

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 16th July, 2024.

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Present: Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Chair); Councillor C. Iannucci-Williams (Vice-Chair); Councillors C.E.A. Champion, P. Drake, V.P. Driscoll, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, E. Penn, J. Protheroe and S.T. Wiliam.

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, B.E. Brooks (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places), C.P. Franks, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), R. Sivagnanam (Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services), N.C. Thomas and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor A.M. Ernest.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

The Chair declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of Agenda Item 4 - Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2021-2036 Preferred Strategy Initial Consultation Report. The nature of her interest was that she was a member of the Cardiff and Vale Health Board which had been involved in this process as a consultee. Due to this being a personal interest only, the Chair remained in the meeting when the agenda item was discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 4. VALE OF GLAMORGAN REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RLDP) 2021-2036 PREFERRED STRATEGY INITIAL CONSULTATION REPORT (REF) –

Councillor Wiliam, seconded by Councillor Hooper, put forward a recommendation as follows –

That the report be referred back to Cabinet for further consideration, due to the concerns raised by some Members at the Committee meeting over the issues

surrounding the environment, transport and traffic, flood risks, education and health provision relating to the various developments considered as part of the RLDP.

A Recorded Vote took place on the above proposed recommendation as follows:

| Members | For | Against | Abstain |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| C.E.A. Champion | √ | | |
| P. Drake | | √ | |
| V.P. Driscoll | √ | | |
| A.M. Ernest | | | |
| M.J. Hooper | √ | | |
| C. Iannucci-Williams | | √ | |
| S. Lloyd-Selby | | √ | |
| J.M. Norman | | √ | |
| E. Penn | | √ | |
| J. Protheroe | | √ | |
| S.T. Wiliam | √ | | |
| TOTAL | 4 | 6 | 0 |

The recommendation was not carried and there being no further recommendations proposed a Recorded Vote took place on the original, substantive, recommendation below as follows:

“That the report be noted and referred to the meeting of Full Council on 30th September, 2024 for:

- a) endorsement of the actions set out in the Initial Consultation Report;
- b) approval of the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Preferred Strategy as a basis for the ongoing preparation of the Deposit RLDP.

In order to seek approval for the proposed changes to the Preferred Strategy as set out in the Initial Consultation Report and to allow officers to progress with preparation of the Deposit RLDP in accordance with the Council’s approved Delivery Agreement”

| Members | For | Against | Abstain |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| C.E.A. Champion | | √ | |
| P. Drake | √ | | |
| V.P. Driscoll | | √ | |
| A.M. Ernest | | | |
| M.J. Hooper | | √ | |

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| C. Iannucci-Williams | √ | | |
| S. Lloyd-Selby | √ | | |
| J.M. Norman | √ | | |
| E. Penn | √ | | |
| J. Protheroe | √ | | |
| S.T. Wiliam | | √ | |
| TOTAL | 6 | 4 | 0 |

The vote being carried, it was

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report be noted and referred to the meeting of Full Council on 30th September, 2024 for:

- a) endorsement of the actions set out in the Initial Consultation Report;
- b) approval of the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Preferred Strategy as a basis for the ongoing preparation of the Deposit RLDP.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and the discussions at the meeting. Also, in order to seek approval for the proposed changes to the Preferred Strategy as set out in the Initial Consultation Report by Full Council and to allow officers to progress with preparation of the Deposit RLDP in accordance with the Council's approved Delivery Agreement.

AGENDA ITEM 5. VALE OF GLAMORGAN – TOURISM AND EVENTS (DP) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) **T H A T** the report be referred to Cabinet, in order that it can consider and be aware of the comments raised by Committee on this report, including the request for information on, and greater understanding of, the following (to be provided by the relevant Council officers):

- The STEAM methodology used for the tourism statistics for the Vale of Glamorgan.
- The resilience of the tourism sector within the Vale of Glamorgan.
- The impact of the new legislation on this sector.
- How to improve internet, Wi-Fi and overall digital connectivity for the local tourism industry.
- How Vale of Glamorgan residents can participate in the discussion about how they can support local tourism and events going forward.
- How the local tourism industry will be impacted by climate change and how this can be mitigated.

(2) T H A T the Committee receives an annual report on the progress being made with tourism and events within the Vale of Glamorgan, to be added to the Committee's work programme.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To enable Cabinet to consider the comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, and for the Committee to have further information on the key areas of interest raised in the report and at the meeting from the relevant Council officers.

(2) In order for the Committee to have a regular, annual, report and update on the progress being made in the local tourism industry and the challenges being faced.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (DP) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Q4 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 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.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report, discussions at the meeting and to ensure the Council clearly demonstrated the progress being made towards achieving its commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2023/24 aimed at making a positive difference to the lives of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.

(2) Having regard to the contents of the report, discussions at the meeting and to help ensure the Council was effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet its performance requirements as outlined in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 as well as 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.