

## CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

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

Also Present: Councillor A. Asbrey.

### **C44 ANNOUNCEMENT –**

The 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

### **C45 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –**

This was received from Councillor S. Sivagnanam.

### **C46 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

### **C47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **C48 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2030, PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2024/25 (REF) –**

The reference from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented in association with further references on the matter from Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting. Topics discussed at the

Committee included engagement with communities, profiling of individuals in terms of younger and older persons and ensuring that their voices were properly heard through a more 'intergenerational' approach, use of plain language, objectives were easily understood and queries regarding accessibility.

The Leader said that some of the related Committee recommendations put forward were for the Committee itself and would be communicated by the relevant Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer.

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 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C49 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2030, PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2024/25 (REF) –**

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented in association with further references on the matter from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting. Topics discussed at the Committee included whether a shorter-term Corporate Plan would be beneficial though it was noted that was the role of the Annual Delivery Plan and net-zero considerations.

The Leader said that some of the related Committee recommendations put forward were for the Committee itself and would be communicated by the relevant Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer .

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the discussion and comments of the Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C50 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2030, PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2024/25 (REF) –**

The reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented in association with further references on the matter from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting. Topics discussed at the Committee included the role that Members could play as part of Panel Performance Assessment discussions and the “Let’s Talk About Life in the Vale” survey outcomes.

The Leader said that some of the related Committee recommendations put forward were for the Committee itself and would be communicated by the relevant Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the discussion and comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C51 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2030, PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2024/25 (REF) –**

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented in association with further references on the matter from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting. Topics discussed at the Committee included how the Council currently produced reports and plans in relation to its performance monitoring processes to make them effective and accessible, how the public could feed into the Corporate Plan, how peer assessors would be selected and queries regarding the discussions that the Vale of Glamorgan had with other Local Authorities.

The Leader said that some of the related Committee recommendations put forward were for the Committee itself and would be communicated by the relevant Democratic Scrutiny Services Officers.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the discussion and comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C52 DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2030, PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2024/25 (REF) –**

The reference from Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented in association with further references on the matter from Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting.

The Leader said that some of the related Committee recommendations put forward were for the Committee itself and would be communicated by the relevant Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the discussion and comments of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C53 USE OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: SERVICE USER PERSPECTIVE AND OUTCOMES – VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (REF) –**

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented and the Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting.

The findings of the review from the Auditor General for Wales were attached to the report at Appendix B. The Leader said that in some service areas, particularly Social Care and Education, there were high levels of service-user engagement which could be difficult at times. One Committee comment referred to Council looking at outcomes rather than outputs as a positive step forward.

There was also discussion on the perceived issues raised by residents and the Council acknowledged there was work to do on the disconnect between what the Council planned to do as determined in the Annual Delivery Plan, Service plans, etc., and what it was felt the Council was doing more broadly that required more communications work to be undertaken.

Governance and Audit Committee referred comments to Cabinet with Resolutions (1) and (2) regarding carrying out more detailed insights of responses received in order to better understand issues being raised by residents and for the Council to consider bringing together information from other reports and Council activities such as Corporate Complaints and complaints to Councillors which was a source of information that would be useful in order to understand the views and experiences of residents as ongoing matters. Resolution (3) was for the Committee itself, and Resolution (4) for the Council to reflect on how public engagement and consultation was carried out by each individual Council department to ensure there were the same standards and level of engagement was a topic for discussion on the Senior Leadership Team agenda to take forward.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

**RESOLVED – T H A T** the discussion and comments of the Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

#### Reason for decision

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

#### **C54 Q4 UPDATE: AUDIT WALES WORK PROGRAMME TIMETABLE 2023/24 – VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (REF) –**

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said that Committee had noted the contents of the report and had referred the report to Cabinet for oversight.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

**RESOLVED – T H A T** the discussion and comments of the Governance and Audit Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C55            PETITION SUBMISSION – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS  
(REF) –**

The reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting regarding the submission of the petition regarding School Crossing Supervisors. A number of savings had been put forward as part of last year's budget proposals, one of which was to review and potentially rationalise school crossing patrols. School Crossing Supervisors were valued members of the community but over the years it had been difficult to recruit to the role, due to the abuse received from motorists. There had also been situations where School Crossing Supervisors situated on crossings near pelican and toucan crossings were nearby that traffic had started to move whilst they were still assisting children across the road and were caught in a dangerous situation when traffic started to move at the green light.

