

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 15th March, 2023.

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Present: Councillor J. Protheroe (Chair), Councillor E. Goodjohn (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.D.D. Carroll, P. Drake, C.P. Franks, S.J. Haines, S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson and N.J. Wood.

Also Present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), W.A. Hennessy and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors H.C. Hamilton and B. Loveluck-Edwards.

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Franks declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Corporate Asset Management Plan 2022/23 (REF) in that he had a dispensation from the Standards Committee to speak only on matters relating to Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre (including grant applications) when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys Community Council meetings, due to being the Chair of Dinas Powys Library Committee. He therefore stayed in the meeting and spoke on Dinas Powys Library with regard to this item, but did not vote on anything in relation to libraries, etc.

Councillor Goodjohn declared an interest in Agenda Item 3 – Procurement Policy and Strategy (REF). The nature of his interest was that he was a student at Cardiff and Vale College and would likely benefit from Skills Academies and training allowances referred to in the reference / report. This was both a personal and prejudicial interest (Councillor Goodjohn spoke at the meeting on this, as a member of the public could, but then immediately withdrew from the meeting for the remainder of the item being discussed).

AGENDA ITEM 3. PROCUREMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Cabinet be informed of the following proposed material changes recommended by the Committee regarding the Procurement Policy and Strategy, for their consideration:

- That the Policy and Strategy includes the requirement that businesses, with which the Council engages with in terms of procurement, pay the Real Living Wage.
- That the Policy and Strategy includes greater clarification on what constitutes excessive working hours.

Reason for recommendation

In order that Cabinet be informed of the proposed material changes recommended as part of their consideration of the Policy and Strategy.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022/23
(REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Corporate Asset Management Plan 2023-2028 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CODE UPDATE 2022/23
(REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Financial Management Code Update 2022/23 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. AUDIT WALES: SPRINGING FORWARD – VALE OF
GLAMORGAN ASSET MANAGEMENT AND WORKFORCE PLANNING (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the findings arising from the review of the Council's asset management (Appendix A to the report) and workforce planning arrangements (Appendix B to the report) and the response to the review findings and Audit Wales's recommendations (Appendix C to the report) be endorsed and noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Governance and Audit Committee and thereafter to Cabinet for their oversight and endorsement of the proposed Council actions (Appendix C to the report) to address the recommendations.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. SERVICE LEVEL ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS TO DELIVER THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL' ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2023/2024 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the planned service activities for 2023/24, as contained in the Service Plans and as they relate to the remit of the Committee (Appendix A to the report), be endorsed and noted.

(2) T H A T in terms of the proposed measures and service performance targets for 2023/2024 relating to the remit of the Committee (Appendix B to the report), the following be referred to Cabinet for their consideration:

- The inclusion of performance indicators regarding C1V contact times and how long it takes for C1V to respond to a query via telephone and social media within working hours. To include both average response times and the percentage of responses that are over the set response times.
- The inclusion of a performance indicator on the performance of Project Zero.

Reasons for recommendations.

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

(2) For Cabinet to consider the proposed additional performance indicators and in order 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 2023/2024.

AGENDA ITEM 8. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE 2022/23 AND PROGRESS AGAINST EXTERNAL REGULATORY RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 commitments as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives within the remit of the Committee, be noted.

(2) T H A T, in terms of remedial actions to be taken to address areas of underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the

Committee, that the Committee be sighted on the 'reflections' document in relation to the Oracle Project once this has been implemented.

(3) T H A T the progress made to date in addressing the recommendations and improvement proposals made by the Council's external regulators be endorsed, and it be recommended to the Governance and Audit Committee and thereafter to Cabinet, that the following completed actions from the Insight Tracker, as relevant to the remit of the Committee, be removed:

- The Overview and Scrutiny Fit for Future review (7 actions).

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 its 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.

(3) To ensure the Council implements its regulatory recommendations and improvement proposals and responds appropriately to the recommendations and proposals for improvement identified through the Audit Wales' programme of local and national Local Government Studies.

AGENDA ITEM 9. REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST JANUARY 2023 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2022/23 Revenue Budget be noted.

(2) T H A T the arrangements to offset the projected overspends in 2022/23, as set out in the report, be noted.

(3) T H A T the revised 2022/23 Revenue Budget of £290.574m reflecting an increase of £1.5m for the Delegated Schools Budget to be funded from additional Council Tax Income, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 10. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST JANUARY 2023 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme, within the remit of the Committee, be noted.
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers within the remit of the Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report, be noted.
- (4) T H A T the changes to the 2022/23 and future years' Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11. VALE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD DRAFT WELLBEING PLAN 2023 -28 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report, the updated draft Well-being Plan (Appendix A), the consultation feedback report (Appendix B) and the Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix C) be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 12. 3RD QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION TRACKING AND UPDATED WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2022/2023 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A to C to the report be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the Committee's updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2022/23, attached at Appendix D to the report, be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) For public information.