

CABINET

Minutes of a meeting held on 5th November, 2018.

Present: Councillor J.W. Thomas (Chairman); Councillors J.C. Bird, G.A. Cox, G.C. Kemp, A.C. Parker and R.A. Penrose.

Apologies: Councillor T.H. Jarvie (Vice-Chairman).

Also present: Councillor L. Burnett.

C460 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October, 2018 be approved as a correct record.

C461 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor J. C. Bird	<p>Agenda Item No. 10 – Winter Maintenance Service - Emergency Snow Clearance</p> <p>Reason for Declaration – As a farmer, he sometimes cleared snow from roads in the Vale of Glamorgan. He had never charged for this work, however declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item.</p>
Councillor J.W. Thomas	<p>Agenda Item No. 9 – Amendment to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance</p> <p>Reason for Declaration – He had a personal and prejudicial interest as he had an approved planning application with the Section 106 agreement currently under consideration.</p>
	<p>Agenda Item No. 10 – Winter Maintenance Service - Emergency Snow Clearance</p> <p>Reason for Declaration – As a farmer, he sometimes cleared snow from roads in</p>

	the Vale of Glamorgan. He had never charged for this work, however declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item.
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C462 ECONOMIC VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING WITHIN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (REF) –

The Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee considered the above report of the Voluntary Sector on 3rd October, 2018.

The Representative for Glamorgan Voluntary Services presented the report to provide an annual report on the economic value of volunteering within the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Representative advised that the content of the rolling report was based on the findings of a questionnaire that was distributed to Glamorgan Voluntary Services volunteers and was used to work out the monetary value of volunteering. In comparison with the previous year the monetary value of volunteering had risen from £39,102,861 to £40,446,224. This was an increase of £1,343,363.

In conclusion, the Representative stressed the importance of recognising the value around voluntary service activities and hoped that the report allowed the Committee to recognise the value from the voluntary sector's point of view.

The Chairman thanked the Representative for the greatly valued report and advised Committee that another volunteering fair would be coming up in the near future which was an excellent tool for recruiting individuals and promoting the excellent work already undertaken.

 Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee,

RESOLVED – T H A T the economic value of volunteering within the Vale of Glamorgan be noted.

Reason for decision

To acknowledge the contribution that volunteers made to the Vale of Glamorgan.

C463 QUARTER 1 (2018-19) CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT (L) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – ALL) –

The Quarter 1 performance results for the period 1st April – 30th June, 2018 for all service areas were presented to Cabinet.

The Corporate Plan Performance Report for Quarter 1 presented the Council's progress to date towards achieving its Corporate Plan Well-being Outcomes and Corporate Health priorities for Year 3 of the Corporate Plan 2016-20. The report comprised information covering the period 1st April to 30th June, 2018.

The report sought Cabinet's consideration of Quarter 1 performance results and approval of proposed remedial actions to address areas of identified under-performance.

Regularly assessing and reporting progress towards achieving the Council's Corporate Plan Well-being Outcomes would enable the Council to demonstrate continuous improvement in line with the Local Government (Wales) Measure and maximise its contribution to achieving the Well-being Goals for Wales in line with the Well-being of Future Generation (Wales) Act.

The Quarter 1 Corporate Plan Performance Report presented an accessible view of performance for the Well-being Outcomes and Corporate Health and drew together information from a wide range of sources.

- Appendix A, (Corporate Plan Summary Report) contained an overview of overall progress against the Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives and how this contributed to the national Well-being Goals;
- Appendix B contained the Well-being Outcome and Corporate Health reports which highlighted the Council's key achievements and challenges. These reports focused on highlight and exception reporting with detailed supporting performance information appended.

At Quarter 1, positive progress had been made overall towards delivering the Council's Year 3 Corporate Plan priorities (2018/19), giving an overall performance status of Green.

All four Corporate Plan Well-being Outcomes were attributed an overall RAG status of Green. An overall Green status had also been attributed to Corporate Health reflecting the positive progress made to date in integrating the Council's business planning practices and in promoting a 'one Council' approach, to maximising limited resources to deliver the Council's Well-being Outcomes. These developments had contributed to the achievements reported at Quarter 1 and in the long term to achieving improved outcomes for Vale of Glamorgan citizens.

