

HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice –Meeting, 14th June, 2023.

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

Also present: – C. Ireland (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale Representative), G. Doyle and V. John (Representatives from Tenant Working Group / Panel); Councillors I. Buckley, C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), R.R. Thomas, 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 Councillors G. Ball and S.M. Hanks and D. Dutch and H. Smith (Representatives from Tenant Working Group/Panel).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended Cabinet report in relation to the Annual Performance Calendar 2023/24 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN
(DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T, following its consideration by the Committee, the following comments be included as part of the consultation on the draft Shared Regulatory Services Business Plan for 2023/24, prior to the plan's submission to the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee:

- The Plan should identify the need for a clear process through which any significant reprioritisation of services undertaken by Shared Regulatory Services would be decided by the partner Councils. In the context of on-going cost pressures, such as those resulting from the cost-of-living crisis, consideration should be given as to how such a reprioritisation exercise would be communicated and consulted upon, as part of the process through which a final decision is made.
- The Plan should also look at how Shared Regulatory Services could engage with Elected Members more regarding areas of concern and safeguarding for the public, such as rogue traders, scams, illegal money lending and doorstep crime

(2) T H A T the Committee identified the private rental sector and how it could help to offer affordable, healthy , energy efficient and secure properties across the Vale of Glamorgan, as part of supporting the Vale of Glamorgan Council to tackle the current housing crisis and discharge its statutory duties around housing, as an area that could be reviewed by the Committee in future and consideration be given to setting up a Task and Finish Working Group in order to achieve this.

Reasons for recommendation

(1) In order that the Committee's comments could be considered prior to the finalisation of the Shared Regulatory Services Business Plan for 2023/24.

(2) To provide the Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise in more depth how the private rental sector could help tackle the current housing pressures faced in the Vale of Glamorgan in conjunction with the Council, subject to consideration by the Committee and the Scrutiny Committees' Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group in line with Corporate Objectives and in compliance with Council policy.