

## HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

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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) and G. Doyle (Representative from Tenant Working Group / Panel); Councillors A. Asbrey, S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement), 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. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from D. Dutch (Representative from Tenant Working Group / Panel).

### AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

The following declarations of interest were received.

Councillor J. Aviet declared an interest in agenda item 7 - Service Plans and Performance Targets to Deliver the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2024/2025. The nature of her interest was that she was a Vale of Glamorgan Council tenant, with tenant services referred to within the report. This was a personal interest only and not prejudicial as per paragraph 19.3.3(b)(ii)(A) of the Council's Constitution.

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared an interest in agenda item 7 - Service Plans and Performance Targets to Deliver the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2024/2025. The nature of his interest was that he was a Vale of Glamorgan Council tenant, with tenant services referred to within the report. This was a personal interest only and not prejudicial as per paragraph 19.3.3(b)(ii)(A) of the Council's Constitution.

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared an interest in agenda item 9 (i) - 2024 Update to the Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2022-2025. The nature of his interest was due to him being a recipient of a telecare service from the Council (telecare services having been referred to in the report in question). He had dispensation to speak and vote at Council meetings on general matters, but to speak only if the issue was

prejudicial, on issues relating to telecare services (paragraphs (d) and (f) of the relevant regulations).

Councillor H.M. Payne declared an interest in agenda item 9 (i) - 2024 Update to the Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2022-2025. The nature of her interest was the reference to Llamau in the report, which was her employer. 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).

Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby declared an interest in in agenda item 9 (i) - 2024 Update to the Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2022-2025. The nature of her interest was a personal and not a prejudicial one, due to family members being in receipt of services for Social Care and Telecare, referred to in the report in question. She had dispensation to speak only on issues relating to Telecare and Care Package services at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings (paragraphs (d) and (f) of the relevant regulations).

#### AGENDA ITEM 3. CIVIL PROTECTION UNIT (CPU) UPDATE.

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the presentation regarding 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 4. YOUTH JUSTICE AND EARLY SUPPORT SERVICE: YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN COMPLETED JULY 2023 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Youth Justice and Early Support Service Youth Justice Plan 2023-2024 be noted.

##### Reason for recommendation

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

#### AGENDA ITEM 5. QUARTER 3 REVENUE MONITORING 2023/24 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2023/24 Revenue Budget be noted.

(2) T H A T the Budget Virements for 2023/24 presented in the report be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2023/24 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee be noted as contained in Appendix 1 attached to the report.
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.5 and detailed in the report at paragraph 2.61, be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers within the remit of the Committee, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
- (4) T H A T the changes to the 2023/24 Capital Programme and future years' Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.3 and 2.4 and detailed within the body of the report at paragraph 2.22, 2.27 and 2.55 be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. SERVICE PLANS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS TO DELIVER THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2024/2025 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the planned service activities for 2024/25 as they relate to the remit of the Committee (attached at Appendix A to the report) be noted and endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the proposed measures and service performance targets for 2024/2025 relating to the remit of the Committee (attached at Appendix B to the report) be noted and endorsed.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 8. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:  
QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Quarter 3 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 commitments as aligned to the 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.

Reason for recommendations

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

MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matter, which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading, be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 9(i) 2024 UPDATE TO THE HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2025 (DEH) –  
**(Urgent by reason of the need to finalise the Council's annual spend plan with Welsh Government and to find savings of around £100,000. Decisions made in relation to the savings have contractual implications with the Council's support provider partners and could result in the need to make redundancies. Delayed decisions may affect the Council's ability to achieve the savings needed)**

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the 2024 update to the Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2022-2025 be noted at this time, subject to a further update and revised report being provided following the change in circumstances due to the recent additional funding given by Welsh Government.

Reason for recommendation.

Due to the recent change in circumstances concerning the Welsh Government funding for the Housing Support Grant, a new report would need to be drafted to take into account the changed circumstances and in order to get Cabinet and/or Scrutiny's consideration of these revised proposals, as well as to be able to submit the related spending plan to Welsh Government by the end of March 2024.