

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 11th February, 2025.

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Present: Councillor C. Iannucci-Williams (Vice-Chair in the Chair); Councillors C.E.A. Champion, P. Drake, V.P. Driscoll, A.M. Ernest, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman and J. Protheroe.

Also present: Councillors J. Aviet, R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), C.P. Franks, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson, H.M. Payne, C. Stallard, E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors S. Lloyd-Selby (Chair), E. Penn and S.T. Wiliam.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 3. INITIAL BUDGET 2025/26 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26 TO 2029/30 PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the following comments be passed to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as the lead Scrutiny Committee in order for them to be forwarded to Cabinet:

- In light of the car parking savings / proposals still being part of the report and consultation, it was important to consider the comments, etc. made and included as a recommendation at the Special Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee on 28th January on these proposals and that, following consideration by the Committee, the report be referred back to Cabinet with the following comments / issues identified, in order for additional work to be done on the report's proposals prior to implementation:

- The Committee welcomes the proposal concerning residential parking permits;
- That Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) be applied to each of the proposals referred to in the report. The Committee felt there had been insufficient consideration on these and the impacts on the locations affected and further work was required;
- Regarding the point on the use of EIAs above, this included Court Road multi-storey car park, with further work needed to identify current use and the potential impact of its closure on the availability of alternative car parking spaces, the potential impact that might have on nearby residents and any mitigation that would be required to address those concerns. The Committee was of the view that the future of Court Road car park should be set within a vision for the town centre in relation to town centre renewal and that consideration should be given to include a capital bid to secure the future of the car park as part of that process. Creative solutions should be explored to secure the future of the car park;
- Regarding the on-street car parking proposals, further consideration be given on this, including a period for free car parking of one or two hours and / or seasonal parking;
- Should on-street parking charges be introduced, then there should be a review period built into that so appropriate changes could be made as required;
- That the legal position in relation to the use of any money that might be raised through the introduction of car parking charges be clarified, in order to fully understand what that money could be spent on specifically;
- With regard to off-street parking charges, the Committee's view was that work should be done to improve the car parking facilities at Cliff Walk – Penarth, and Bron y Mor – Barry, prior to the implementation of charging at those locations;
- That appropriate enforcement capacity would be required to achieve the objectives of introducing charging both in on-street and off-street areas;
- Consideration should be given to what approaches could be made to ensure affordability in relation to parking permits so that local residents who might be experiencing financial hardship were not disadvantaged;
- In relation to off-street charges there should be engagement with the relevant stakeholders in the Western Vale in relation to the service design of car parks in that area.
- That the Council undertake an educational piece of work with schoolchildren around the issues of littering prior to Summertime.
- A review and pause of the reduction of bins within the Vale of Glamorgan following the 25% removal.

Reason for recommendation

In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments of the Committee before making a proposal on the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 4. DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2025/26 TO 2029/30 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference, report and appendices for the draft Capital Programme for 2025/26 to 2029/30 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the reference, report and appendices, as well as the discussions at the meeting and following consideration by Committee Members of the draft Capital Programme for 2025/26 to 2029/30.

AGENDA ITEM 5. UPDATE REPORT – RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHANGES 2024 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the contents of the Update Report – Recycling and Waste Management Service Changes 2024, be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report, as well as the discussions at the meeting and following consideration by Committee Members of the update.