

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 11TH APRIL, 2024

REFERENCE FROM ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: 12TH MARCH, 2024

“935 SERVICE PLANS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS TO DELIVER THE
VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL’S ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2024/25 (DP) –

The report sought Members' endorsement of the priority actions as reflected in Service Plans and proposed service performance targets for the period 2024/2025 that would deliver the Council's Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) within the remit of the Committee.

The report presented the planned service activities (as outlined in Service Plans) and associated performance targets within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee. These were the Committee’s specific areas of focus associated with the delivery of the Council's ADP for 2024/2025 as aligned to the four Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives. (attached at Appendices A and B to the report).

Progressing the ADP would help to meet statutory obligations under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WBFG). Both pieces of legislation placed specific duties on the Council in relation to reviewing and setting objectives, keeping performance under review and reporting on performance, with a focus on improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.

In line with statutory duties the relevance of the Council’s Well-being Objectives was continually reviewed. As a result, going forward into 2024/25, the Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives and the associated commitments outlined in the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/2025 (contained in the background papers to this report) were relevant in delivering improved outcomes for Vale of Glamorgan citizens and contributed to the national Well-being Goals.

All Scrutiny Committees considered a draft ADP in December 2023 and their views alongside that of other key stakeholders informed the final Plan.

The commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 were reflected in 16 Service Plans which were provided for information in the background papers to the report. These plans showed how individual service areas would contribute to achievement and overall delivery of the four Well-being Objectives and how resources would be deployed to do so.

In line with the Annual Performance Calendar, Members had continued to help shape the way in which performance related activity and reports were presented to support them in their critical friend challenge role. Feedback from the recent workshop (relating to the Committee specific presentation of service plan activities and performance targets) in February 2024, had been reflected in the approach to this year's reports.

Scrutiny Committee Members were asked to review the contributions from services (through planned activities and proposed performance measures and associated targets) as relevant to the Committee's remit that would support achievement of the ADP commitments for the period 2024/25. These were set out in Appendices A and B.

Upon review, Members were asked to recommend to Cabinet the planned activities and associated service performance targets as relevant to this Committee's remit as the primary means against which performance for the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 would be monitored, measured and reported quarterly. These were set out in Appendices A and B.

Councillor M. Hooper queried Council's ADP under Objective 13 and the co-working of shared working spaces. In reply, the Director of Place stated that a review of future Council buildings and assets was being undertaken and would be reported to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee. The review would look at how shared space across Council departments could be opened up and used by other services and Directorates. Therefore, the work would look at capacity in the market rather than impacting on private businesses.

The Chair stated the view that it would be helpful for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Committees to have opportunity to consider how best to ensure the reporting framework was taken forward. The Committee agreed for this to be a formal recommendation to Cabinet.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the planned service activities for 2024/25, relating to the remit of the Committee and set out in Appendix A to the report, be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the proposed measures and service performance targets for 2024/25, relating to the remit of the Committee and set out in Appendix B to the report, be endorsed.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet gives consideration to Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs meeting in order to consider how each Committee takes forward and supports the new reporting framework.

Reasons for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(3) In order to advise Cabinet of the view of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.”

View Report to Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee: 12th March, 2024 [here](#). The comments of the Scrutiny Committee have been incorporated into the report on the Cabinet agenda at Agenda Item No. 12