The Director was able to clarify at the Committee meeting that, having reviewed the situation and spoken to schools, there were no plans to remove manned-crossing services in the Vale of Glamorgan and departmental savings had been found elsewhere.

The recommendation of the Committee was that they supported the decision, as outlined at the Committee meeting, that no steps be taken to remove current school crossing patrols until a review had been carried out as appropriate to ensure child safety.

Councillor John said he was happy with the position laid out by the Director at the meeting as in his ward there were over 1,600 pupils attending schools in the area and that School Crossing Supervisors were vital for pupil safety. The situation had been misunderstood previously as the position was only being reviewed and would continue as before.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

**RESOLVED – T H A T** the discussion and comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

**C56 PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (REF) –**

The reference from Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented, in association with a further reference on the matter from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting with Committee considering and discussing the Tree Strategy. There was further discussion as to whether Project Zero was funded sufficiently to achieve zero carbon by 2030 which the Leader advised would be part of upcoming budget deliberations. Further discussion took place regarding the pace of work by the Public Services Board but was complex due to each of the various organisations doing their own pieces of work and Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS).

The Leader said that some of the Committee recommendations put forward were for the Committee itself, but those for Cabinet consideration related to the concern raised around the ‘weighting’ of the Project Zero agenda and the importance of making Project Zero ‘front and centre’ in the Corporate Plan and that the report be distributed to all Elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information.

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 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.
- (2) T H A T concern raised around the ‘weighting’ of the Project Zero agenda and the importance of making Project Zero ‘front and centre’ in the Corporate Plan be considered as part of future budget deliberations.
- (3) T H A T the report be distributed to all Elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information, if not already actioned.

**Reason for decisions**

- (1-3) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

**C57 PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (REF) –**

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented in association with a further reference on the matter from the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting. One query related to the installation of LED street lighting which the Leader reported was now at 96% in the Vale of Glamorgan, ongoing discussion with Town and Community Councils, discussion as to whether or not there could be more information on the Council's electric fleet and replacing public bins.

Cabinet noted the report and that some of the Committee recommendations put forward were for the Committee itself and for Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer to address.

It was recommended that Council reports, in relation to procurement processes, should consider reducing the Council's carbon footprint at both the pre-commissioning and de-commissioning stages of the process, in addition to the already existing efforts to reduce carbon to support the Council's ambition to be net zero by 2030. The Leader said that the Council was already adopting a systems-based approach across the organisation and the recommendation would be explored.

Committee also asked that that the report, as presented, be distributed to all Elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) T H A T the discussion and comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.
- (2) T H A T Council reports, in relation to procurement processes, should give explicit consideration to reducing the Council's carbon footprint at both the pre-commissioning and de-commissioning stages of the process, in addition to the already existing efforts to reduce carbon to support the Council's ambition to be net zero by 2030.
- (3) T H A T the report, as presented, be distributed to all Elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information, if not already actioned.

Reason for decisions

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting.

**C58 UPDATE ON THE PEOPLE'S STRATEGY (REF) –**

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 was presented.



The Leader thanked the Committee for the reference and its associated comments and said there had been a good discussion at the meeting.

Questions raised by the Committee were whether the Council would be looking to develop its recruitment and selection processes to support neurodiverse applicants and were the Council making efforts to develop its existing workforce given there were still gaps within certain occupations across the Council, both of which were ongoing and strong areas of work for the Council where efforts to grow the current workforce had seen real success within its Social Care Programme, Fast Track to Care Programme and the Quick Start Programme to date. The Council had also taken steps to increase its apprenticeship programme and to encourage apprenticeships from graduates across various sectors of the Council.

Conversations regarding the value of the Council's Staff Networks were made as well as the Council working in partnership with those Networks to improve the Council's workforce with the establishment and use of its various networks.

Committee noted that the report as presented, on progress against the Council's People Strategy, feedback provided and discussions on future activity moving forward, be noted and referred to Cabinet that a report on the benefits and positive outcomes of the Council's Diversity Networks, as referred to in paragraphs 2.32 – 2.34 of the report, be circulated to all Elected Members of the Council by email in due course.