All Scrutiny Committees, with the exception of Corporate Performance and Resources, considered Quarter 1 performance reports between 9th and 16th October, 2018. The Healthy Living and Social Care, Homes and Safe Communities, Learning and Culture, and Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committees noted Quarter 1 performance results and progress to date in relation to their respective Well-being Outcome areas. The Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 18th October was cancelled due to the Joint Scrutiny Workshop regarding the Council's proposed Car Parking Strategy.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the views and recommendations of the Healthy Living and Social Care, Homes and Safe Communities, Environment and Regeneration, and Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committees in relation to Quarter 1 performance, and the progress made towards achieving Year 3 priorities for the respective Well-being Outcomes as outlined in the Corporate Plan 2016-20, be noted.

(2) T H A T following the cancellation of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 18th October, 2018, the combined Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 performance report for Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 7th January, 2019 thus ensuring the views and recommendations of the Committee are considered by Cabinet.

(3) T H A T the service performance results and the progress made towards achieving the Council's Well-being Outcomes and Corporate Health priorities as outlined in the Corporate Plan 2016-20, be noted.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure the Council clearly demonstrated the progress being made towards achieving its Corporate Plan Well-being Outcomes aimed at making a positive difference to the lives of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.

(2) To enable the views and recommendations of all Scrutiny Committees in relation to progress towards achieving the Council's Well-being Outcomes and Corporate Health priorities to be considered by Cabinet.

(3) To ensure the Council was effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to secure continuous improvement outlined in the Local Government Measure (Wales) 2009 and reflecting the requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that it maximised its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.

C464 STRATEGIC COLLABORATIVE WORKING INITIATIVES UPDATE (L) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

An update was provided on the Council's strategic collaborative working initiatives.

Collaborative working activity had increased in pace in response to the challenging financial climate and in recognition of the value that working in partnership to share skills, expertise and experience could have in tackling complex issues. The Welsh Government Green Paper, consultation document, Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People issued on 20th March, 2018 had placed a renewed emphasis

upon the importance of increased collaboration and regional working across and between local government.

The Compendium of Strategic Working Initiatives, attached at Appendix A to the report, provided an oversight of the strategic level collaborative working activity in which the Council was involved, and captured the detail of the various initiatives underway. Collaboration was identified as one of the key ways of working to support the Council's work in delivering the Well-being of Future Generations Act, and was one of the alternative models of delivery considered as part of the Reshaping Services programme. Reflecting this, the Compendium illustrated how each element of collaborative working aligned with the Council's Well-being Outcomes.

Cabinet received a quarterly update on those collaborations Corporate Management Team deemed to be strategically significant (there were many more operational examples of collaboration underway across the Authority). The report set out the progress being made in each strategically significant collaboration, providing Members with an overview of the governance arrangements in place and the partners with which the Council was working. Following the last update received by Cabinet on 30th July, 2018, the progress against many collaborations had been updated, one collaboration had been removed from the Compendium and the title of one collaboration had been amended.

After presenting this item, the Leader stated that this report recognised the extensive collaborative work already undertaken by the Council to jointly deliver services, which was a persuasive argument against the wholesale reorganisation of Local Government.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the strategic collaborative working initiatives that are in place to support the delivery and development of Council services and the Council's Well-being Outcomes and Objectives be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be circulated by e-mail to all Vale of Glamorgan Council elected Members and members of the Public Services Board.
- (3) T H A T further updates be provided to Cabinet on a quarterly basis, and in accordance with the forward work programme.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide an overview of strategic collaborative working initiatives.
- (2) To provide elected Members and strategic partners with an overview of strategic collaborative working initiatives.

- (3) To provide regular updates for Members.

C465 LAND ADJACENT TO 10 NYTH YR EOS – DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL LAND (L) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

Cabinet approval was sought to dispose of a small parcel of land located next to 10 Nyth yr Eos, Rhoose, subject to agreeing a suitable price and terms of sale.

