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ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 22ND October, 2024.

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

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, J. Aviet, B.E. Brooks (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), H.M. Payne, R. Sivagnanam (Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services, E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health) and Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighborhood and Building Services).

510 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

511 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor S.T. William.

512 MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

513 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Ernest declared an interest in relation to Agenda Item 7 - Draft Tree Strategy (2024-2039). The nature of that interest was personal, not prejudicial, in that the Councillor was a member of one of the contributory groups to the related consultation. Due to it being a personal interest only, the Councillor remained in the meeting when the agenda item was discussed.

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The Chair declared a personal, but not prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item 5 - Draft Vale of Glamorgan Council Corporate Plan 2025-30. The nature of her interest was that she was a founder and trustee of the Vale Foodbank referenced in the Plan. The Chair had dispensation to speak and vote on general matters relating to the Vale Foodbank, and to speak only when matters regarding finance or property in respect of the Vale Foodbank, were to be considered at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings (Paragraphs (d), (f) and (h)). Due to this, the Chair remained in the meeting when the agenda item was discussed.

514 PRESENTATION: CCR ENERGY UPDATE ON ABERTHAW POWER STATION –

This item was presented to the Committee by representatives of CCR Energy (the Managing Director and Operations Manager), who outlined the following key areas for the Committee to consider in terms of the work being undertaken to redevelop the former Aberthaw Power Station site as part of the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) initiative.

These included the CCR Energy's Mission, which included utilising the strategic site to stimulate and maximise investment opportunities and the ability to create a minimum of 5,000 direct and indirect new jobs on the back of all of the activity that would be brought forward on site via CCR funding.

A refresh on the development activities undertaken to date at the Aberthaw site, which included the acquisition of the site through to establishing a demolition contract for the power station and to the recruitment of CCR and technical staff to help manage the site, as well as responsibility for those parts of the site which were biodiversity / conservation areas.

The Governance arrangements and structure, etc. were also detailed. CCR Energy was a limited company that had been set up by the Cardiff Capital Region Corporate Joint Committee, and wholly publicly owned. Also detailed were the linkages with both the public and private sectors in terms of partnerships and investors.

Other key details concerning the site were referred to, including the area available for development, its proximity to key economic growth areas and the key assets and critical infrastructure contained within the site (i.e. an operational railroad and power sub stations). The Business Plan goals for the Aberthaw site were also given, from developing a masterplan through to having a commercial strategy and delivery plan, as well as stakeholder engagement and a zero-tolerance approach to health and safety standards on the site. The current assessment of proposed users / uses for the site was provided, including alternative energy sources and the potential for other forms of development there. The strategic relationships and investments were looked at through the lens of infrastructure, innovation and investment. Finally, the current activities at the site were also shared, amongst them being the planning, strategy, investment events and commencement of demolition at the site.

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Following the presentation, the following questions and comments were raised:

- On Councillor Drake's query on the presence of asbestos materials at the legacy power plant buildings and site during demolition, it was explained that the site did contain high levels of this material, which had been assessed by the demolition contractor in order to start safely removing the asbestos from the site, including a buried 'cell' of this material.
- On Councillor Norman's question about the safe removal of another potentially hazardous legacy material at the site, namely pulverised fuel ash, it was explained that currently a number of bore holes were being drilled where the ash was located which would not generate ash clouds but would help to establish whether the ash had any potential value and use (i.e. as a substitute for limestone in cement). If the results were negative, then the ash would remain in situ.
- On Councillor Ernest's suggestion on the potential of the site as a shipping port, it was explained that this had not been considered, but it was something that could be explored, although the site's location to a number of ports nearby could be a potential barrier to this.
- The Chair asked about stakeholder engagement which had been referred to in the presentation and what this looked like, as well as where people could find information on the site and its development. The CCR Operations Manager explained that local resident groups were engaged with quarterly by CCR Energy on the latest developments. A letter had also been distributed to communities adjacent to the site concerning the latest updates plus information on who to contact if they had any concerns with regards to demolition activity that was taking place on site. Further public engagement would be required and 'ramped up' as developments at the site unfolded and increased, with the drafting and finalisation of the Master Plan for the site meaning that CCR Energy had more of a 'story to tell' local residents and the wider Vale and region. The website for the site, which would share further information / updates on the developments at the site to a wider audience would be going online shortly. In addition, there was regular engagement with local Elected Ward Members.
- Councillor Hooper raised a number of questions, including on how the projected 5,000 jobs created were calculated, on governance and the commercial strategy and when the company accounts for CCR Energy would be published, as well as his concerns around the reference to small modular reactors in the presentation as a possible source of alternative energy. On the first point, the original business case for acquiring the site, produced by another company, had based these job figures on what the site could deliver, through various matrixes, not only on direct but also indirect employment through not only the industries that could come to the site but also those involved externally and in the wider economy as part of supply chains, etc. The company accounts would be published, following their external auditing and their sharing with the CCR Energy Board, etc., in November. On the reactors, these were just one of a number of different types of energy production that were being considered for the site. Adoption of such technology would require extensive consultation and be subject to strict legislation and regulation.