Councillor Williams referred to the Fast Track Programme in Social Care and association with apprenticeships in Shared Regulatory Services and the impact that had on the workforce in terms of in-house staff development and encouraging people to join the service was hugely important. He had seen the impact that working with the diverse network had and put in place a more inclusive Council that recognised the demographics of the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Leader agreed with the importance of developing the Council staff and appreciated the experience that people gained when working within various departments as part of their careers which developed their skills.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the discussion and comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T a report on the benefits and positive outcomes of the Council's Diversity Networks, as referred to in paragraphs 2.32 – 2.34 of the report, be circulated to all Elected Members of the Council by email in due course.

#### Reason for decisions

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

**C59 JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM –**

The minutes of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 were presented.

Councillor Perkes had attended the meeting which considered a Vale of Glamorgan Staff Network(s) Update, updates regarding the Abl Network (the disability staff network), the Diverse Staff Network and a presentation regarding recruitment.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Joint Consultative Forum held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

**C60 CABINET QUARTERLY WORK PROGRAMMES – APRIL TO JUNE 2024 AND JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2024 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to involve, engage and consult Members of the progress to date in respect of Cabinet Quarterly Work Programmes for the period April to June 2024 and to confirm the Quarterly Work Programme for July to September 2024.

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 updates to the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme for April to June 2024 attached at Appendix 1 to the report be agreed.

(2) T H A T the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme July to September 2024 attached at Appendix 2 to the report be endorsed.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To monitor progress.

(2) To approve the Work Programme for July to September 2024.

**C61 USE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024.

Councillor Williams referred specifically to Paragraph 2.1(a) concerning the Western Vale Wellbeing Hub for Older Adults and People Living with Dementia and appreciated the use of emergency powers to enable Officers to act quickly to support excellent provision.

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.

Reasons for decisions

To inform Cabinet.

**C62 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ROWIP) (DL/SP)  
(SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Deputy Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to enable Cabinet to consider and approve the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). The ROWIP was a live document and changes could be made as circumstances demanded, for example, changes in legislation.

Councillor Williams had attended the Local Access Forum meeting where the principles of the ROWIP, the network and various improvements had been discussed. The changes to footpath accessibility in the Vale of Glamorgan had been noted at that meeting, including wheelchair accessibility, which had a positive impact for local residents and were a part of the ROWIP, though not stated explicitly as a benefit.

The Leader said that another positive aspect was the availability of routes electronically to be able to choose which routes were available and with much improved direct access.

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 Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) attached as Appendix A to the report be endorsed as the Council's replacement version and its adoption in principle agreed subject to consideration by the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) T H A T the ROWIP be referred to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Sustainable Development in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places to make typographical or other minor changes as necessary prior to publication or during the life of the Plan should this become necessary.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure the Council fully discharged its statutory duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 to review and publish every 10 years, its Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP), outlining how it proposed to meet its Well-being and Improvement Objectives to maintain, improve and publicise the rights of way network for the public.
- (2) To ensure appropriate scrutiny of the report.
- (3) To make typographical or other minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet approval.

**C63 UPDATE ON THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE A WELSH MEDIUM SPECIALIST RESOURCE BASE AT YSGOL GWAUN Y NANT FROM SEPTEMBER 2024 (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken on the proposal to create a Welsh Medium Specialist Resource Base at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant from September 2024.

Some of the issues raised as part of the consultation and responses to those issues were discussed in paragraphs 2.9 to 2.13 of the 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 consultation document (attached at Appendix A to the report), the Consultation Response report (attached at Appendix B to the report) and other appendices included as part of the report, including the Community and Equality Impact Assessments at Appendices C and D respectively, to create a Welsh Medium Specialist Resource Base at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant from September 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T the proposal to create a Welsh Medium Specialist Resource Base at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant from September 2024 through the publication of the proposals in the form of a statutory notice be approved.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that all relevant information was considered by Cabinet in reaching a decision on whether to publish a statutory notice on the proposals.

