

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Meeting, 17th March, 2022.

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Present: Councillor M.R. Wilson (Chair), Councillor. P. Drake (Vice-Chair), Councillors G.D.D. Carroll, G.A. Cox, R. Crowley, V.P. Driscoll, G. John, Dr. I.J. Johnson, S. Sivagnanam and J.W. Thomas.

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration) and P.G. King (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meetings held on 20th January, 2022 and 17th February, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor G. John declared an interest on agenda item 10 (Vale of Glamorgan Council – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2022/23) in that he had a dispensation from the Standards Committee to speak only at meetings of the Vale of Glamorgan Council where any matters relating to football / sports fees and charges were discussed (Paragraphs (d) and (f)).

AGENDA ITEM 4. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE 2021/22 (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) **T H A T** the performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2021/22 commitments as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives within the remit of the Committee be noted.

(2) **T H A T** the remedial actions to be taken to address areas of underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee be noted and that the Committee's views and recommendations be referred thereafter to Cabinet for their consideration and approval, namely:

- To review some of the performance measures and results provided within the Annual Delivery Plan, which, although counting as small-scale successes and

positive results in their own right, were perhaps only partial improvements and did not provide the full context and background to these measures.

- That further information / updates be provided on the following areas:
 - Recruitment for Shared Regulatory Services (SRS). It was explained there were challenges around recruitment, but measures were in place to mitigate these and improve recruitment opportunities. Further details would be provided to the Committee when available.
 - On progress made by the new CLA (Children Looked After) Manager on opportunities to involve, engage and communicate with all children, young people and families that use the Council's service (including those with protected characteristics). Further details would be requested from Children and Young People Services.
 - The review of building / street names and monuments. A further update would be provided on the work undertaken for this, and to look at convening a meeting of the review panel for this purpose.
 - The potential need for a fourth round of vaccination due to rising levels of COVID-19. Further details would be provided to the Committee when available.

(3) T H A T the progress being made through the Council's recovery strategy and the Directorate recovery plans in response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic be noted.

Reasons for recommendations.

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

(2) To ensure the Council is effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet our performance requirements as outlined in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflecting the requirement of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that it maximises its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales. Also, for Cabinet to consider the comments and views of the Scrutiny Committee.

(3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5. SERVICE PLANS AND TARGET SETTING TO DELIVER THE ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2022/23 (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Service Plans (attached at Appendix A to the report) and all planned activities as they relate to the remit of this Committee (as illustrated in Appendix C to the report) be endorsed for Cabinet consideration.

(2) T H A T the proposed service improvement targets for 2022/2023 (attached at Appendix B to the report) relating to the remit of this Committee be endorsed for Cabinet consideration.

(3) T H A T for future Service Plans and Target Setting to deliver the Annual Delivery Plan, Cabinet and the Scrutiny Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Group, following the local elections, considers additional, complementary, means of scrutinising these more effectively, such as through a presentation, dedicated workshop or task and finish group prior to their final submission to Scrutiny.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To ensure that the Service Plans aligned to this Committee's remit are accurate, up to date and relevant and become the main document through which performance against the Corporate Plan's Annual Delivery Plan is monitored and measured during 2022/2023.

(2) To ensure the Council's Corporate Plan Performance Measurement Framework identifies a relevant set of performance measures and targets against which the Annual Delivery Plan can be monitored and measured during 2022/2023.

(3) To ensure that the Service Plans and Target Setting to deliver the Annual Delivery Plan can be considered fully and in a more detailed, effective manner.

AGENDA ITEM 6. VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY 2021 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the contents of the Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual Audit Summary 2021 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. PROJECT ZERO – UPDATE, RESOURCES, EVIDENCE AND REPORTING (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Cabinet be informed of the comments made by Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on Project Zero – Update, Resources, Evidence and Reporting, namely:

- Greater emphasis on producing and sourcing food locally within the Vale of Glamorgan in order to reduce carbon emissions from importing food externally.
- Greater focus on insulating public and other types of building in order to reduce carbon emissions and to help reduce fuel consumption / costs.
- For the Council to lobby Welsh Government and UK Government regarding procurement practices and policies, in order to work towards more carbon neutral solutions.
- That the Council looks to influence practices both in terms of procurement locally and the wider supply chain, as well as setting best practice and that the

Council ensures its policies and processes around Project Zero are sufficiently robust, durable and effective.

Reason for recommendation

In order for Cabinet to consider the comments and views of the Scrutiny Committee with reference to taking Project Zero forward.

AGENDA ITEM 8. REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 2021 TO 31ST JANUARY, 2022 (REF) -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2021/22 Revenue Budget be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 9. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 2021 TO 31ST JANUARY, 2022 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the progress made on the 2021/22 Capital Programme be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 10. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL – PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2022/23 (REF) -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the proposals for amendments to fees and charges and associated policy and process changes as set out in the report and the associated appendices be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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