

CABINET

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 7th November, 2024.

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

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

C162 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.

C163 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors L. Burnett and M.R. Wilson.

C164 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 24th October, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

C165 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C166 FINAL DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL SELF ASSESSMENT REPORT (REF) –

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee, held on 21st October, 2024 was presented following consideration by Cabinet on 10th October, 2024. There had been a good discussion at the meeting and the Deputy Leader thanked the Committee for the comments that had been passed to Cabinet for consideration.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the comments and matters for consideration from the Governance and Audit Committee held on 21st October, 2024 be noted and that thanks be given to the Committee Members for their part in the process for producing the Annual Self

Assessment and ensuring its robustness. The final draft Annual Self Assessment Report would now go on to Full Council for consideration and approval in early December.

(2) T H A T:

- The relevance of social media polls in relation to engagement on social media would continue to be monitored by Officers;
- The use of budget tables to explain how the Council spent its money would be more widely publicised;
- A plain language summary version of the document had been produced for members of the public and would be more widely publicised.

Reason for decisions

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

C167 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER QUARTER 2 UPDATE (REF) –

The reference from Governance and Audit Committee, held on 21st October, 2024 was presented and the Deputy Leader thanked the Committee for the robust discussion and for the comments that had been passed to Cabinet for consideration.

Councillor Williams said the report referred to several corporate risks within the Social Care and Health Portfolio, including the demand for social care, financial viability of services, increases in real living wage and employer National Insurance contributions changes that could be an issue for social care providers. Officers were currently in the process of developing a business case concerning the Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS) to go to Welsh Government for consideration. The issue of safeguarding had been allocated its own risk category as an Organisation as it was recognised as a corporate responsibility. There had been considerable discussion at the Committee of risks across the Council which were also considered by Officers and Senior Leadership Team within the report and mitigated as far as was possible.

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the comments and matters for consideration from the Governance and Audit Committee held on 21st October, 2024 be noted.

(2) T H A T

- Further consideration would be given as to whether procurement should be separated from the Financial Resources Risk and be a free standing risk on the Corporate Risk Register;
- Consideration would be given as to whether the scoring of the Financial Resources Risk warranted a higher risk score;

- The Welsh Community Care Information System Risk and the Climate Change and Nature Emergency Risk were being looked at as a matter of urgency by Cabinet and the Council's Strategic Leadership Team.

Reason for decisions

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

C168 CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS SCHEME 2027-2028 (EAWL) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek Cabinet approval to consult on the Local Authority's Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements Scheme for the academic year 2027-2028.

The Deputy Leader clarified that use of the urgent decision procedure as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution was being requested as the new arrangements had to be in place by 1st January, 2025, two years prior to the actual academic year to which the admissions arrangements related, and to allow the consultation process to begin from 8th November 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 consultation required to agree a Vale of Glamorgan Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements Scheme (Appendix A to the report) for all maintained schools in the Vale of Glamorgan for the 2027 – 2028 academic year be approved.

(2) T H A T use of the urgent decision procedure as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution be agreed to enable the consultation process on the Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements Scheme 2027-2028 to commence from 8th November, 2024.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure that the Council met its obligations in terms of the Education (Co-ordination of School Admission Arrangements and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024.

(2) To enable the consultation period to take place from 8th November to 29th November, 2024.