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- On Councillor Penn's query on what mitigations and protections would be in place for the nearby nature reserve, River Thaw and lagoons, which held Trout and Eel populations and other wildlife, it was explained that CCR Energy had been working closely with the Council, including as part of Restore the Thaw project, to protect local conservation areas and biodiversity.
- Councillor Protheroe commented on the exciting opportunities this development offered and was keen to see the circular economy principles embedded into the activity at this site, as well as the use of more 'green' type technologies.
- The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, who was also the Chair for the CCR Energy Board, highlighted to the Committee the exciting opportunities and potential this development would bring to the Vale of Glamorgan and the wider Cardiff City Region in the years to come, with its impact and evolution being felt in terms of education, job opportunities and innovation.

It was subsequently

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the presentation be noted and shared with all Elected Members.
- (2) T H A T once the website for CCR Energy is completed and online, that details of this be shared with Elected members.
- (3) T H A T the Committee receives a further update on the work being undertaken by CCR Energy in respect of the Aberthaw Power Station, on an annual basis, and that this be added to the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order that Elected Members are kept up to date on the progress being made at the site.
- (3) In order that the Committee Members, all Elected Members and Vale of Glamorgan residents are kept informed about developments at the site.

515 DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2025-30 (REF) –

The reference, appended report and accompanying presentation was shared with the Committee by the Director of Place. This was in order for the Committee to consider the draft Corporate Plan and provide feedback as part of the programme of consultation.

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The report presented a draft of an ambitious new Corporate Plan for the Council from 2025-2030. The report set out how the draft Corporate Plan had been developed, the proposed consultation and the timetable for the Plan. The Corporate Plan set out five proposed new Well-being Objectives which were a requirement under the Well-being of Future Generations Act and framed how the Council would contribute to the national Well-being goals and deliver its vision for Strong Communities with a Bright Future. The Plan detailed the activities that would be undertaken to deliver those objectives and the outcomes they would deliver.

The Plan included a statement about what organisations could expect from the Council when working with them as a clear commitment to partnership working. The Plan included a range of actions that would contribute to the work to tackle and prevent poverty, responding to the climate and nature emergencies and reducing inequalities. The commitments within the Corporate Plan would be reflected in annual plans together with a suite of performance measures which would detail how different Council services would contribute to the delivery of the five Well-being Objectives.

Following the presentation of the draft plan, there were a number of comments and questions raised at the meeting:

- Councillor Ernest raised a concern about the reference to the regeneration of Barry alone rather than the whole of the County, its towns, etc and suggested that the wording be amended and 'widened' in order to address this in the Plan. It was explained that the Barry regeneration scheme had just been one specific reference and example given, with the draft going on to detail the opportunities and the wider regeneration for the whole of the Vale area linking in with the draft Well-being Objectives and placemaking activities. However, the Councillor's suggestion on stronger wording or emphasis on the Plan's intention of county wide regeneration for all its towns and rural areas would be taken back and considered with the relevant officers concerned with this.
- The Chair welcomed the focus on tackling poverty and referred to the worrying gap in healthy life expectancy for both males and females in parts of the County referred to in the draft Plan plus the consultation process to be undertaken to help draft key measures to address such issues. As the Tackling Poverty Champion, the Chair asked what this would look like specifically in terms of tackling poverty. It was explained that there was already work being undertaken with officers in the Council's Creative Communities Team and Corporate colleagues to engage with residents in the more deprived areas of the County and to look at what barriers they were facing in terms of aspirations, etc. This was part funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund and the aim was for this study to lead to the production of a report and proposed actions to tackle poverty and related issues in deprived areas in both the urban and rural Vale.
- Councillor Protheroe referred to the engagement activities around the Plan, and the importance of engaging with as many different residents and communities as possible, including those in the more rural areas of the County, which the Councillor was keen to help facilitate and support. As

