

## HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

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

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

Present: Councillor A.M. Collins (Chair); Councillors J. Aviet, G.D.D. Carroll, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, S. Lloyd-Selby, B. Loveluck-Edwards, 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 (Representatives from Tenant Working Group / Panel), Councillors I.R. Buckley, L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), C.P. Franks, C. Iannucci, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), N.C. Thomas, E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR –

RESOLVED – T H A T Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards be appointed Vice-Chair for the Municipal year.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillor G.M. Ball and S. Campbell, and G. Doyle (Representative from Tenant Working Group / Panel).

### AGENDA ITEM 3. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 5. PRESENTATION: HER VOICE WALES –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the presentation be referred to the Environment and Regeneration and Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committees for their consideration.

(2) T H A T the presentation be shared with other relevant bodies, i.e. the Vale of Glamorgan Community Safety Partnership, as well with the Vale of Glamorgan Council Rural Champion.

(3) T H A T Officers explore options around the possible creation of “Safe Spaces” across the Vale of Glamorgan and to provide a report on this when practicable.

(4) T H A T the original report from Her Voice Wales be shared with all Elected Members of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

#### Reasons for recommendations

(1) In order that the Environment and Regeneration and Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committees consider the presentation, the issues and work undertaken relating to Her Voice Wales.

(2) In order to raise awareness of the issues and work undertaken relating to Her Voice Wales, and to address areas where these bodies and the Rural Champion could help support it.

(3) In order to look at the possibility of establishing “Safe Space” areas at various locations accessible to young people within the Vale of Glamorgan.

(4) In order to raise awareness among Elected Members around the issues and work undertaken relating to Her Voice Wales.

#### AGENDA ITEM 6. VALE OF GLAMORGAN RAPID REHOUSING PLAN (REF) -

#### RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the following comments be reported back to Cabinet as part of their consideration of the report, prior to the final submission of the Rapid Rehousing Plan to Welsh Government:

- The report and Plan should provide a more explicit reassurance that any decision to remove or revise the age designation on selected Council owned accommodation and housing would be made on a case-by-case basis, as well as taking into account the needs of existing residents.
- The report and Plan should provide a greater recognition that if consideration was given to suspending the Homes4U policy, that this should take into account the needs of those who were currently on the waiting list.

(2) T H A T the Committee receives regular updates on the work being undertaken as part of the Rapid Rehousing Plan.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments or recommendations made as part of their consideration of the Rapid Rehousing Plan prior to its submission to Welsh Government, as well as reflecting the reassurance given by Housing Services at the Committee meeting on these matters.

(2) In order that the Committee can consider and scrutinise the progress made and challenges faced by the Plan over the next 5 years on a regular basis.

AGENDA ITEM 7. 4TH QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION  
TRACKING 2022/23 AND PROPOSED ANNUAL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME  
SCHEDULE 2023/24 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

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

(2) T H A T the Cabinet Annual Forward Work Programme for 2023/24 attached at Appendix D, in the context of the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee Annual Forward Work Programme 2023/24 content, be noted.

(3) T H A T the Committee's proposed Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2023/24 attached at Appendix E to the report be approved and uploaded to the Council's website, subject to the following amendment being made:

- That the relevant hyperlinks be added to those previous historic reports and presentations cited in the 'Origin of Report, Links to Corporate Plan Objectives, and Previous Related Documents' column of the Forward Work Programme Schedule.

Reasons for recommendations

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

(2) To align with section 7.6 of the Cabinet and Scrutiny Roles and Responsibilities Protocol.

(3) For public information.