barry, whilst reducing the escalating costs of running the current building.

(3) To inform Cymru Football Foundation that the Council remained committed to improving facilities but was unable to provide match funding for the proposed scheme, on the current site.

C213 MATTERS WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WERE URGENT (PART I) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matters which the Chair had decided were urgent for the reasons given beneath the minute headings be considered.

C214 QUARTER 2 REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25 UPDATE REPORT (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) – (Urgent by reason of the need to advise Cabinet of additional funding allocated to the Council in year and outline the impact on the 2024-25 revenue position.)

The Leader presented the report to advise Cabinet of the Updated Quarter 2 Revenue Monitoring position for 2024/25 in the context of additional Welsh Government Funding.

Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee had looked at the original report the previous evening but Cabinet felt it was reasonable to provide an update following receipt of additional funding from Welsh Government for the current year.

An additional £6.149m had been announced for a range of areas including teaching and non-teaching pay and teachers and Fire Service pension costs which would have an impact on the outturn position in 2024/25 and was described in paragraph 2.2 of the report. The majority of the additional grant funding had been passported directly to schools, at around £5.1m and was expected to reduce school deficits and would be worked on as part of the Quarter 3 monitoring position along with some additional funding that had been made available under the Local Authority Education Grant.

The balance of the received additional grant funding of around £995k plus additional income in respect of deferred payment arrangements for adult and social care and grant funding for reablement was expected to reduce the in-year unplanned use of reserves to £12.314m.

Use of unplanned reserves continued to be significant and the Council continued to experience significant pressure in respect of social care and schools with regard to Additional Learning Needs and school transport.

Steps outlined in the Quarter 2 monitoring report to mitigate the in-year position would remain in place to further reduce the unplanned use of reserves as much as 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 updated position with regard to the Authority's 2024/25 Revenue Budget be noted.

Reason for decision

To inform Cabinet of the updated projected revenue outturn for 2024/25 and the additional Welsh Government funding awarded in year.

**C215 CARDIFF AND VALE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP (EL/PR)
(SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –
(Urgent by reason of the need to approve the appointment of the preferred bidder identified under Part II as the Council's development partner for the Cardiff and Vale Housing Partnership.)**

The Leader presented the report to update Cabinet on the outcome of the joint procurement between Cardiff Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council to procure a Development Partner to deliver the Council's Housing Development Programme.

In May 2023 Cabinet first considered the formation of a Housing partnership and while the Council had since delivered a number of schemes wanted to develop greater levels of social housing. A competitive procurement process had been

undertaken and the report was also considered by Cardiff Council's Cabinet on 12th December, 2024.

Savills had been appointed by the Council to look at delivery options and potential structure for the Cardiff and Vale Housing Partnership and provided advice and support. A number of bidders were shortlisted down to three in February 2024 with final tenders received on 19th August, 2024, with detailed appraisals on the bids on a wide range of criteria before a final decision being proposed.

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 outcome of the Competitive dialogue procurement process which identified the preferred bidder be noted and to approve the appointment of the preferred bidder identified under Part II as the Council's development partner for the Cardiff and Vale Housing Partnership.

(2) T H A T use of the Council's urgent decision procedure, as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution, be agreed to approve the appointment of the preferred bidder identified under Part II as the Council's development partner for the Cardiff and Vale Housing Partnership.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To note the outcome of the Competitive dialogue procurement process which identified the preferred bidder and to approve the appointment of the preferred bidder identified under Part II.

(2) To enable the Council to approve the preferred bidder.

C216 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

C217 APPROPRIATION OF TWO PROPERTIES FROM HOUSING STOCK TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE (SCH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to appropriate two properties from Housing to Social Services for the purpose of delivering residential accommodation for children looked after.

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 appropriation of 1 and 2 Burley Place from the Council's Housing stock to the Social Services Directorate for use as residential children's homes be approved.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services to instruct the Council's Property Section and Project Management Unit to oversee the delivery of the project, including appropriation of the properties and any renovation/upgrade works required to the property to bring them up to standard, subject to funding.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services to instruct the Property Section and Project Management Unit to procure and appoint a design team and other consultants as may be required to achieve project delivery, subject to funding.

(4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services to submit a planning application(s) and building regulations application for the project by virtue of either Regulation 3 or Regulation 4 of The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 (As Amended), if required.

(5) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services in liaison with the Head of Finance / S151 Officer to approve the use of Capital Funding to fund the appropriation of the two properties. This would be claimed back from the Welsh Government Housing with Care Fund (HCF) Objective 2 'Intermediate Care and Accommodation' via the Regional Partnership Board (RPB).

(6) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services in liaison with the Head of Finance / S151 Officer to approve the use of Capital Funding to fund all renovation works. This would be claimed back from the Welsh Government Housing with Care Fund (HCF) Objective 2 'Intermediate Care and Accommodation' via the Regional Partnership Board (RPB).

(7) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services to submit and accept grant applications to secure funding towards the cost of the project.

(8) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Head of Finance / S151 Officer be authorised to prepare, execute, and complete all legal documentation required to appropriate the properties, and procure and facilitate the delivery of the project including all renovation and upgrade works.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To obtain endorsement from Cabinet for the project.

(2-3) To obtain authority to appropriate the freehold interest of the two properties, and to enable the properties to be brought up to appropriate standards.

(4) To obtain authority to submit planning application(s) and building regulation application(s) for the project.

(5-6) To obtain authority for the use of Capital Funding to facilitate the appropriation and renovation work in the interim whilst HCF funding was being sought.

(7) To obtain authority to submit and accept grant applications for the project.

(8) To obtain authority for the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, execute and complete all legal documentation required to facilitate the delivery of the project.

C218 MATTERS WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WERE URGENT (PART II) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matters which the Chair had decided were urgent for the reasons given beneath the minute headings be considered.

C219 CARDIFF AND VALE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP (EL/PR) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

(Urgent by reason of the need to approve the appointment of the preferred bidder identified under Part II as the Council's development partner for the Cardiff and Vale Housing Partnership.)

The Leader presented the report to update Cabinet on the outcome of the joint procurement of Development Partner to deliver the Council's Housing Development Programme.

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 outcome of the Competitive dialogue procurement process be noted and the appointment of the preferred bidder, identified as Lovell Partnerships, be approved as the Council's development partner for the CVHP.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (as a Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement Portfolio matter) and the Head of Finance/Section 151 Officer to award the contract to the preferred bidder Lovell Partnership on expiry of the Standstill period as referenced in the report.

(3) T H A T use of the Council's urgent decision procedure, as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution, be agreed to approve the appointment of the preferred bidder as the Council' development partner for the Cardiff and Vale Housing Partnership

Reasons for decisions

(1) To note the outcome of the Competitive dialogue procurement process and to approve the appointment of Lovells as the preferred bidder.

(2) To allow the Council to award the contract to the preferred bidder, Lovell Partnership, on expiry of the Standstill period.

(3) To enable the Council to approve the preferred bidder.