The Council owned a parcel of land adjacent to the residential property, 10 Nyth yr Eos on Rhoose Pont. The owners of this property had written to the Council to formally request that they be allowed to purchase the piece of land having maintained it for a number of years as part of their garden. This parcel of land would not be of interest to any other purchaser as its other boundary was with the main road down to the lagoon at Rhoose Point. Any sale would include a covenant restricting the future use of the land to garden use. Planning permission for a “garden extension and fence” had been granted and the transfer of the land would include a provision for overage should the use of land change from garden land.

Ward Members had been made aware of the proposal to sell.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the land identified at Appendix A attached to the report be declared surplus to the Council’s requirements and sold to the adjacent property owners, the registered proprietors of 10 Nyth yr Eos, at market price, subject to covenants restricting future development of the land being included in the terms of sale.

(2) T H A T the Head of Finance be authorised to appoint an external valuer to provide a market valuation report for the land referred to in Appendix A attached to the report and agree Heads of Terms for the sale in consultation with the Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport.

(3) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to complete and execute all necessary legal documentation required to dispose of the land.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To allow a parcel of land to be sold to the occupier of the neighbouring property.

- (2) To ensure the Council's fiduciary and statutory obligations were met within the transaction.
- (3) To ensure legal procedures were followed.

C466 LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2018 (RLS) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

Approval was sought for the 2018 Local Air Quality Management Annual Progress Report (APR) on air quality undertaken in 2017 to enable its submission to Welsh Government.

The report fulfilled the requirements of Local Air Quality Management process as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents.

The report was part of The Vale of Glamorgan Council's sixth round of Review and Assessment. Results from air quality data captured in 2017 by the Council were presented and sources of air pollution identified. The Progress Report determined those changes since the last assessment, which could lead to the risk of an air quality objective being exceeded.

The report confirmed that air quality within the Vale of Glamorgan continued to meet the relevant air quality objectives, including within the existing Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) on Windsor Road, Penarth.

As a result of continual compliance over a three year period with the national air quality objectives set for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and in accordance with Local Air Quality Management in Wales Policy Guidance, June 2017, the Vale of Glamorgan Council would look to revoke the AQMA on Windsor Road, Penarth. A report to support this decision would follow the progress report and would highlight the continued compliance within the AQMA and would demonstrate that compliance would be maintained for future years within the AQMA.

Cabinet was asked to agree that a public consultation be undertaken on the removal of the revocation of the AQMA on Windsor Road once officers had compiled the assessment report and appropriate consultation undertaken with the local community.

Following an appropriate consultation period and approval from Cabinet, a report would be submitted to Welsh Government formally requesting the revocation of the AQMA order for Windsor Road, Penarth. The final decision to revoke the Windsor Road, Penarth AQMA would be decided by Welsh Government following a review and consultation with the local communities affected.

In 2017, the Vale's NO₂ diffusion tube network was revised and extended to encapsulate known areas of particularly elevated traffic flows and foreseeable

developments, all with nearby relevant exposure. These areas included Llantwit Major, Gileston, St. Athan, Rhoose (Fonmon), Barry Docks and St. Brides Major.

At the meeting the Leader stated that he was pleased to see the air quality on Windsor Road was improving as it meant the mitigating actions undertaken by the Council were having a positive effect.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Local Air Quality Management Annual Progress Report, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for submission to Welsh Government.
- (2) T H A T the commencement of a public consultation on the removal of the Air Quality Management Area covering Windsor Road, Penarth, be approved.
- (3) T H A T following the consultation detailed in Resolution 2 above, a report be submitted to Cabinet to approve a formal submission to Welsh Government requesting the revocation of the Windsor Road Air Quality Management Area.

Reasons for decisions

(1) The report fulfilled the requirements of the statutory Local Air Quality Management process under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 and the report contained results of air quality data captured in 2017.

(2&3) Where compliance within an Air Quality Management Area occurred over a period of three years or more then the Local Authority needed to consider revoking the need for the continued presence of the Air Quality Management Area. The Annual Progress Report detailed that compliance had been achieved for more than three years at the Windsor Road Air Quality Management Area. A report would be produced which would be issued to Welsh Government seeking approval for the Air Quality Management Area to be revoked.

