

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 19th July, 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, H.C. Hamilton, S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and N.J. Wood.

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), N.C. Thomas and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor S.J. Haines.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 24th May, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. Q4 SICKNESS ABSENCE REPORT 2022/2023 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T both the Cabinet reference and appended Cabinet report be noted.
- (2) T H A T for future reporting of sickness absence there is greater clarity on the numbering used in relation to pie charts, etc. used as well as their key when representing sickness absence data. Also, further clarity be provided concerning the average working days lost in relation to the size of the team connected to, and impacted by, this absence.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the Cabinet reference, appended report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To help provide greater clarity for Committee Members when considering future sickness reporting and data.

AGENDA ITEM 5. CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the reference, appended report and the financial measures taken and proposed be noted.
- (2) T H A T the allocation of the overall Council surplus be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. CAPITAL CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference and appended report (including the year end capital position for financial year 2022/23, the additional scheme budgets, the summary position of the changes in the Capital Programme by Directorate from approval at Council on 7th March, 2022 to 31st March, 2023, and the Emergency Power approved in respect of the slippage (as set out in the appendices to the report) be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2022/23 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the reference and appended Annual Report on Treasury Management 2022/23 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 8. DRAFT DIGITAL STRATEGY (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the following comments from the Committee be included as part of the consultation process:

- There should be a greater emphasis on the use of new technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and related automated processes as part of the new Strategy.
- That Welsh Language user experience testing be undertaken in order to ensure the accessibility of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website to both Welsh as well as English speakers as part of the new Strategy.

Reason for recommendation

To ensure that the Committee's comments are included in the consultation process, as part of the consideration by Cabinet of this process and proposed changes to the Draft Digital Strategy in order that the Council adopts a Digital Strategy to provide the framework for digital development in the future.

AGENDA ITEM 9. WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2022-23 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Welsh Language Standards Annual Monitoring Report for 2022/23 (Appendix 1) and Update on the Welsh Language Promotional Strategy (Appendix 2) be endorsed.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 10. VALE OF GLAMORGAN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23 (CX) -

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the review of the Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board (PSB) Annual Report for 2022/23 and the progress partners made in delivering the priorities set out in the Wellbeing Plan be noted.
- (2) T H A T for future meetings PSB partners be invited to address the Committee regarding relevant parts of their work.
- (3) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan PSB link in with Cardiff Metropolitan University concerning the Circular Economy Community Initiative.

(4) T H A T the report be circulated to all Elected Members and Members of the Equality and Consultative Forum via e-mail and referred to the Community Liaison Committee and Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order for the Committee to develop further links with PSB partners and to get a further insight into their work.
- (3) To ensure that the PSB develops further links in order to help the PSB address key areas around decarbonisation issues and social values.
- (4) To ensure all Elected Members, members of the Equality Consultative Forum, Community Liaison Committee and the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee are aware of the work of the PSB.

AGENDA ITEM 11. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE 2022/23 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Quarter 4 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 the remedial actions to be taken to address areas of under-performance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 12. MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS
URGENT –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matter which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 12(i) MINUTES –
(Urgent by reason that it is important that Members have an opportunity to consider these minutes prior to the Summer recess and in order to consider/ensure their accuracy in a timely manner)

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 21st June, 2023 be approved as a correct record.