

HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting: 12th September, 2023.

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

Also present: Councillors C.P. Franks, W.A. Hennessy, G. John (Cabinet Member for
Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and
Health).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor I.R. Buckley.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2023 be
approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the following comments of the Healthy Living and Social Care
Scrutiny Committee be passed to Cabinet:
 - (a) Cabinet be requested to look at the wording of the report to encourage
'improvements' in service areas where needed rather than just
'maintaining' services going forward.
 - (b) Cabinet be requested to place greater emphasis on points of innovation
in order to continue to strive for service improvements.

- (c) It be emphasised to Cabinet that in light of the fact that the existing cost pressures in relation to the Social Services Directorate are statutory provision, the Council has very little choice over the spending in relation to the related services that continue to be managed by skilled and appreciated staff and therefore consideration of this be undertaken in the context of future budget setting by Cabinet.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report on the Financial Strategy 2024/25 to review the financial pressures over the medium term and put in place a strategy for delivering the 2024/25 budget and sustainable finances over the medium term.
- (2) To ensure the Council has clear and transparent financial reporting and an appropriate level of challenge to the management of its finances with a key element of the challenge process being through the Council's scrutiny function.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY 2024/25 AND INITIAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report on the Initial Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2028/29.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 QUARTER 1 REVENUE MONITORING 2023/24 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2023/24 Revenue Budget be noted.
- (2) T H A T the virements as set out in Table 1 of the report be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report to inform Committee of the projected revenue outturn for 2023/24.
- (2) To update the original budget for 2023/24 for virement requests.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE, 2023 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, as set out in paragraph 2.4 of 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 paragraph 2.3 of the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the contents of the report to advise Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme, the use of Delegated Authority, the use of Emergency Powers and changes to the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A LEISURE CENTRE WORKING GROUP (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T Councillors J.E. Charles, N.C. Thomas, C.A. Cave, J.M. Norman, C. Stallard and J. Lynch-Wilson be elected to the Leisure Centre Working Group.
- (2) T H A T the re-established Working Group invite the relevant Cabinet Member to any future meetings or site visits undertaken by the Group.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report to re-establish a Working Group for the Leisure Centres of the Vale of Glamorgan from members of the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) To ensure that the views of the Working Group are shared appropriately with the executive of the Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN AND CARDIFF
INTEGRATED FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Integrated Family Support Team Annual Report for 2022/23, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

(2) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Integrated Family Support Team Annual Report be removed from the Committee's Forward Work Programme as a rolling item.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report to provide Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to consider the 2022-23 Annual Report for the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Integrated Family Support Team before being submitted to the Welsh Government as required under Welsh Government guidance.

(2) To ensure that the Committee's Forward Work Programme is responsive to the evolving areas which require scrutiny.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 ANNUAL CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING REPORT:
2022/2023 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report on the update provided to Cabinet on the work that has been undertaken in relation to corporate arrangements for safeguarding across the Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL SELF-
ASSESSMENT 2022/2023 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report as part of a programme of consultation on the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment Report 2022/23.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Quarter One performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 commitments, as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives within the remit of the Committee, be noted.
- (2) T H A T the remedial actions to be taken to address areas of underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report to ensure the Council clearly demonstrates the progress being made towards achieving its commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 aimed at making a positive difference to the lives of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.
- (2) To ensure the Council is effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet our performance requirements as outlined in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflecting the requirement of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that it maximises its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.