C467 AMENDMENT TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (RP) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION & HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

During consideration of this item the Leader left the room and took no part in the discussion on this matter.

Cabinet was advised of a proposed change to Section 12 (Exemption for Self-Build Housing Developments) of the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). The proposed changes related to the second and third sentences of paragraph 12.1.2 to ensure clarify for applicants, agents and developers. A copy

of the amended Affordable Housing SPG with the recommended tracked changes was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

Section 12 of the SPG referred to the exemption for self-build housing developments and was introduced in February 2018 following a review of the implementation of LDP Policy MG4 (Affordable Housing) and the existing Affordable Housing SPG. The Council recognised that the self-build housing industry made an important contribution to the overall housing provision and the economy as a whole. Accordingly, the SPG stated that the requirement to pay an off-site affordable housing contribution was not applicable for self-build housing developments provided that a disqualifying event did not occur.

It had been suggested that the current wording of paragraph 12.1.2 implied that a Section 106 Agreement was not required in the event of an exemption being made, however, this was not the case and the revised wording as set out in the report sought to address this alleged ambiguity.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the proposed changes to paragraph 12.1.2 as shown in the amended Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance attached at Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed for use in development management decisions alongside the adopted Local Development Plan.

(2) T H A T Members of the Planning Committee be advised of the change to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance.

(3) T H A T the Head of Regeneration and Planning be authorised to agree any necessary typographical changes and minor amendments to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance prior to its publication and thereafter agree any factual updates in response to policy or legislative changes as appropriate.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To provide decision makers, applicants, agents and developers with clarity on the requirement for a Section 106 Agreement in the event that an exemption was made for a self-build housing development.

(2) To inform Planning Committee of the change to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance given that it was a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and appeals.

(3) To enable the correction of any typographical or minor errors found in the amended Supplementary Planning Guidance and to accommodate any necessary

changes arising from the current revision of Planning Policy Wales by the Welsh Government.

C468 WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICE – EMERGENCY SNOW CLEARANCE (NST) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

During consideration of this item the Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning left the room and took no part in the discussion on this matter.

Cabinet was advised of the arrangements being progressed for emergency snow clearance and approval was sought to update the necessary documents.

The Council had a duty to maintain the highway in a safe condition, ensure safe passage was not endangered by snow or ice and remove an accumulation of snow which formed an obstruction on the highway as far as reasonably practicable.

The significant snowfall in early March 2018 caused widespread and severe disruption with many roads impassable. Local contractors and neighbouring Councils were engaged to assist with snow clearance. Local farmers and other volunteers also assisted their local communities.

An action plan was devised to improve snow emergency arrangements which included updating of the Council's Winter Service Protocol at Appendix B with a review of the Winter Service Manual ongoing. It also identified the need to utilise resources available within the local farming communities.

An advert was placed in The GEM newspaper published on 27th September, 2018 to obtain expressions of interest from local farmers to assist with emergency snow clearance and the Council would seek to agree suitable terms and conditions for use of their plant and equipment for this winter season. A call off contract with local contractors for emergency snow clearance was also being progressed through the National Procurement Service.

The Council would use the above information to compile a matrix of resources available from contractors and local farmers throughout the Vale to undertake emergency snow clearance at any time during the coming winter period.

The budget allocation to undertake the winter maintenance service in 2018/19 was £380k with Neighbourhood Services and Transport currently holding a bad weather reserve of £423k.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted and the arrangements being progressed for emergency snow clearance be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the Council's updated Winter Service Protocol attached at Appendix B to the report be approved.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To support the arrangements being progressed for emergency snow clearance.
- (2) To ensure that the lessons learned from the period of heavy snowfall in March 2018 were embedded into future emergency arrangements.

C469 PORTHKERRY ROAD / WINDSOR ROAD, BARRY – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME (NST) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

Cabinet was advised of objections received to the proposal for the introduction of a Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time parking restriction at the junction of Porthkerry Road and Windsor Road, Barry.