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part of this, the Councillor suggested the formation of a 'Citizens Assembly' to maximise participation of local residents and services users in the consultation process. These suggestions would be taken back to officers in Corporate Services and links between urban and rural areas were being developed as part of the placemaking process.

- Councillor Hooper stated that the Council should be looking at investing in using zero-based budgeting to see what the Baseline of Council services were and to be able to better assess costs, etc. This would be taken back to Corporate Services to consider.
- The Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services wished to pick up on the point raised around engagement for the Plan and that the aim for the Council had been to make engagement meaningful and it was looking at setting up focus groups in order to consider specific areas, topics, etc.

It was subsequently

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

- That Council officers, as part of developing this Plan, give consideration to engaging with local elected members etc. about setting up consultation event(s) in rural parts of the county and with those residents with a lived experience of poverty.
- That consideration be given to developing a 'Citizens Assembly' to maximise participation of local residents in the consultation process.
- That consideration be given to the application and use of zero-based budgeting.
- That the Plan uses wording and has a stronger emphasis on the Plan's intention of county wide regeneration for all its towns and rural areas.

Reason for recommendation

In order to provide feedback from the Committee for the consideration of the Director of Corporate Resources to inform revisions to the Corporate Plan.

516 VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2026:
SIXTH ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2023/2024 (REF) –

The reference, appended report and accompanying presentation was delivered to the Committee by the Head of Sustainable Development, the purpose of which was for the Committee to consider and accept the report if appropriate.

The report related to the sixth Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which assessed the performance of the policies in achieving the integrated Plan objectives which incorporated sustainable development and Strategic Environmental Assessment having regard to the Monitoring Framework set out in the LDP and agreed by the Inspector as part of the LDP Examination

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and consequently adopted by the Council on 28th June, 2017. The format of the AMR included both core and local monitoring indicators and a 'traffic light' rating system was used as a visual aid to monitor the effectiveness of the Plan's policies and to provide a quick overview of policy performance. The report set out the key policy achievements to date and confirmed that while most of the relevant monitoring targets continued to be met, in several areas targets had not been achieved. These again related to areas likely to be affected by the current economic climate across Wales and the UK and whilst being of concern, the indicators would continue to be monitored in future AMRs and considered more fully through the emerging Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP).

Overall, the AMR showed that good progress was being made in implementing most of the Plan's policies and that the LDP strategy remained sound. Accordingly, it was recommended that the sixth AMR be submitted to the Welsh Government by 31st October, 2024 and published on the Council's website in accordance with LDP Regulation 37. In addition, the AMR acknowledged that the Council had commenced work on a Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP), in accordance with LDP Regulation 41.

Following the presentation of this item, the following comments and queries were made:

- The Vice Chair asked about the commitment from Transport for Wales (TfW) for more trains on lines such as the Valleys line and were there more details on this for the Committee. It was explained that further details would be obtained, and that the Council would continue to keep flagging this with TfW, who were aware of the Council's priorities including those which were part of the LDP.
- Councillor Ernest referred to the loss of banks in high streets across the County, with the impact this had on residents and traders who still used cash and with no replacement banking hubs, meaning a potential key community facility being lost. He also mentioned the need for an additional train station at Penarth Marina, the new trains deployed and the lack of electrification for Vale rail lines. The Chair explained that these matters were more appropriately addressed outside of this current monitoring LDP report. However, the Head of Sustainable Development did address these issues, by saying that reference to loss of community facilities related to planning decisions resulting in the loss of such facilities, not other market causes of banks closing that were outside the control of the Planning service and the LDP. A more flexible approach to uses within town centres and vacant premises was being pursued. The impact of market conditions on the ongoing presence of banks in town centres would be difficult for the LDP to address. On the issues with trains these would be better addressed via the replacement LDP, deposit plan and strategy and would be considered for these.
- Councillor Hooper referred to the options around regeneration at Nells Point, Whitmore Bay, and on the main retail units' vacancy rates, particularly those at Barry Waterfront and how lessons could be learned for new developments, as well as on social housing delivery and how the Council would help to meet the housing targets set by Welsh Government

