

## **CABINET**

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024.

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Present: Councillor B.E. Brooks (Vice Chair); Councillors R.M. Birch, G. John, S.D. Perkes, S. Sivagnanam, E. Williams, and M.R. Wilson.

Also Present: Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson.

### **C1 ANNOUNCEMENT –**

The Deputy Leader commenced by advising of some housekeeping issues and advised that the meeting was being livestreamed, recorded and would be uploaded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting

### **C2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –**

This was received from Councillor L. Burnett.

### **C3 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

### **C4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **C5 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER QUARTER 3 UPDATE (REF) -**

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 was presented.

The Deputy Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting concerning the Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS) and the removal of the Brexit and Covid risks from the Register.

Councillor Williams was pleased to have been in attendance at the Governance and Audit Committee meeting and advised that they had recognised that there was

concern amongst several Councils regarding the WCCIS but it was necessary to utilise procurement expertise to learn and improve.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the discussion and comments of the Governance and Audit Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T in relation to the procurement regulation risk, for that risk to be considered for inclusion on the Register or at least an update on the review to be added when appropriate.

Reason for decisions

(1-2) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

**C6 PROPOSED SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY 2024-2026 (REF) -**

The reference from Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 was presented.

Councillor Birch thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments. In referring to the Officer's presentation of the reference, said that it had been met with general approval from the Committee, with questions raised regarding counselling, co-operative working across Local Authorities and the Health Authority, and school audits of pupils and staff to determine if the Strategy would meet their needs. In conclusion, it was felt that the Strategy would meet the needs of children and young people, staff and the auxiliary staff who worked with children and young people.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the discussion and comments of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

**C7 LOCAL BUS SERVICES IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (REF) -**

The reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 was presented.

The Deputy Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said that the matter had been a Request for Consideration from Councillors E. Goodjohn and S. Campbell and she had attended the meeting as the relevant Cabinet Member, with a good discussion having taken place.

There had been amendments and timetable changes which had caused some issues and Officers were in constant dialogue with bus companies to address issues as they occurred. A member of the public had raised concerns in respect of bus provision on Fonmon Road, which was a timetable issue that was under review.

Members had the opportunity to ask questions and there was contribution from the Operational Manager for Transport Services.

Bus services were not a perfect fit currently, but issues were being addressed and there was further work to be done across the region. The new paper from Welsh Government regarding the future franchising of bus services was eagerly awaited. The Barry Dock Interchange use was slowly increasing but had taken time to be put in place through the planning process and Covid. There were still issues with the number of bus-users post-Covid to be addressed also.

With regard the G1 Greenlinks bus service, more volunteers were being sought to make the service more widely available to people, particularly in the rural Vale.

Regarding the Committee's suggestion for a summer marketing campaign to be held, themed 'catching the bus,' the Deputy Leader said that there would be marketing around the summer programme of events which would promote the use of public travel services.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the discussion and comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T the suggestion of the Scrutiny Committee for there to be further consideration around ways to connect homes and hospitals, the issue of missing bus stops and bus interchanges / connections for Culverhouse Cross and Sycamore Cross be endorsed.

#### Reason for decisions

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

**C8 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S 2021 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT SCHEMES (REF) -**

The reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 was presented.

Councillor Wilson thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments. There had been discussion concerning parking enforcement which the Authority would like to do more of but there were current resourcing issues. It was important to engage fully with residents in the affected areas to make the scheme as self-enforcing as possible. The Cabinet Member would be speaking with Officers to work towards presenting a report to a future Cabinet for consideration of potential changes. There was also good discussion concerning Ogmore, the lakeside area and White House.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the discussion and comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

**C9 LOCAL HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT (LHMA) 2023 (REF) -**

The reference from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 was presented.

The Deputy Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments.

Councillor Perkes said that the Local Housing Market Assessment was an important document which would help the Council to plan and work towards building the affordable homes that were needed in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Committee recommendations were:

(1) T H A T, having considered the Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA) 2023 attached at Appendix A, the following comment be referred to Cabinet as part of their consideration on the LHMA:

- The Committee wished to highlight the importance of the Council considering the provision of suitable housing for older persons (including retirement housing and housing with care, as referred to in the LHMA report) in order to address the growing shift to an ageing population within the Vale of Glamorgan and thereby 'future proof' the County's housing provision and

related needs for its residents. It was important that such considerations be fully embedded within Council policies, strategies and planning (i.e. the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Replacement Local Development Plan).

