

HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice –Remote Meeting, 11th October, 2023.

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Present: Councillor A.M. Collins (Chair); Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards (Vice-Chair); Councillors J. Aviet, G. Ball, S. Campbell, S.J. Haines, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, S. Lloyd-Selby, M.J.G. Morgan and H.M. Payne.

Also present: C. Ireland (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale Representative), G. Doyle and V. John (Representatives from Tenant Working Group / Panel); Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), C.P. Franks, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from 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 13th September, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor J. Aviet declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 4 – Tenant Satisfaction Survey (STAR) Results, the nature of the interest being the Councillor was a Council tenant. As this was a personal and not a prejudicial interest, she did not withdraw from the meeting.

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 4 – Tenant Satisfaction Survey (STAR) Results, the nature of the interest being the Councillor was a Council tenant. As this was a personal and not a prejudicial interest, he did not withdraw from the meeting.

Councillor H.M. Payne declared an interest in that she had dispensation to speak only at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings when matters regarding housing and homelessness were discussed relating to finance and property given the Councillor's

role for Llamau (paragraphs (c), (d), (f) and (h) of the relevant regulations). This declaration was to inform Committee, as a new Member, of her dispensation / interest, and in case these matters were raised at the meeting concerned.

AGENDA ITEM 4. TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY (STAR) RESULTS (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report highlighting the feedback provided by Council housing tenants be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE: END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the end of year performance report for the Youth Justice and Early Support Service (formerly the Youth Offending Service) be noted.
- (2) T H A T Members of the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee be invited to the proposed open day for the Youth Justice and Early Support Service.
- (3) T H A T for future reporting, case studies be included concerning the interventions and work undertaken by the Youth Justice and Early Support Service.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order that the Committee gain a greater insight and understanding into the work undertaken by the Youth Justice and Early Support Service.
- (3) To provide the Committee with a better understanding of the preventative, intervention and other types of work undertaken by the Youth Justice and Early Support Service.

AGENDA ITEM 6. INDEPENDENT LIVING POLICY (DP) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the draft Independent Living Policy be referred to Cabinet for their consideration.

(2) T H A T the following comment(s) from the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee be passed to Cabinet:

The draft Independent Living Policy should include details concerning the availability of advocacy support for people applying for funding under this policy and who may require additional assistance or help due to their age, disability or other vulnerability.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To enable Cabinet to consider and approve the Independent Living Policy.

(2) In order for Cabinet to consider the comment(s) from the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee prior to approving the Independent Living Policy.

AGENDA ITEM 7. 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER SCRUTINY
RECOMMENDATION TRACKING 2023/24 AND UPDATED COMMITTEE
FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2023/24 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

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

(2) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2023/24 attached at Appendix E be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

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

(2) For public information.