A local Member expressed his concerns about the operation of the Porthkerry Road / Windsor Road junction due to the presence of vehicle parking on the south-western corner of the junction, a junction where a number of injury related collisions had occurred. The area in general was very heavily parked, a situation which was likely to worsen when the existing church building located on the south-western corner of the junction was converted into 22 residential homes of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bed residences and office premises for up to 160 office workers, with no off road parking facilities.

On 18th April, 2018 the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport and the Director of Environment and Housing Services approved the notice of the proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions on the south-western corner of the junction of Porthkerry Road and Windsor Road, Barry. A copy of the report was reproduced in full at Appendix A attached to the report. However during the statutory consultation period two letters of objection were received to the proposal. Copies of these were attached at Appendix B to the report. The reason for the objection was based on two main concerns and was highlighted in paragraphs 7 to 10 of the report, together with the Traffic Officer's response.

The report recommended that Members reject the objections for the reasons contained within the report and the Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time on the south-western corner of the junction of Porthkerry Road and Windsor Road, Barry be implemented.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the objections to the proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time at the Porthkerry Road / Windsor Road, Barry junction be rejected for the reasons contained in the report and the parking restrictions be installed.
- (2) T H A T the objectors be advised of this decision.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To confirm the position in relation to the objections.
- (2) To enable the Order to be made.

C470 CROSSHILL, THE KNAP, BARRY – “REVOCATION OF PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME” PARKING RESTRICTION (NST) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –

Cabinet was advised of objections received to the proposed “Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time” parking restrictions in Crosshill, The Knap, Barry.

An enquiry dated 6th July 2017 was received from the Block Management Department of Seal and Co regarding the issue of the parking restrictions in Crosshill, Barry, a matter that had previously been challenged by the residents at “Sea Point”, The Knap. Consequently the Management Department were responded to on 20th July, 2018 informing them that the Council was proposing the revocation of approximately 30 metres of parking restrictions on the southern side of Crosshill, the section of road that fronts nos. 1 to 5 Sealawns. A copy of the report was reproduced in full at Appendix A attached to the report.

On 12th June, 2018 the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport and Head of Neighbourhood Services approved the notice of the proposed Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions on the southern side of Crosshill, fronting properties 1 to 5 Sealawns. However during the statutory consultation period two letters of objection were received to the proposal, copies of which were attached at Appendix B to the report. The main reasons for the objections related to the removal of parking restrictions on the southern side with a request for the removal of the parking restriction on the northern side, the details of which were highlighted in paragraphs 8 to 13 of the report, together with the Traffic Officer’s response.

The report recommended that Members reject the objections for the reasons contained within the report and the Proposed Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time on the southern side of Crosshill be progressed.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the objections to the Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions at Crosshill, The Knap, Barry be rejected for the reasons contained in the report and that the parking restrictions be revoked.

(2) T H A T the objectors be advised of the decision.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To confirm the position in relation to the objections.

(2) To enable the Order to be made.

C471 SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE – SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTORATE (SCHL) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –

Approval was sought for changes to the senior management structure within the Social Services Directorate.

The current senior management structure of the Social Services Directorate was considered by Cabinet in February 2017. At that point only 4 out of 11 management posts were filled on a permanent basis. All 11 posts were now permanently filled. The challenges and demands of providing, commissioning and procuring safe and cost effective social care services continued to grow, as did the need to modernise services with an increased focus on prevention and enablement.

The change to the structure was to move the Operational Manager for Residential Care and Compliance and their 173 staff, services and budget from the Adult Services division to the Resource Management and Safeguarding division. The changes were in themselves not considerable and could be accommodated without additional resource, and would have a direct impact on relatively few members of staff.

There was no change proposed to the overarching senior management structure which included the statutory role of Director of Social Services and three divisional Heads of Service. Implementation of this proposal would provide improved oversight of the Council's residential services and the ability to share among Chief Officers the significant "Responsible Individual" requirements set out in the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T a change to the senior management structure for the Social Services Directorate be approved as set out in the report.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be given to the Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure to implement the proposal as set out in the report.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) To ensure that the senior management structure in the Social Services Directorate was sufficiently resilient to meet current and future service needs.

