

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

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024.

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

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), H.M. Payne and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

### **AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –**

This was received from Councillor H.C. Hamilton.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –**

**RECOMMENDED – T H A T** the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

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

Councillor Goodjohn declared an interest in relation to Agenda Items 7 and 8 (Reshaping Programme). The nature of that interest was personal, not prejudicial, in that the Councillor was a member of Barry Town Council but had dispensation to speak and vote on the Vale of Glamorgan's Reshaping Programme. Due to this, the Councillor remained in the meeting when the agenda items were discussed.

Councillor Dr. Johnson declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of Agenda Items 7 and 8 (Reshaping Programme). The nature of that interest was personal, not prejudicial, in that the Councillor was a member of Barry Town Council but had dispensation to speak and vote on the Vale of Glamorgan's Reshaping Programme. Due to this, the Councillor remained in the meeting when the agenda items were discussed.

Councillor Franks declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Corporate Asset Management Plan Annual Update. The nature of the interest was personal not prejudicial in that he was a Member of Dinas Powys Community Council and had been involved in discussions about Community Asset Transfers and his relationship with the Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre, which he had dispensation to speak on.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T this item be deferred to the next suitable meeting of the Committee.

Reason for recommendation

In order for officers to have time to consider the recommendations made in the document “Response from the Wales Centre for Public Policy to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Carbon Management Plan” and to update the report in order to reflect this. This would also allow Committee to be able to fully and effectively scrutinise the report with any updates attached for their consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 5. CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T this item be deferred to the next suitable meeting of the Committee.

Reason for recommendation

In order for officers to have time to consider the recommendations made in the document “Response from the Wales Centre for Public Policy to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Carbon Management Plan” and to update the report in order to reflect this. This would also allow Committee to be able to fully and effectively scrutinise the report with any updates attached for their consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 6. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2025-30 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the following comments from the Committee be shared with the Director of Corporate Resources in order to help inform revisions to the Corporate Plan, prior to Cabinet considering a final draft in due course:

- Consideration should be given to highlighting specific objectives, etc. within the Plan which refer to older persons and their requirements, as well of those of other key groups of residents within the Vale of Glamorgan;
- The importance of embedding the 5<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Objective “Being the Best Council We Can Be” into the culture and organisation of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, with greater openness, transparency, public engagement and accountability as well as a stronger focus on poverty and the environment, which were also key parts of the Plan.
- The importance of monitoring performance of the Plan and the need to have measures in place to ‘test’ and clearly demonstrate where the Council had been successful or where there was room for improvement. There was a need to have a proper evaluation of success and a more outcomes-based

approach for the Plan, as well as a mechanism to ensure that the direction of travel for the Plan continued to be the right one.

Reason for recommendation

In order that the comments made by the Committee be considered by the Director of Corporate Resources in order to help inform revisions to the Corporate Plan.

AGENDA ITEM 7.                RESHAPING PROGRAMME: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES – A RESPONSE TO AUDIT WALES REPORTS ON TACKLING POVERTY AND THIRD SECTOR WORKING (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the following comments from the Committee be shared with Cabinet for consideration:

- The emphasis on social enterprises was welcomed, as well as the recommendation by Cwmpas for the Council to undertake detailed mapping of the sector to develop a comprehensive understanding of the size and make-up of the sector within the County;
- The importance of the Council supporting social enterprises through providing a pipeline of opportunities and helping them to find a market, in order to make these enterprises as beneficial and sustainable as possible;
- To ensure that the Council holds the various third sector organisations and partners that it works with to account to ensure that they were meeting their obligations to the Local Authority and residents;
- The benefits of working with various external agencies and third sector partners which would provide the Council with an external perspective of the organisation and the opportunity to look at best practice from this sector which could be taken on board by the Council in its own workstreams and practices;
- Also, to have this similar external perspective and appraisal of the Council and how it worked from other key stakeholders and partners such as the local Town and Community Councils in order to build on the relationships with them;
- The importance of the Vale of Glamorgan Council working with its Town and Community Council partners around procurement, as well as social enterprises and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) within the county.

Reason for recommendation

In order that the comments from the Committee are fed back and considered by Cabinet.

AGENDA ITEM 8.                RESHAPING PROGRAMME UPDATE (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the following comments from the Committee be shared with Cabinet for consideration:

- The potential benefits of the Council utilising a Zero-Based Budgeting approach in helping with the Reshaping Programme and Council budgeting or prioritisation of services;
- The benefits and importance of the Council adopting the 'Brilliant Basics' approach and priority in order to provide better service delivery to residents.

(2) T H A T a meeting be set up to discuss the comments and concerns raised at this Committee meeting about the Community Asset Transfer process, the potential complexity of, the community involvement with, and Council officer resourcing to support, this process.

#### Reasons for recommendations

(1) For Cabinet to consider the views and feedback of the Committee on the report.

(2) In order to consider and review the Community Asset Transfer process in light of the comments and concerns raised at the Committee meeting.

#### AGENDA ITEM 9. 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER SCRUTINY DECISION TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPDATED WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE (DCR) –

#### RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A – C to the report be agreed.

(2) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2024/25 attached at Appendix D to the report be approved and uploaded to the Council's website, subject to the following amendments agreed by the Committee:

- That the Refresh of the Medium-Term Financial Plan be slipped from the Committee meeting in November 2024 to December 2024.
- That both the Corporate Asset Management Plan Annual Update and the Carbon Management Plan be slipped to the next Committee meeting in November due to their deferral at this meeting.

#### Reasons for recommendations

(1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.

(2) For public information.