

HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 7th February 2023.

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Present: Councillor J.E. Charles (Chair); Councillor N.C. Thomas (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.M. Ball, C.A. Cave, C.M. Cowpe, R. Fisher, S. Lloyd-Selby, J. Lynch-Wilson, J.M. Norman, H.M. Payne, and C. Stallard.

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), E. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport, and Wellbeing) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor A.M. Collins.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2023 be approved as a correct record subject to the typing error within paragraph one of minute 602 being noted. The paragraph reference numbers should state 1.1 and 1.2.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item No. 4 – Budget 2023/24 for Consultation and Further MTFP Update (Reference from Cabinet: 19th January, 2023). Councillor Lloyd-Selby had multiple family members in receipt of Telecare support and one family member in receipt of a Care Package. Councillor Lloyd-Selby had a dispensation from Standards Committee to speak only on issues relating to Telecare and Care Package services at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings. The Councillor remained in the meeting for the item.

Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby declared a Prejudicial Interest in Agenda Item No. 5 – Vale of Glamorgan Council – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/2024 (Reference from Cabinet: 19th January, 2023). Councillor Lloyd-Selby had multiple family members in receipt of Telecare support and one family member in receipt of a Care Package. Councillor Lloyd-Selby had a dispensation from Standards Committee to speak only on issues relating to Telecare and Care Package services at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings. The Councillor withdrew from the meeting for the item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. BUDGET 2023/24 FOR CONSULTATION AND FURTHER MTFP UPDATE (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended Cabinet report in relation to the 2023/24 Budget for Consultation and Further Medium-Term Financial Plan Update be noted.

(2) T H A T the following comments of the Committee be forwarded to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee:

- As a result of continued diligence shown by Council Officers, Committee are already well versed in the significant pressures faced by the Social Services sector.
- Members of the Committee commend the proposed budget as presented which is a detailed proposal around investing in vital areas of Social Care provision despite the enormous financial pressures that the Council is facing.
- The Committee welcomes all proposals for investment as presented within the report.
- The pressures that are clearly evidenced within the Social Services sector are increasing and statutory. Therefore, the Council has a statutory obligation to fund said pressures and to ensure that services operate as effectively as possible.
- The Committee thank Finance Officers for a comprehensible report and useful supporting presentation.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report to ensure that funding and savings assumptions are validated and that savings proposals are realistic and deliverable and do not have any unintended impacts.

(2) To ensure that the comments of the Committee are considered by Corporate Performance and Resources as the lead Scrutiny Committee, with any recommendations being referred back to Cabinet on 27th February, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 5. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL – PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2023/2024 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended Cabinet report in relation to Vale of Glamorgan Proposed Fees and Charges for 2023/2024 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report on the proposed changes in service charges for functions managed by the Council for the

financial year 2023/24.

AGENDA ITEM 6. DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2023/24 TO 2027/28 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended Cabinet report in relation to the Draft Capital Programme Proposals 2023/24 to 2027/28 be noted.

(2) T H A T the following comments of the Committee be forwarded to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee:

- As a result of continued diligence shown by Council Officers, Committee are well aware of the significant costs incurred as a result of the requirement to place children and young people out of area.
- The report is phrased as ‘investment-to-save’ and as such the Committee commends the report as presented which includes details on investing in community based specialist accommodation provision despite the enormous financial pressures that the Council is facing.
- The Committee welcomes the report which demonstrates the Council’s approach of putting the needs of children and vulnerable adults before the requirement to save money.
- As a Council and Committee, we look to offer the best protection we can offer to vulnerable individuals within the Vale of Glamorgan considering the financial constrictions placed upon the Council.
- The Committee thank Finance Officers for a comprehensible report and useful supporting presentation.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report to consider the draft proposals in respect of the final capital budget for the financial year 2023/24 to 2027/28.

(2) To ensure that the comments of the Committee are considered by Corporate Performance and Resources as the lead Scrutiny Committee, in order that Cabinet be informed of the comments of all Scrutiny Committees before making a proposal on the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 7. REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2022 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority’s 2022/23 Revenue Budget be noted.

(2) T H A T the arrangements to offset the projected overspends in 2022/23, as set out in the report, be noted.

(3) T H A T the amended Revenue Budget for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report to inform Committee of the projected revenue outturn for 2022/23.

(2) To respond to emerging pay and price inflationary pressures in 2022/23.

(3) To adjust the amended Revenue Budget for 2022/23 for movements between Directorates.

AGENDA ITEM 8. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2022 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme, within the remit of the Committee, be noted.

(2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.

(3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers within the remit of the Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

(4) T H A T the changes to the 2022/23 and future Year's' Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report to advise Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme.

(2) To advise Committee of the use of Delegated Authority.

(3) To advise Committee of the use of Emergency Powers.

(4) To advise Committee of changes to the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 9. 3RD QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION
TRACKING AND UPDATED WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2022/2023 (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A and B to the report be agreed.

(2) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2022/23, attached at Appendix C, be approved, and uploaded to the Council's website subject to the following item being removed from page 27:

- Social Services Report – Carers Strategy (Support for Carers in the Vale of Glamorgan).

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.

(2) For public information and to reflect that the Social Services report on the Carers Strategy is now scheduled for the March 2023 Committee meeting.