C472 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL AND THE VALE 50+ STRATEGY FORUM (SCHL) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

Approval was sought for the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum.

The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was attached at Appendix A to the report and was the first MOU between the Council and the Forum and was intended to clarify the relationship between the two organisations. This would benefit both organisations and also partner organisations working with the Forum as it clearly set out the responsibilities and commitments that underpinned the relationship between the Council and the Forum.

The process of drafting the MOU had provided an opportunity for Council officers and members of the Forum to discuss what was important about the relationship. Forum members highlighted the importance of having a designated point of contact and regular interaction with officers from the Council. There was also discussion about how the organisations could work together to give older people a voice and ensure their needs were considered across a range of areas e.g. transport, leisure and social care.

The Council and the Forum had agreed a number of shared values and guiding principles and these were detailed in the MOU. The responsibilities of the Council and the Forum were set out against a number of headings:

- What we do
- Conduct
- Regional and Partnership Working
- Promoting the Forum
- Health and Safety
- Data Protection

It was proposed that the MOU is reviewed every two years or sooner if there was an agreed need to do so. If the MOU was approved then a meeting would be arranged for the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Forum to sign the MOU.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED – T H A T the Memorandum of Understanding between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum be approved, to be signed on behalf of the Council by the Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure, who is the Older People's Champion.

Reason for decision

To enable the Council and the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum to sign the Memorandum of Understanding which detailed how the two organisations would work together.

C473 SECTION 180 – VOLUNTARY FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS OUTCOMES (HBS) (SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

Cabinet was provided with details of the outcomes achieved by Council funded voluntary sector homelessness schemes which assisted the Authority to prevent homelessness and to discharge its statutory duties, and approval was sought to continue to support services that positively impacted on the lives of those affected by homelessness through granting them Section 180 funding.

Part 2 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 empowered Local Authorities to give assistance by way of a grant or loan to voluntary organisations who assisted homeless clients on matters relating to homelessness within their area. For example providing advice for young vulnerable people and giving bonds to people to access private rented sector housing and other appropriate housing solutions.

Since 2005 the Vale of Glamorgan Council had provided Section 180 funding to the Tabernacle Home Access Project and to Llamau, both provided additional homelessness prevention services to homeless households in the Vale.

The funding provided to Llamau the sum of £18,000 to help resource two schemes; their JIGSO Project which provided mediation and support to young people and families in crisis to help build relationships and where appropriate prevent young people from becoming homeless, and their Supported Lodgings Scheme which had been running for several years, and had been extremely successful in helping a number of young people gain the skills and confidence to become independent young adults within the 22 placements being supported – both schemes had proved

invaluable in reducing the demands placed on the Housing Solutions Team within the Council and continuation of the funding was important.

The funding provided to Tabernacle Baptist Church Home Access to the sum £5,000 helped support and resource their advice and support service to those who were homeless or threatened with homelessness in the Vale of Glamorgan, which included a bond scheme where bond guarantees were issues to private rented sector landlords. The Home Access Team continued to provide support throughout these tenancies as required and where necessary assistance to ensure households had the essential items to manage a successful tenancy. In 2017/2018 the project received 102 new referrals for housing assistance and continued to support a further 98 existing clients. Throughout the last financial year 84 bonds were being managed of which 16 were new bonds issued during the year, 4 were for households with children, 12 were to single households, thus further relieving the demands on the Council's Housing Solutions Service and resources. Continuation of the funding was important.

After this item had been presented, the Leader commented that the Section 180 funding was going to two excellent causes. In agreement with his colleague, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services stated that this funding was critical for the services provided by the two organisations and represented excellent value for money.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all of the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the outcomes achieved by the projects managed by the Tabernacle Home Access Team and Llamau be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Director of Environment and Housing be authorised to pay Section 180 funding to the Tabernacle Home Access Project (£5,000) and Llamau's JIGSO Project and Supported Lodgings Project (£18,000) for the financial year 2018/19.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To note the important role these projects played in supporting the Council's homelessness service.
- (2) To ensure the continuation of the Section 180 schemes detailed.