(2) To ensure that there was capacity to provide integrated provision for pupils with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum condition and those experiencing significant social communication, interaction, or regulation difficulties, reflecting the Council's commitments to meeting the requirements of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act 2018 (ALNET Act 2018) and in its 10 year Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) and Welsh Government's Cymraeg 2050 strategy.

#### **C64 WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2023-24 (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek approval for the Council's Annual Welsh Monitoring Report and update on 5-year Promotion Strategy.

Councillor Williams said he looked forward to the matter being discussed at the relevant Scrutiny Committees.

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 Annual Welsh Monitoring Report for 2023-24 (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) and Update on the Welsh Language Promotional Strategy (attached at Appendix 2 to the report) be approved in principle, subject to consideration by Learning and Culture and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees.

(2) T H A T the report (and appendices) be referred to Learning and Culture and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees for consideration and if endorsed by the Committees, that the report be published.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) To enable Learning and Culture and Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committees to consider the report (and appendices) prior to publication.

**C65 PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – SCHOOL STREET CLOSURE DRYDEN ROAD, PENARTH (NBS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to agree to make the experimental school street closure on Dryden Road for Fairfield Primary School, Penarth a permanent order.

An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) had been in place since April 2023 and gave Officers time to assess the success or otherwise of the pilot school street closure as the first type of its kind in the Vale of Glamorgan. Feedback from residents which had been positive was included in Paragraph 2.7 of the report as well as Appendix D to the report. Appendix C to the report referred to vehicle speeds and traffic volumes that were assessed prior to implementation and monitored during the experimental school street closure, with very little traffic entering at times of closure.

Councillor Birch, as a local ward Member, said that the experimental TRO had been a popular move with parents. There continued to be issues with inconsiderate parking which existed prior to the pilot but had been well received locally. Councillor Wilson said that the other local ward Member, Councillor Buckley, had also been supportive of the pilot.

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 public notice be advertised for the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for a school street closure on Dryden Road, Penarth as detailed in Appendices A and B to the report, to be made permanent.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services to agree the final design and extent of the school street closure and that the

Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to execute any legal Orders to implement the Scheme.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide the necessary authority to the progress with the permanent Traffic Regulation Order.
- (2) To provide the necessary authority to ensure the scheme was implemented in the most appropriate and efficient manner.

#### **C66 RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL RELATED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (NBS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to ensure there remained effective controls and management arrangements aimed at preventing incidences of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in public places.

Councillor Wilson said that such Orders had been in place previously and required renewal with minor variations to the existing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), in respect of the prevention of alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Such Orders would not prohibit any alcohol consumption in the areas proposed but provided a means of control should there be instances of anti-social behaviour.

Paragraph 2.12 of the report referred to the inclusion of Orders at twelve new sites as a result of consultation and representations received from the public and Elected Members. Survey responses were included within Appendix A which showed support for such controls in the described areas for a further three years.

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 proposal of renewing the existing Public Space Protection Orders for controlled alcohol zones be agreed and the Orders referred to Full Council, for consideration.
- (2) T H A T the contents of the public consultation results and the inclusion of new restricted areas be noted.
- (3) T H A T the proposed additional areas as part of the renewal process be agreed and incorporated into the Orders for consideration by Full Council.
- (4) T H A T the resolutions of Cabinet as regards the report are referred to Full Council for consideration.

(5) T H A T use of the urgency procedure set out at Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be agreed in respect of recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 to allow the matter to be considered at Full Council on 15th July, 2024.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To assist the Council robustly manage alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour at its Resorts, Town centres and Public Open Spaces.

(2) To ensure the Council considered the views of the public and other stakeholders and the Orders reflect current issues.

(3) To ensure the Council and Police had the appropriate powers to protect the quality of lives of those who lived, worked and visited restricted areas and to permit the majority of the law-abiding citizens to use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

(4) The introduction and renewal of Public Space Protection Orders was a matter for determination by Full Council.

(5) To enable the Orders to be considered at the next available Full Council meeting to ensure their prompt introduction if agreed.

#### **C67 RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS - DOG CONTROLS (NBS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to ensure there remained effective controls and management arrangements in place, aimed at improving the behaviour of irresponsible dog owners and reducing anti-social behaviour associated with dogs and dog fouling.

Councillor Wilson said that such Orders had been in place previously and required renewal with variations to the existing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), for the purpose of dog controls.

