

## HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor A.M. Collins (Chair); Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards (Vice-Chair); Councillors J. Aviet, G.M. Ball, S. Campbell, G.D.D. Carroll, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, M.J.G. Morgan and S.D. Perkes.

Also present: C. Ireland (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale Representative), D. Dutch, V. John and H. Smith (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representatives); Councillors 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 Councillor I. Buckley and G. Doyle (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representative).

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

The following declarations were received:

Councillor J. Aviet declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 – Initial Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Revised Budget 2022/23 and Proposals 2023/24. The nature of her interest was that she was a Vale of Glamorgan Council tenant. This was a personal interest only and not prejudicial as per paragraph 19.3.3(b)(ii)(A) of the Council's Constitution. Therefore, Councillor Aviet remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 - Draft Older Persons Housing Strategy. The nature of her interest was that she was the Vale of Glamorgan Council Older People's Champion. This was a personal interest only and not prejudicial as per paragraph 19.3.3(b)(i)(C) of the Council's Constitution. Therefore, Councillor Loveluck-Edwards remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor W. A. Hennessy declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 – Initial Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Revised Budget 2022/23 and Proposals 2023/24. The nature of his interest was that he was a Vale of Glamorgan Council tenant. This was a personal interest only and not prejudicial as per paragraph 19.3.3(b)(ii)(A) of the Council's Constitution. Therefore, Councillor Hennessy remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2023-24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the following suggested additional action from the Committee be shared with the Director of Corporate Resources to inform revisions to the Annual Delivery Plan:

- For Objective 3, to support people at home and in their community: 'Ensure that the Council's housing stock continues to meet all relevant standards for safety and construction.'

#### Reason for recommendation

In order that the Director of Corporate Resources be informed of the suggested additional action to inform revisions to the Annual Delivery Plan as part of the programme of consultation.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5. INITIAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET REVISED BUDGET 2022/23 AND PROPOSALS 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the revised Housing Revenue Account budget for 2022/23 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the initial Housing Revenue Account budget proposal for 2023/24 be noted.

#### Reason for recommendations

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

#### AGENDA ITEM 6. DRAFT OLDER PERSONS HOUSING STRATEGY (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the following views of the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee be considered by Cabinet prior to the final Strategy being agreed, namely:

- The importance of the Strategy to consider the impact of dementia on housing older persons and the complex needs and support associated with this as well as the effects of a growing aging population within the Vale of Glamorgan.

- The importance of keeping the Strategy under constant review and monitoring, with the need to also link in with other relevant organisations (such as Public Health bodies, Registered Social Landlords and private house builders and developers) around support, availability, affordability and accessibility to appropriate housing for older persons.
- The importance of the Strategy and Action Plan to lay out the process for implementing the Strategy and plan for the infrastructure required to house and support older persons, i.e. to support older persons to live in their existing homes.
- For the Council, as part of the Strategy, to engage with Welsh Government in order to review their planning policies to allow the development of older persons accommodation within the communities they live in already, and adjacent to, or within the grounds of, their existing accommodation.
- The Council looks to engage with all age groups around this Strategy in order to account for the aspirations of future generations, that it is fit for purpose and to demystify or to remove the 'fear factor' of what housing an older person means going forward.

Reason for recommendation

To ensure that Cabinet make a fully informed decision on the final Strategy.

AGENDA ITEM 7. CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING MID YEAR REPORT (REF) –

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

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and Corporate Safeguarding mid-year report on the work undertaken to improve corporate arrangements for safeguarding and protecting children and adults.

AGENDA ITEM 8. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE 2022/3 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 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.

Reason for recommendations

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