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(WG). It was explained that Nells Point had been marketed with the Cardiff Capital Region at various events in order to promote hotel and leisure sites there, as well as placemaking work for the Barry Island area and to promote the site and increase staying visitors in Barry and other coastal communities in the Vale. On vacancy rates and the 'stability' of these, this referred to the previous period detailed in the monitoring report and did not preclude vacancy rates having increased over the wider period of the LDP. However, there were positive developments, particularly for the Waterfront, with work to commence on the new college nearby, allowing greater flexibility with vacant units, i.e. the change of use for vacant premises to help market these, and to look at having business and other users in these units which better complemented each other rather than being in outright competition. On housing, the Council had been asked by WG for feedback on specific housing schemes and delays on these due to planning, resources and issues around quality of build and submission. There was an active dialogue with the Council and WG to look at how such issues could be addressed in order to deliver more housing at pace.

- On Councillor Champion's query on whether there were some employment sites in this year that were hoped would come forward and had not, it was explained that there was none for this monitoring period, and there had been a number of positive developments, such as the data centre delivered recently and the delivery of units near Hayes Road Barry. Macroeconomic issues and the costs of materials could impact new sites going forward, as well as the need for extensive clearance of sites (such as Barry Docks). However, changes to industry and the emphasis on green technology and the "Fourth Industrial Revolution" would benefit old and potential new sites for development, with the LDP sitting on the cusp of this.
- The Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Regulatory Services reiterated that the replacement LDP would cover the concerns raised by Members on transport, high streets, etc. and through this the Council would work with the relevant stakeholders and developers.

It was subsequently

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Local Development Plan (LDP) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) be accepted.

Reason for recommendation

To ensure that this monitoring report be considered as agreed and subsequently be submitted to the Welsh Government by 31st October, 2024.

517 DRAFT TREE STRATEGY (2024-2039) (DEH) -

The report and accompanying presentation were outlined to the Committee, the purpose of which was to report the results of the public consultation exercise and to seek the views of Committee on the proposed final Draft of the Tree Strategy (2024-2039). This was presented by the Neighbourhood Services Manager, in conjunction with the Head of Neighbourhood Services and other colleagues, the

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Team Leader, Countryside Services and the Arboricultural Manager, as well as the Director of Environment and Housing.

Key points raised from the presentation included the importance of a coherent and effective Tree Strategy, using an all-Council approach and recognising the importance of trees and the benefits they provided directly and indirectly for the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan, including environmental, cultural, social, economic and health and wellbeing factors. In considering trees and planning for the future, the Council would need to ensure that trees were recognised as public assets, rather than liabilities. Across the Council focus needed to be on the efforts of actively protecting and increasing tree cover and ensuring the right tree was planted in the right place. The Strategy was inclusive, in that it required all Council Departments to accept and follow the principles and objectives, it also relied on the support of the voluntary sector, individual members of the public, developers and private landowners.

The report provided the outcome of the 12-week public consultation exercise, and reported the key themes identified from the survey response report[s], with these results, feedback on guiding principles and six key themes identified, shared with the Committee via the presentation.

From these written responses, comments and themes a revised Strategy had been produced, with 21 changes / additions.

