

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 2ND DECEMBER, 2024

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 10TH OCTOBER, 2024

“C134 FINAL DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT 2023/24 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The Leader presented the report which sought Cabinet endorsement of the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment Report 2023/24, incorporating the key findings from engagement with key stakeholders.

The Leader had previously moved that the item be fully considered alongside Items 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the agenda which concerned the same matter, which was agreed.

Members had formally considered the draft Annual Self-Assessment report via Scrutiny Committees held between 10th and 19th September 2024, making 12 comments which were covered in the associated references from each Committee and had been addressed within the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2023/24.

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee asked that that a clear and concise summary of this document be produced for residents of the Vale of Glamorgan and for future consultations on the Annual-Self Assessment for the Council to reach out to the public and interested groups with more specific questions on communication and accessibility around the process, which had been built into the future Corporate Plan.

Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee discussed working with voluntary and community organisations to deliver and shape local services, which were coming forward. There were points made about specific Service Areas that were taken on board, including the challenge of recruitment and selection in care provision.

Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee said there should be further information about Council spending and more regular use of infographics for residents. There was also discussion about safeguarding, Additional Learning Needs and school attendance.

Governance and Audit Committee referred comments regarding the 2023/24 and 2024/25 reports, which would be taken on by Officers in developing the 2024/25 report.

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 comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 17th September, 2024, Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 18th September, 2024, Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee held on 19th September, 2024 and Governance and Audit Committee held on 23rd September, 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T the consultation summary findings be noted and the updated Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2023/24 appended at Appendix A be endorsed.

(3) T H A T the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report be referred to Governance and Audit Committee (21st October, 2024) for their consideration and approval in line with their statutory role, under Part 6 (section 114) of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and that upon consideration the Committee refers any recommendations back to Cabinet for their final consideration (7th November, 2024) prior to Cabinet referring this report with the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee and Cabinet's responses to Council (2nd December, 2024) for consideration and approval. Should Governance and Audit Committee have no further comments to refer to Cabinet for consideration, that the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report be referred to Full Council (2nd December, 2024) for consideration and approval.

(4) T H A T the use of paragraph 15.14.2(ii) of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised to allow the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self -Assessment 2023/24 to be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee meeting taking place on 21st October, 2024 for consideration, with any recommendations considered by Cabinet on 7th November, 2024, prior to Full Council consideration on 2nd December, 2024.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meetings.

(2) To enable Cabinet to consider the consultation feedback and then approve the subsequent changes to the Final Draft Annual Self-Assessment report 2023/24.

(3) To enable the Governance and Audit Committee to consider the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment findings in line with its statutory role, under Part 6 (section 114) of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

(4) To ensure that the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2023/24 could be presented to Council in December for consideration and approval."