

## HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 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.M. Norman and C. Stallard.

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, G.D.D. Carroll, W.A. Hennessy, S.M. Hanks, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors I. Buckley and J. Lynch-Wilson.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. REFRESH OF MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T both the reference and appended Cabinet report, to review the work mitigating the cost pressures under the remit of the Committee, be noted.

(2) T H A T arrangements be made for a working party meeting to be held between Finance Officer(s) and Members of the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee, as confirmed at the meeting, i.e. Councillors Charles, N.C. Thomas, Ball, Cave, Fisher and Norman, to meet to receive additional insight and understanding of the significant and increased spending for the Social Services Directorate, identified savings, as well as future transformational opportunities for Members to better scrutinise future spending, with it being noted that any issues /

recommendations be referred back to the Committee for consideration and that Cabinet be informed accordingly.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the reference and report to ensure an open and transparent approach to financial management in line with the approved Financial Strategy.
- (2) To apprise Committee and Cabinet that a meeting of Members of the Committee was to be arranged to consider the significant and increased spending for the Social Services Directorate in more detail and that any issues/recommendations be referred back to the Committee for consideration prior to any recommendations being referred to Cabinet having regard to the timescales in the report.

AGENDA ITEM 5. QUARTER 2 REVENUE MONITORING 2023/24 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the position with regard the Authority's 2023/24 Revenue Budget be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the report to inform Committee of the projected revenue outturn for 2023/24.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2023/24 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in 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 paragraphs 2.45 – 2.48 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 2023/24 and Future Year's Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as summarised in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.6 and further reviewed at paragraphs 2.14 to 2.18 of the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the content 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 7. CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN MARKET STABILITY REPORT 2022: ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the changes to the market since publication of the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Market Stability Report (MSR), as per the key changes and local priorities set out in the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the report to ensure Committee was updated in respect of changes in demand and service availability since the MSR was published in 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES ANNUAL PLACEMENTS REVIEW (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council Children and Young People Services Annual Placement Review October 2023 Report, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

(2) T H A T a further Annual Placement Review report be received by the Committee at its October 2024 meeting.

(3) T H A T both the covering and appended report be referred to the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report to provide Members with an opportunity to exercise oversight of the key statutory function.

(2) To ensure that Members were aware of any changes with regards to placement provision for Children Looked After (CLA) and future priority actions on an annual basis.

(3) To ensure that Members from the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee also had an opportunity to consider the matters in the report which related to their portfolio areas.

AGENDA ITEM 9. CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING SUMMARY REPORT – (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the reference and appended Cabinet report, on the activity that had been undertaken in relation to Corporate arrangements for

Safeguarding across the Council, be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the report to provide assurance around safeguarding activity taking place across the Council as well as to ensure that there was a wide-reaching level of Member oversight.

AGENDA ITEM 10. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:  
QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Quarter 2 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 under-performance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report to ensure the Council clearly demonstrated 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 was effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet its 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 maximised its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.