

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 17th September, 2024.

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

Also present: Councillors B.E. Brooks (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillors C.E.A. Champion and E. Penn.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T training in the use of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Geographic Information System (GIS) be provided to Elected Members in order to help them to directly address questions on land, pathways, etc. made by residents of the Vale.

(2) T H A T greater prominence is given to Rights of Way information on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website, i.e. on how Elected Members and local residents can report obstructions and other issues around Rights of Way, etc. to the Local Authority.

(3) T H A T future consultation on Rights of Way includes and actively engages with Elected Member Champions and key interest groups.

(4) T H A T an annual progress report on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan be added to the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) In order that Elected Members can directly seek information and provide this to residents concerning questions on land, pathways, etc.

(2) In order to provide greater accessibility to this topic for both Elected Members and Vale of Glamorgan residents.

(3) In order for future consultations on this topic to receive the knowledge, expertise and lived experiences of the relevant Member Champions and key interest groups, particularly those residents that faced challenges in accessing footpaths and other rights of way within the Vale of Glamorgan network.

(4) In order to update the Committee on the progress being made in implementing the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL-SELF ASSESSMENT 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the following comments be referred to Cabinet as part of their consideration of the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual-Self Assessment 2023/24:

- Once the Annual-Self Assessment has been finalised and approved by Full Council, that a clear and concise summary of this document be produced for residents of the Vale of Glamorgan.
- For future consultations on the Annual-Self Assessment, the Council should reach out to the public and interest groups with more specific questions on communication and accessibility around this process, particularly with those groups that may find accessing written documentation, etc. challenging or difficult.

Reason for recommendation

To help inform Cabinet's consideration of, and the Vale of Glamorgan Council's approach to, meeting the performance requirements of the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report 2023/24 (as per section 114 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021).

AGENDA ITEM 6. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE 2024/25 (DP) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Quarter 1 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 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 underperformance 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 7. CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the report and the financial measures taken and proposed be noted.
- (2) T H A T the allocation of overall Council surplus as set out below be noted:
 - £2m transfer to new reserve to offset school deficits on a provisional basis in 2024/25;
 - £80k to Council Fund to offset general pressures.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 8. CAPITAL CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the year end capital position for financial year 2023/24 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the additional scheme budgets as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T the summary position of the changes in the Capital Programme by directorate from approval at Council on 6th March, 2023 to 31st March, 2024, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted.
- (4) T H A T the Emergency Power approved in respect of the slippage as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 9. QUARTER 1 REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2024/25 Revenue Budget be noted.

(2) T H A T the virements included as part of the report be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 10. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE, 2024 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2024/25 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as detailed Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

(2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.4 and detailed in the report at paragraphs 2.19, 2.22, 2.24 and 2.25, be noted.

(3) T H A T the use of Emergency powers within the remit of the Committee, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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