

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice –Remote Meeting, 13th July, 2023.

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Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); Councillor H.M. Payne (Vice-Chair); Councillors A. Asbrey; W. Gilligan; E.J. Goodjohn; W.A. Hennessy; N.P. Hodges; J. Lynch-Wilson; J.M. Norman and E. Penn.

Co-Opted Members: L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), R. Morteo (Church in Wales) G. van der Burgt (Parent Governor – Secondary Sector) and R. Goodjohn (Vale Youth Forum).

Also present: Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors R. Godfrey and N. Marshallsea and Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church) and A. Emmerson (Vale Youth Forum)

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared a personal interest in Agenda Items 5 and 6 Closure and Accounts and Capital Closure of Accounts, as the Council's accounts would be discussed and as he is a Vale of Glamorgan Council tenant. As this was a personal and not a prejudicial interest, he did not withdraw from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3. CURRICULUM FOR WALES: JOURNEY TO 2022 – SUMMER TERM 2023 UPDATE -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Officers and invited guests be thanked for their thorough and engaging update, and that the presentation be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the presentation and discussions at the meeting.

N.B. Since publication of this Decision Notice it has been brought to the attention of Democratic Services that the above recommendation should have also included that a further update in relation to the progress of the new Religion, Values and Ethics curriculum be provided in 12 months' time.

AGENDA ITEM 4. WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2022-23 (REF) –

RECOMENDED – T H A T the report and Appendices be endorsed.

Reason for recommendation

To allow the Council to meet its reporting duty to the Welsh Commissioner as part of the Welsh Language Standards.

AGENDA ITEM 5. CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 (DLS) –

RECOMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the report and the financial measures taken and proposed within be noted.
- (2) T H A T the allocation of overall Council surplus be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report on the outturn and the financial measures taken and proposed.
- (2) To inform Committee on the allocation of the 2022/23 surplus to support the delivery of schemes supporting key priorities identified by the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CAPITAL CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 (DLS) –

RECOMENDED -

- (1) T H A T the year end capital position for financial year 2022/23 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the additional scheme budgets as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T the summary position of the changes in the Capital Programme by directorate from approval at Council on 7th March, 2022 to 31st March, 2023, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be noted.
- (4) T H A T the Emergency Powers approved in respect of the slippage as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report on the year end capital position for the financial year 2022/23.

- (2) To inform Committee of the additional schemes added to the Approved Programme for 2022/23.
- (3) To inform Committee of the changes to the Approved Capital Programme set on 7th March, 2022.
- (4) To advise Committee of the approved slippage in the Emergency Powers in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 7. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE 2022/23 (DLS) -

RECOMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Quarter 4 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, and the following comments be referred to Cabinet for their consideration:
 - As school attendance is such an important issue, further detail regarding the reasons why poor attendance has been documented, particularly in relation to secondary schools, could be considered ahead of a report on school attendance being presented to Committee in September/October 2023.
 - That further clarity be provided in relation to Service Plan Action SL/A018, with particular reference to Barry Library and whether completion refers to completed planning or implementation of the makerspace.

Reason for recommendations

- (1&2) Having regard to the content of the report and discussions at the meeting and to ensure Committee's views are considered by Cabinet.