HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 16th December, 2021.

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<u>Present</u>: Councillor A.M. Collins (Chair); Councillor. J. Aviet (Vice-Chair); Councillors J.C. Bird, B.E. Brooks, C.A. Cave, S.M. Hanks, R. Nugent-Finn, A.C. Parker, S.D. Perkes and L.O. Rowlands.

<u>Also present</u>: Councillor N. Moore (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources); W. Hennessy, V. John and H. Smith (Representatives from Tenant Working Group / Panel) and C. Ireland (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE -

This was received from G. Doyle (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representative).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2021 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

No declarations were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. PRESENTATION - CIVIL PROTECTION UNIT (CPU) UPDATE -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the presentation on the Civil Protection Unit (CPU) Update be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the presentation and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5. PRESENTATION - DISABLED FACILITIES ADAPTATIONS -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the presentation on the Disabled Facilities Adaptations be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the presentation and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING MID TERM REPORT (REF) – RECOMMENDED –

- (1) THAT the Corporate Safeguarding Mid-term Report be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet considers the comments made by the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for Elected Members at the Vale of Glamorgan of Council and seeks clarification as to whether all Elected Members should be required to undertake such checks as part of their role.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order that Cabinet considers the comments made regarding DBS checks for Elected Members by the Scrutiny Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 7. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-23 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the draft Annual Delivery Plan be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE 2021/22 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) T H A T the performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2021/22 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.
- (3) THAT the progress being made through the Council's recovery strategy and

the Directorate recovery plans in response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9. REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AND REVISED REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2021/22 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) THAT the position with regard to the 2021/22 revenue and capital budgets be noted.
- (2) T H A T the revised budget for 2021/22 be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10. INITIAL REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2022/23 (DEH) – RECOMMENDED –

- (1) THAT the Initial Revenue Budget Proposals for 2022/23 be noted.
- (2) T H A T Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee be advised of the ongoing importance of funding the cost pressures as set out in Appendix 1 to the report including the provision of B&B accommodation (pending clarification of the exact cost pressures for B&B accommodation as a result of further discussions on continued grant funding from Welsh Government).
- (3) THAT the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee considers the endorsement by the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee of the Council's review of Cadoxton House and the potential alternative uses for the building as part of looking at costs pressures.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order to maintain funding for the services provided in Appendix 1.
- (3) To endorse the Council's review of alternative ways and uses of the building and their impact on costs pressures.

AGENDA ITEM 11. INITIAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2022/23 TO 2026/27 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Initial Capital Programme Proposals for 2022/23 to 2026/27 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 12. INITIAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET PROPOSALS 2022/23 AND REVISED BUDGET 2021/22 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) THAT the amended Housing Revenue Account budget for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
- (2) THAT the initial Housing Revenue Account budget proposal for 2022/23 be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.