Consultation had taken place on the matter and many of the responses received were positive about the proposed Orders. Appendix A referred to 64% of the public agreed with the proposal to retain all the existing dog controls in the Vale of Glamorgan, strong agreement regarding the removal of faeces from all adopted highways and footpaths and seasonal dog controls at Ogmores-by-Sea.

Councillor Wilson proposed an additional Recommendation to Cabinet to agree that Llantwit Major Recreation Ground be added to the proposals to be considered at Full Council, with enforcement subject to the agreement of Llantwit Major Town Council who owned the land. Llantwit Major Councillors were in support of that area being included in the proposals and agreement with Llantwit Major Town Council would have to be sought prior to the matter being considered at Full Council on 15th July, 2024.



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 proposal of renewing the existing Public Space Protection Orders for dog controls be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the contents of the public consultation results be noted.
- (3) T H A T the proposed new additional areas as part of the renewal process be agreed and incorporated into the Orders for Full Council consideration.
- (4) T H A T the resolutions of Cabinet in respect to the report be referred to Full Council for consideration.
- (5) T H A T use of the urgency procedure set out at Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be agreed in respect of resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 to allow the matter to be considered at Full Council on 15th July, 2024.
- (6) T H A T subject to formal agreement with Llantwit Major Town Council, Llantwit Major Recreation Ground be added to the proposals for consideration at Full Council, with enforcement subject to the agreement of Llantwit Major Town Council who own the land.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) So that the Council had robust Orders in place for dog controls on adopted highways, footpaths, resorts/beaches, town centres, sports pitches and public open spaces.
- (2) To ensure the Council considered the views of the public and other stakeholders and the Orders reflected current issues.
- (3) To ensure the Council had appropriate powers to protect the quality of lives of those who lived, worked and visited the Vale.
- (4) The renewal and introduction of Public Space Protection Orders were a matter for determination by Full Council.
- (5) To ensure the Orders could be considered at the next Full Council meeting and if agreed, promptly introduced following the meeting.
- (6) To include Llantwit Major Recreation Ground to the proposals, with the support of the local ward Members and agreement with Llantwit Major Town Council.

**C68 RE-COMMISSIONING OF THE PROVISION OF CHILDCARE FOR FLYING START IN COLCOT, BARRY, VALE OF GLAMORGAN (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek authority to re-commission an existing contract relating to the provision of childcare for the Vale of Glamorgan Flying Start Programme within Colcot, Barry and delegate authority to award the contract to the successful provider.

Councillor Williams said that although the report fell within the Social Care and Health Portfolio that it was important to recognise the work undertaken with the Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language as much of the work was cross-Directorate. Although the programme provided services to children aged 0-3 and 2-3 years, it was important to recognise that there was also provision for parents who were a part of the tendering process.

Councillor Birch welcomed the report and was pleased to see parental involvement in the programme and actively involved in ongoing provision. The cluster of schools in Barry were some of the most disadvantaged in the Vale of Glamorgan and the programme would work towards improving the life chances of children.

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 Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, be authorised to undertake a competitive tender process for the provision of Flying Start services in Colcot, Barry.

(2) T H A T the Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, be authorised to award the contract(s) for the service for an initial period of two years with an option to extend for up to a further two years, following the completion of the tender process.

(3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, complete and execute a contract with the successful bidder.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable the Directorate to undertake a tender process that would provide Flying Start childcare within Colcot, Barry in a cost-effective way that met the requirements of Welsh Government Flying Start Guidance and the required standards of the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW).

(2) To ensure that the service was in place for the next two years with the potential to extend it for a further two years if required.

(3). To ensure that the appropriate authority and documentation were in place to complete the contract.

**C69 CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILDCARE FOR FLYING START IN CADOXTON, BARRY, VALE OF GLAMORGAN (SCH) (SCRUTINY – HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report which was similar to the previous agenda item but focused on a different area, the purpose of which was to seek authority to undertake a tender process relating to the provision of childcare for the Vale of Glamorgan Flying Start Programme within the setting in the grounds of Cadoxton Primary School in Barry and delegate authority to award the contract to the successful provider.

