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## **HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

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, S.J. Haines, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, M.J.G. Morgan and H.M. Payne.

Also present: C. Ireland (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale); G. Doyle and V. John (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representatives) and Councillors A. Asbrey, H.C. Hamilton, E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

### 464 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

### 465 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby and D. Dutch (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representative).

### 466 MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

### 467 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### 468 YOUTH JUSTICE AND EARLY SUPPORT SERVICE: END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT (DSS) –

As the officers for the Youth Justice and Early Support Service were unable to attend the meeting, Scrutiny Committee

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RECOMMENDED – T H A T this item be deferred to the next suitable meeting of the Committee.

Reason for recommendation

In order for officers of the Youth Justice and Early Support Service to attend the meeting and present the report.

469 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION TRACKING 2024/25 AND UPDATED COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2024/25 (DCR) –

The report, presented by the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer, advised Members of progress in relation to the Scrutiny Committee's historical recommendations and the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2024/25.

Included with the report were the following appendices:

- 2019-20 Recommendation Tracking (Appendix A);
- 2021-22 Recommendation Tracking (Appendix B);
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Recommendation Tracking January to March 2024 (Appendix C);
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Recommendation Tracking April to June 2024 (Appendix D);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Recommendation Tracking July to September 2024 (Appendix E);
- Updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2024/25 (Appendix F).

The Officer advised of the following as recent updates to the work of the Committee:

- The new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) would be attending a forthcoming Committee meeting in order to give a presentation to Members regarding their priorities for their role and how this would impact the Vale of Glamorgan. This was provisionally scheduled for the November 2024 meeting.
- The planned Committee visit to the Vale Food Bank was now scheduled for Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

The Head of Housing and Building Services also advised the following:

- An update regarding site selection for the Gypsy and Traveller Community was due to come to Committee shortly, and hopefully before Christmas.
- The current Housing Development and Acquisition Policy would be revised to include Committee's recommendation that larger scale property acquisitions be reported to Committee directly prior to acquisition for consultation and consideration, and that ward member consultation happened for individual properties acquired to increase the Council's social housing stock. The revised Policy would be presented to Cabinet before coming to Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.

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RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A to E to the report be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the two historic ongoing recommendations regarding a report identifying an appropriate housing solution for the Traveller community, and the DAARC service's engagement with support groups concerning domestic abuse, be marked as completed for the purposes of the Committee's recommendation tracking document, and alternatively that updates be provided to the Committee by the relevant Officers, as and when appropriate.
- (3) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2024/25 attached at Appendix F be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.
- (4) T H A T Officers and Members consider additional promotional activities, for instance through social media, to raise awareness of the opportunities for public engagement with scrutiny, and particularly the function of public suggestions on the topics that Scrutiny Committees address, and that this matter be discussed at the Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report, and to maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (3&4) For the purposes of public information and engagement.