

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021

**“C658 VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL REPORT (IMPROVEMENT PLAN PART II) 2020/21 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –**

The report presented the draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report (Improvement Plan Part II) 2020/21, which outlined the Council’s progress towards achieving its Well-being (Improvement) Objectives agreed in April 2020. The report also incorporated an end of year position statement on the Council’s corporate risks, an annual review of progress against its regulatory proposals and the Head of Internal Audit’s opinion on the Council’s governance arrangements.

As this was the last annual review of performance under the Local Government Measure, the report also provided a summary of the performance provisions in the new Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act and proposed a timetable for producing and publishing the Council’s self- assessment in 2022 under the new Act. The Council’s self-assessment report in 2022 would replace the current annual review of performance (Appendix A to the report).

This was a matter for Executive and Full Council decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report (Improvement Plan Part II) 2020/21 (Appendix A to the report) be endorsed and referred to Full Council on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 for approval.

(2) T H A T the proposed timetable for producing and publishing the Council’s first self-assessment under the new performance provisions outlined in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (paragraph 2.22 - 2.38 of the report) be approved and referred to Full Council on 20<sup>th</sup> September for approval.

(3) T H A T following consideration by Cabinet and Members at Full Council, the proposed timetable for producing the Council’s 2022 self-assessment (paragraph 2.22 -2.38 of the report) and the Vale of Glamorgan Annual Report (Improvement Plan Part II) 2020/21 (Appendix A to the report) be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee for final oversight of the Council’s performance review for 2020/21, including progress against its regulatory recommendations/ proposals for improvement (section 7 of the appended Annual Report – Appendix A).

## Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure the Council fully discharges its duties under both the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to publish an annual review of Council performance against its Well-being (Improvement) Objectives by 31<sup>st</sup> October as per the statutory timetable.
- (2) To ensure the Council meets its duty to produce and publish an annual self-assessment report relating to the previous financial year in line with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.
- (3) To ensure the Governance and Audit Committee has final oversight of the Council's progress in meeting the Annual Delivery Plan commitments contributing to its Well-being Objectives and addressing recommendations / regulatory proposals for improvement; and the timetable for producing and publishing the Council's 2022 self-assessment."