(2) T H A T the Committee noted that Cabinet would be asked to permit the Head of Housing and Building Services to make minor editorial changes to the document once approved.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the discussion, and comments of the Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 be noted and the Recommendations endorsed.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

**C10 CARDIFF BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE –**

The minutes of the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 were presented.

Councillor Wilson said there had been good discussion at the meeting concerning a dredging campaign, the Cardiff Harbour Authority's education programme in schools to discuss pollution and litter picking activities, ongoing maintenance of locks and the fish pass, the good quality water in the area and evidence of spawning and the management of minor pollution incidents.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

**C11 SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES –**

The minutes of the Shared Regulatory Services held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 were presented.

Councillor Sivagnanam said that the meeting considered an overview and update of the work concerning the Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) Business Plans. There were financial challenges concerning the Service and a staff survey had been issued to better understand the concerns of staff. Discussion also took place concerning the new Apprenticeship scheme which looked to attract young people to careers in SRS.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Shared Regulatory Services held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

**C12 USE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE EMERGENCY POWERS (EL/PR)  
(SCRUTINY – ALL) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to notify Cabinet of the exercising of Emergency Powers by the Chief Executive since the last report on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED – T H A T the use of the Chief Executive's Emergency Powers be noted.

Reason for decision

To inform Cabinet.

**C13 2024 UPDATE TO THE HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT DELIVERY  
PLAN 2022-2025 (PSHTE) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to request Cabinet to approve to the 2024 Update to the Housing Support Grant (HSG) Delivery Plan and Spend Plan for 24/25.

The Cabinet Member said there was a commissioning team who worked with providers to ensure high quality support to residents, helped maintain tenancies and dealt with issues regarding homelessness. Some of the commissioned services were from Llamau who provided young homeless people with support in residential settings, Pobl who provided the One-Stop-Shop on Holton Road in Barry and offered advice and support regarding housing issues and Platform who worked with people experiencing mental health challenges. As Cabinet Member, Councillor Perkes had been able to visit all three providers and that in her opinion the services provided were second to none.

The Deputy Leader said it was an important report that showed the support provided regarding housing for the most vulnerable people in the Vale of Glamorgan.

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 update to the 2024 Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2022-2025 be approved.
- (2) T H A T the Housing Support Grant Spend Plan 2024-25 be approved.
- (3) T H A T the use of the urgent decision procedure as set out in Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in order for the final Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2022- 2025 to be referred to Welsh Government by 31st May, 2024 deadline in accordance with the Housing Support Grant (HSG) conditions.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure the Council complied with the requirements of the Housing Support Grant (HSG) Guidance (Wales) April 2021.
- (2) To ensure that the HSG Spend Plan 2024-2025 be submitted to Welsh Government by 31st May, 2024 deadline in accordance with the Housing Support Grant (HSG) conditions.
- (3) To allow the final Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2022- 2025 to be referred to Welsh Government by the required deadline.

**C14 UPDATE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek Cabinet approval to undertake a public consultation on amendments to the adopted Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).

The purpose of the report was to set out the Council's approach to delivering affordable housing through the planning system. It set out the Council's planning requirements and mechanisms for securing and delivering affordable housing within the Vale of Glamorgan and been produced to support the policies of the Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan (LDP) which addressed the affordable housing needs within the Vale of Glamorgan as evidenced in the Council's latest Local Housing Market Assessment.

The SPG was prepared as background evidence to the Public Examination of the Vale of Glamorgan LDP. Following public consultation, the amended SPG was approved by Cabinet in 2017 to be used as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and appeals in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The most significant change to the SPG concerned transfer values, the discounted value that a social landlord would pay a developer for units they were required to build as part of S106 agreements. Those values had not been updated since 2021 and construction costs had risen since that time.

There were further changes to the SPG for clarity and that reflected changes in Planning Policy.

The Deputy Leader looked forward to hearing the outcome of the consultation in a future Cabinet report.

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 proposed amendments to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) attached to the report be approved for public consultation purposes.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be given to the Head of Sustainable Development to make typographical or other minor changes as necessary prior to public consultation.

(3) T H A T a further report be presented to Cabinet following public consultation to report the findings of the public consultation exercise and any changes to the SPG prior to the formal adoption of the SPG.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable public consultation on the proposed amendments to the SPG in accordance with the Council's protocol for the preparation of SPG.

(2) To make typographical or minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet approval.

(3) To advise Members of the responses to the public consultation exercise and to seek Members approval for the formal adoption of the SPG as a material consideration in planning decisions.