

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 8th December, 2022.

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Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); Councillor H.M. Payne (Vice-Chair in the Chair from Agenda Item No. 5); Councillors A. Asbrey; W. Gilligan; E.J. Goodjohn; W.A. Hennessy; N.P. Hodges; J. Lynch-Wilson; N. Marshallsea; J.M Norman and E. Penn.

Co-Opted Members: R. Morteo (Church in Wales); Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church) and R. Goodjohn (Vale Youth Forum).

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) and E. Goodjohn.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillor R. Godfrey and L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor H.M. Payne declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 8 – Youth Service Update 2021-2022. The nature of the interest was Llamau was mentioned in the Youth Service Report page 5 point 2.10 in relation to the Emphasis Project. She did not manage this project and had declared previously as she was a Projects Manager in the Vale of Glamorgan.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CURRICULUM FOR WALES: JOURNEY TO 2022 – AUTUMN TERM 2022 UPDATE –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Curriculum for Wales Welsh Language presentation and supplementary information be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the presentation and supplementary information.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2023-24 (REF) -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Cabinet Reference and appended Draft Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual Delivery Plan 2023-24 report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report on the Council's Draft Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual Delivery Plan 2023-24.

AGENDA ITEM 6. LEARNING AND SKILLS INVESTMENT STRATEGY (REF) -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Cabinet Reference and appended Learning and Skills Investment Strategy report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report on the Council's Learning and Skills Investment Strategy.

AGENDA ITEM 7. CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING MID YEAR REPORT (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Cabinet Reference and appended Corporate Safeguarding Mid-Year Report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and the Council's Corporate Safeguarding Mid-Year Report.

AGENDA ITEM 8. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE 2021-2022 (DSS) -

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress made by the Youth Service in the last 12 months and the ongoing developments and achievements of the service be noted.

(2) T H A T a further progress update about ongoing delivery, alongside awareness of grants and potential risks, be received in 12 months (November 2023).

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the content of the report in relation to the Council's strategic responsibility for implementing the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework to reduce the number of young people Not in Education Employment or Training (NEETs).

(2) To ensure that Members of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee continue to have oversight of the Youth Service.

AGENDA ITEM 9. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE 2022/23 (DSS) -

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 commitments, as aligned to the Council's 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.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To ensure the Council clearly demonstrates the progress being made towards achieving its commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 aimed at making a positive difference to the lives of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.

(2) To ensure the Council is effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet our performance requirements as outlined in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflecting the requirement of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that it maximises its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.

AGENDA ITEM 10. AUDIT WALES NATIONAL STUDY: EQUALITY IMPACT
ASSESSMENTS (EIAS): MORE THAN A TICK BOX EXERCISE? (DCR) -

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the contents of both the covering and appended Audit Wales report be noted.

(2) T H A T the following comment be referred to the Governance and Audit Committee and thereafter on to Cabinet for its consideration and endorsement of the Council's proposed actions to address the Audit Wales recommendation (R4):

- Committee consider that mental health inequality is under-reported and this issue has a significant impact on the population and workforce. Therefore, a focus on mental health-related disability is importantly needed in Equality Impact Assessments. This is particularly important in light of the post-pandemic world and the difficulty in re-engaging some young people and adults back into school or work.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the covering report on the Council's response to the Audit Wales Report to conduct a review of its Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) process within the next six months (by May 2023) and put in place a variety of actions to promote the process and its use within the organisation over the coming year (by December 2023).

(2) To ensure that both the Governance and Audit Committee and Cabinet are aware of the Committee's comment prior to their final oversight of the Council's six monthly and annual review of regulatory progress.