

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting held on 19 June, 2017.

Present: Councillor J. Thomas (Chairman), Councillor H. Jarvie (Vice – Chairman)
Councillors: B. Penrose, J. Bird, A. Parker, G. Kemp and G. Cox.

C10 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June, 2017 Bus Services Support Grant 2017/18 be approved as a correct record.

C11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

**C12 VALE OF GLAMORGAN WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES AND
IMPROVEMENT PLAN PART 1 (IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2017/18) (L)
(SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ALL) -**

Cabinet was informed of the Council's Well-being Objectives and Improvement Plan ("the Plan") Part 1 specifically related to 2017/18, as directed by the Auditor General for Wales following his audit of the Plan.

In April 2016, Cabinet endorsed the Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives and associated priority actions for 2017/18 as the Council's Improvement Objectives for 2017/18, for the purposes of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009. The Council's Well-being Objectives (Improvement Objectives 2017/18) were also discussed and endorsed by all Scrutiny Committees and presented to Cabinet for final approval on 3 April, 2017.

The Council had recently received its Certificate of Compliance for the Improvement Plan 2017/18, which confirmed that it had discharged its duties under the Measure. However, the Auditor General for Wales noted in his comments accompanying the Certificate that in adopting the Corporate Plan as our Improvement Plan, the Council had provided limited detail on the specific actions that it intended to take during 2017/18 to deliver its Improvement Objectives and how progress would be measured and subsequently assessed.

In response to the Auditor General's comments, additional work had been undertaken to bring together into one document: the Council's Improvement Objectives for 2017/18; the relevant Corporate Plan priorities contributing to those Objectives, the specific actions the Council intend to take in year to meet those Objectives and the associated measures and targets to demonstrate the Council's progress. It also outlined how the Council intend to report on progress throughout the year.

Appendix 1 contained the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Well-being Objectives and Improvement Plan Part 1 for the period 2017/18. The Council was required to publically communicate its Improvement Objectives to all key stakeholders including Vale residents and partners. Following approval by Cabinet, publication of the Improvement Plan Part 1 would take place via a variety of media (including social media) which would ensure the Council was complying with this requirement.

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This was a matter for Executive decision

RESOLVED – T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Improvement Plan Part 1 for 2017/18, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed and approved for publication.

Reason for decision

To ensure the Council fully discharged its statutory duty to set and publish its Improvement Plan Part 1, outlining how it proposed to meet its Well-being and Improvement Objectives for 2017/18.

**C13 WELSH STANDARDS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT (L&C)
(SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -**

Endorsement was sought of the Welsh Standards Annual Monitoring Report for 2016/17.

The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 made provision for specifying standards of conduct in relation to the Welsh language. These replaced the Welsh language schemes provided for by the Welsh Language Act 1993. The 2011 Measure enabled Welsh Ministers to authorise the Welsh Language Commissioner to issue a "Compliance Notice" to those organisations to which the Measure applied. Initially Draft Compliance Notices were issued to all Councils and after considering

responses, the Commissioner issued final Compliance Notices on 30 September, 2015.

The Welsh Standards Compliance Notice for the Vale of Glamorgan Council was a comprehensive and detailed list of standards related to service delivery, policy making, operational matters, promotion and record keeping. One of the standards in the Compliance Notice stated that the Council had to produce an annual report in relation to each financial year, which dealt with the way in which the Council had complied with the standards.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council Welsh Standards Annual Monitoring Report for 2016/17 was attached at Appendix A to the report.

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This was a matter for Executive decision

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the Welsh language Standards Annual Monitoring Report 2016-17 attached at Appendix A to the report be endorsed.

Reason for decision

To ensure that Members were aware of and endorsed the steps which had been taken to action the Welsh Standards Compliance Notice for the Vale of Glamorgan Council issued by the Welsh Language Commissioner in 2015.

C14 PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL TO A 3 - 11 YEARS SCHOOL, BY CREATING A NURSERY UNIT WITHIN THE SCHOOL (L&C) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – LEARNING AND CULTURE) -

Cabinet was advised of the outcome of the Statutory Notice on a proposal to establish a nursery unit at Fairfield Primary School and the process to be followed to allow a determination to be made.

Nursery provision in the Penarth area was offered by a range of maintained and private nurseries. Primary schools in Penarth and the surrounding area offered maintained nursery provision with the exception of Evenlode and Fairfield primary schools.

A report recommending the Council consult on a proposal to establish a nursery unit at Fairfield Primary School was presented to Cabinet on 31 October, 2016. Cabinet approved the recommendation to carry out a consultation exercise on the proposal (Cabinet minute C3348 refers). Consultation took place between 3 January, 2017 and 14 February, 2017 with prescribed consultees and a range of individuals. The consultation document was attached at Appendix A to the report.

A Consultation Report (attached at Appendix B to the report) was presented to Cabinet on 20 March, 2017 and published on 29 March, 2017 in accordance with the statutory requirement to publish within 13 weeks after the end of the consultation period. Cabinet approved the recommendation to proceed to issue a statutory notice on the proposal (Cabinet minute C3056 refers). A statutory notice was published on 24 April, 2017. The statutory notice period of 28 days (including 20 school days) closed on 22 May, 2017. A copy of the notice was attached to the report at Appendix C.

At the end of the statutory notice period the Council received no objections to the proposal for Cabinet to consider. There was therefore no requirement to publish an objection report as part of the proposal.

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This was a matter for Executive decision

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T it be noted that no objections have been received to the published statutory notice to establish a nursery unit at Fairfield Primary School.
- (2) T H A T the implementation of the proposal to establish a nursery unit at Fairfield Primary School be approved.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) The Local Authority was required to determine its own proposals under the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 and subsequent School Organisation Code 2013.
- (2) Following the completion of a period of statutory notice, a decision was required on whether to proceed to implement the proposal to establish a nursery unit at Fairfield Primary School.