

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Decision Notice – Meeting: 20th September, 2021.

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Present: Councillor Jayne Norman (Mayor); Councillors Julie Aviet, Vincent Bailey, Rhiannon Birch, Jonathan Bird, Bronwen Brooks, Lis Burnett, George Carroll, Christine Cave, Janice Charles, Millie Collins, Geoff Cox, Robert Crowley, Pamela Drake, Vincent Driscoll, Stewart Edwards, Ben Gray, Owen Griffiths, Stephen Griffiths, Sally Hanks, Nic Hodges, Hunter Jarvie, Gwyn John, Gordon Kemp, Peter King, Kevin Mahoney, Kathryn McCaffer, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Michael Morgan, Rachel Nugent-Finn, Andrew Parker, Bob Penrose, Sandra Perkes, Andrew Robertson, Leighton Rowlands, Ruba Sivagnanam, John Thomas, Neil Thomas, Steffan Wiliam, Margaret Wilkinson, Edward Williams and Mark Wilson.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors Andrew R.T. Davies, Anthony Hampton, Dr. Ian Johnson and Marguerita Wright.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

There were no declarations received.

AGENDA ITEM 3. MINUTES –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10th May, 2021 be approved as a correct record.
- (2) T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July, 2021 be approved as a correct record, subject to the note at the bottom of page 53 being deleted due to an admin error.

Councillor Vince Driscoll, with the permission of the Mayor, made a retrospective personal and prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Minute No. 290 of the minutes of the meeting of 26th July, 2021 in that he was at the time a Director of the company that owned 50 Holton Road, Barry and one of the tenants had applied for a Pavement Licence.

AGENDA ITEM 5. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION (MD) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T it be agreed that the Terms of Reference of the Senior Management Appointment Committee be amended to reflect the requirement to appoint more than one Lay Member on the Audit and Governance Committee with effect from 5th May 2022, and Section 13 of the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.

(2) T H A T Section 9 and Section 13 (Governance and Audit Committee) of the Council's Constitution and the Terms of Reference of the Governance and Audit Committee be amended to reflect the requirements of Sections 116-118 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to provide for the following from 5th May, 2022:

- The Committee Chair must be a lay person;
- The Vice-Chair must not be a member of the Council's Executive or an assistant to its Executive;
- The composition of the Committee must be two thirds Members and one third Lay Members.

(3) T H A T the future composition of the Governance and Audit Committee be amended to 6 Elected Members and 3 Lay Members to take effect from the Annual Meeting May 2022.

Reasons for decisions

(1) The Local Government and Election (Wales) Act 2021, Section 116 requires the composition of the Governance and Audit Committee to be two thirds and one third Members and Lay Members from 5th May, 2022 and in order for the recruitment exercise of Lay Members to be undertaken.

(2) To comply with the requirements of Sections 116-118 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

(3) To comply with Part 6 Chapter 2 "Governance & Audit Committees: Membership and Proceedings", Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 by ensuring that the membership of the Governance and Audit Committee shall consist of one third Lay Members.

AGENDA ITEM 6. VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL REPORT
(IMPROVEMENT PLAN PART II) 2020/21 (REF) -

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 approved.

(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.

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 31st October as per the statutory timetable.

(2) To ensure the Council met 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.