

## **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

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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, H.C. Hamilton, S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and N.J. Wood.

Also present: Councillors 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) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

### **AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –**

**RECOMMENDED – T H A T** the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

Councillor G.D.D. Carroll declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 4 - Draft Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings. The nature of the interest was the Councillor's role as a Local Authority Governor at Llandough Primary School. This was a personal and not a prejudicial interest.

Councillor P. Drake declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 4 - Draft Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings. The nature of the interest was the Councillor's role as a Governor at Gladstone Road and Holton Road Schools. This was a personal and not a prejudicial interest.

Councillor P. Drake declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 5 – Project Zero Update Report. The nature of the interest was due to the reference in the report to the retrofitting and improvement of community centres in the Vale of Glamorgan and the Councillor's role on the Board of Trustees of Castleland Community Centre.

Councillor C.P. Franks declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 5 – Project Zero Update Report. The nature of the interest was due to the reference in the report to the retrofitting and improvement of community centres in the Vale of Glamorgan and his close association with Murchfield Community Centre.

Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 5 – Project Zero Update Report. The nature of the interest was due to the reference in the report to the retrofitting and improvement of community centres in the Vale of Glamorgan and his related role as a Vale of Glamorgan trustee of the Margaret Alexander Community Centre. The Councillor had dispensation to speak and vote on matters relating to community centres when being discussed at both Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Council meetings.

Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 4 - Draft Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings. The nature of the interest was the Councillor's role as a Governor at Colcot Primary School. This was a personal and not a prejudicial interest.

Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 5 – Project Zero Update Report. The nature of the interest was due to the reference in the report to the retrofitting and improvement of community centres in the Vale of Glamorgan and her membership of the committee for Highlight Park Community Centre in a non-Trustee role.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4. DRAFT TRANSGENDER INCLUSION TOOLKIT AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR SCHOOLS AND OTHER SETTINGS (REF) –

##### RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the content of the consultation responses, the revised Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings (“the Toolkit”); the Equalities Impact Assessment, and the reference from Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee be noted.

(2) T H A T the following comments be referred to Cabinet together with the Report, appendices and reference from Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee , for their consideration:

- That a list or table outlining the changes between the previous and new toolkits (appendices A and B of the original report) be included with the latest version.
- That consideration be given to Members of the Committee having confidential and secure access to the comments made as part of the consultation on the Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings by consultees.
- The need to place greater emphasis on the toolkit as being a guide rather than a teaching or pupil resource.
- Consideration to be given for future consultations on the toolkit for various religious groups to be engaged with this process and to encourage further responses from both adults and children.

## Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the reference and report, as well as the discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order that Cabinet considers the report, the views of this Committee, the comments made by the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee and noting that the matter had also been considered by the members of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

### AGENDA ITEM 5. PROJECT ZERO UPDATE REPORT (CX) –

#### RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress detailed in the report and Appendix A in relation to the challenges within the Climate Change Challenge Plan be noted.
- (2) T H A T the RAG rating of progress from April 2023 to September 2023 in Appendix A be noted.
- (3) T H A T the Council's 2022-2023 carbon emissions be noted.
- (4) T H A T the funding available in reserves and the projects awarded funding to date be noted.
- (5) T H A T the Committee refer this report and any comments to Cabinet to be considered alongside the comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee who considered this report on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The Committee have referred the following comments to the Cabinet for their consideration:
  - The importance of making the RAG rating for the progress made under Project Zero as effective and robust as possible.
  - To ensure that biodiversity is included in the progress made under Project Zero as well as other impacts, i.e. the removal of Victorian lampposts.
  - The importance of providing updates and reporting on Project Zero in as timely a manner as possible.
  - The importance of working with partners, i.e. Town and Community Councils, local Nature Partnerships, etc in regard to Project Zero.
  - To look at the environmental impact of the Replacement Local Development Plan.
- (6) T H A T the Committee recommend to Cabinet that this report is distributed to all elected Members, members of the Public Services Board and all Town and Community Councils for their information.
- (7) T H A T future reporting on Project Zero provides reassurance and details concerning how the steps as part of the Project Zero were achieving and contributing to the reduction of carbon emissions.

(8) T H A T the Committee write to the Senedd Committee on Climate Change and Infrastructure raising concerns about the change in the target date from 2030 to 2034 for public sector homes to reach net zero and be retrofitted if needed to accommodate this.

#### Reasons for recommendations

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

(5) To enable Cabinet to consider the comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as part of its consideration of progress in delivering the Climate Change Challenge Plan.

(6) To update all elected Members and other stakeholders on the arrangements in place to deliver Project Zero.

(7) To ensure that future reporting addresses how Project Zero would achieve and contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions.

(8) In order to raise the concerns of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee with the Senedd Committee on Climate Change and Infrastructure on achieving net zero with public sector housing.

#### AGENDA ITEM 6. REVIEW OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN'S PROCUREMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY (DCR) –

##### RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Committee confirms the membership of the Task and Finish Group as follows:

- Councillor Goodjohn
- Councillor Haines
- Councillor Hanks
- Councillor Hamilton
- Councillor Dr. Johnson
- Councillor Protheroe

(2) T H A T the first meeting of the Group be undertaken as soon as practicable following its establishment.

(3) T H A T the proposed scope and timescale for the review as attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

(4) T H A T reports of the Task and Finish Group be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

### Reasons for recommendations

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

### AGENDA ITEM 7. 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION TRACKING 2023/24 AND UPDATED COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2023/24 (DCR) –

#### RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A to E to the report be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2023/24 attached at Appendix F 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.