Councillor Birch was pleased to endorse the report and said that Cadoxton Primary School already had initiatives such as Bocs Bwyd and coffee mornings that had a positive impact on families and actively involved parents and carers on aspects of school life.

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 Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, be authorised to undertake a competitive tender process for the provision of Flying Start services in Cadoxton, Barry.
- (2) T H A T the Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health, be authorised to award the contract(s) for the service for an initial period of two years with an option to extend for up to a further two years, following the completion of the tender process.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services to prepare, complete and execute a contract with the successful bidder.

**Reasons for decisions**

- (1) To enable the Directorate to undertake a tender process that would provide Flying Start childcare within Cadoxton, Barry in a cost-effective way that met the requirements of Welsh Government Flying Start Guidance and the required standards of the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW).
- (2) To ensure that the service was in place for the next two years with the potential to extend it for a further two years if required.

(3) To ensure that the appropriate authority and documentation were in place to complete the contract.

**C70 VALE OF GLAMORGAN REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RLDP) 2021-2036 PREFERRED STRATEGY INITIAL CONSULTATION REPORT (CEERS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Leader presented the report on behalf of the Cabinet Member, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the issues raised through representations received during the public consultation exercise undertaken between December 2023 and February 2024 in respect of the Preferred Strategy for the Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036.

The Preferred Strategy for the RLDP had been subject to a ten-week public consultation between December 2023 and February 2024 and the report set out the issues raised as part of that consultation and how the responses had been considered within the report.

The Preferred Strategy set out how much growth would be accommodated in the Vale of Glamorgan from 2021 to 2036 in terms of population, homes and jobs, with growth met in the most sustainable locations which reduced the need to travel, sought to co-locate housing with employment and locations well-served by public transport.

Engagement on the Preferred Strategy took place a number of ways, including online and in-person engagement sessions across the Vale of Glamorgan, as well as sessions with Elected Members, Town and Community Councils and specific stakeholder groups such as the 50+ Forum and Equalities Consultative Forum. In total, over 3,000 representations were made from 857 individuals and organisations. Notably there was a representation from Welsh Government stating that they considered the Preferred Strategy to conform with the National Development Framework: Future Wales, with the scale of growth being at an appropriate level for the Vale of Glamorgan's position within a national growth area. The spatial distribution of that growth to sustainable locations was considered appropriate and in line with national policy. Comments were made from other stakeholders that the scale of development was too high, and others considered it to be too low.

The RLDP made provision for 8,679 new houses, compared to 10,400 in the current adopted Local Development Plan (LDP). The RLDP level of growth was a median level, with higher and lower gross scenarios being tested. The housing supply was made up of new housing allocations, committed sites and allowance for unallocated windfall sites.

The adopted LDP included housing allocations totalling over 8,000 new dwellings. The RLDP Preferred Strategy showed a more modest allocation of up to 2,750 new homes on new sites, or 32% of the provision, plus a further 2,600 homes on sites in the adopted LDP that had been rolled forward.

Key sites in the RLDP were in parts of the Vale of Glamorgan with the highest levels of affordable housing need and provided real opportunity to deliver homes for those in housing need through Section 106 funding.

Most of the representations made during the consultation period were objections to the key sites identified within the Preferred Strategy, with similar issues raised across the five key sites including the impact of new development on the natural environment and the ability of existing infrastructure to cope with increased demand. The initial consultation report addressed those key points and set out the prepared evidence in support of the Development Plan and addressed the concerns raised.

The consultation allowed for new sites to be submitted as part of a second call for candidate sites, with 14 new sites submitted as part of the process, and 24 new sites with amendments of boundary or use which would now be assessed to determine their suitability for inclusion in the Deposit Plan.

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 contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for their consideration. Should the Committee raise no further matters for Cabinet consideration, the report be referred to a meeting of Full Council on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 for:
  - a) endorsement of the actions set out in the Initial Consultation Report;
  - b) approval of the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Preferred Strategy as a basis for the ongoing preparation of the Deposit RLDP.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To outline to Members the issues raised during the 10-week public consultation exercise on the RLDP Preferred Strategy.
- (2) To seek approval for the proposed changes to the Preferred Strategy as set out in the Initial Consultation Report and to allow officers to progress with preparation of the Deposit RLDP in accordance with the Council's approved Delivery Agreement.