Following the presentation, a number of comments and queries were raised:

- Councillor Hooper raised the issue of tree loss or not being planted in the first place due to site development, and whether the Council had measures to address this with developers effectively. This was a point also echoed by the Chair, who referred to the paragraph in the report about the how the Tree Strategy would help the Council to influence and encourage developers to safeguard and retain existing trees and to plant trees as a matter of priority and queried what the powers in place for this were. Councillor Hooper also referred to alternatives such as the planting of 'community orchards' to help address this issue. On the impact of developments on trees and the monitoring of this, it was explained that the Ecology Department worked closely with colleagues in Planning so that developers adhered to their commitment to plant trees, with more robust methods also being introduced in future. Also, as part of the mitigation on one recent site development for removing trees, money provided by the developers would mean that trees would be planted elsewhere on the Council's estate.
- Councillor Hooper also asked whether the budget for this Strategy in the longer term was sufficient. It was explained that in the short- and medium-term there was a commitment of £875k in the Capital Programme, with £500k for planting new trees and purchase the new trees and £375k to help maintain them. In the development of the Strategy, funding was allocated to ensure that the Council planted and replaced trees appropriately, with the intention to take this forward and within the 15-year strategy there was a commitment from within the authority and various departments to ensure

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that they replaced trees appropriately. The Council also received donations and grants with regard to this and assistance from various voluntary organisations.

- Councillor Penn wanted to see more communication on tree removal to local residents and welcomed the inclusion of the commitment of a greater urban tree canopy. He also queried the reasons for leaving quite high tree stumps following a tree's removal and if crowdfunding could be used to help support replacing trees. On communication, wherever possible, local tree forums or other voluntary organisations would be updated should a tree be removed locally; where this was not possible or available, greater consideration would be given to how best to inform the public, such as the Council's contact centre and local Elected Members. Crowdfunding was welcomed as a means of replacing tree cover. Tree stumps were left at 1.2 metres in order to stop them being a public trip hazard.
- Councillor Protheroe referred to the overall positive results from the survey and how respondents valued trees but there were still many residents who did not appreciate the issues around maintaining trees in the Vale and the rationale when these needed to be taken down (i.e. disease). It was important to strengthen communication and engagement with residents over this, including having a County roadshow to inform residents about this Strategy once complete. Coupled with this, it was important to promote opportunities for local community volunteers to support the implementation of the Tree Strategy. In response, the Councillor's comments would be considered, and, for example, the Tree Strategy would be prominently displayed on the Council's website and to enhance the web pages involved. Also, consideration would be given to using a roadshow approach to help promote the Strategy.
- Councillor Hooper pointed to the positive work and public engagement as part of this Strategy, which was a good example of how the Vale of Glamorgan Council could listen and respond to comments and feedback made by the public and other stakeholders in an effective and fair way.
- Councillor Ernest referred to the challenges faced by local volunteers in maintaining trees in their area and suggested how the Council could address this, i.e. funding for the use of water bowsers for watering trees. It was explained that the Council was actively working with community groups and volunteers around maintaining their local trees. The water bower idea and the possibility of funding this would be looked at as well.
- Councillor Norman suggested that the Council engaged and informed County, Town and Community Councillors and their Clerks about tree removal, planting and other activities, as a means of communication with the wider public.
- On the Chair's query on where the new trees ordered would be planted in the County, it was explained that these would be planted in areas that were identified as having a low tree canopy, such as Rhoose, Barry and Dinas Powys, as well as areas where residents were active and wished to assist with maintaining trees, such as Penarth. Also referred to were the extensive numbers of trees planted as part of the Restore the Thaw project on private land. The Chair suggested that engagement with residents in the low tree canopy areas may generate a number of volunteers to help. The Head of Neighbourhood Services stated that once these low canopy

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sites had been identified, then roadshows should be undertaken in these areas to recruit volunteers to help service the new trees planted.

- The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services welcomed the comments made by Members and the positive reception and feedback on the Tree Strategy made by them. The Cabinet would consider these views which would help as part of taking this evolving Strategy forward.

It was subsequently

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the public consultation survey results (Appendices A and B to the report) in relation to the Draft Tree Strategy be noted.

(2) T H A T the comments and the suggested amendments to the Draft Tree Strategy (Appendix C to the report) be noted.

(3) T H A T the following comments made by the Committee on the proposed final draft of the Strategy be passed to Cabinet for its consideration prior to seeking its agreement of the Tree Strategy 2024/2039:

- That consideration should be given to how communication could be strengthened to ensure that members of the public understand why and when trees have been removed in their local area.
- Ensuring that the relevant website would be strengthened to help facilitate greater information sharing around trees and stronger engagement with Vale of Glamorgan Council Elected Members and Town/Community Councillors on this as well.
- That the Council should continue to use all available leverage and means at its disposal to ensure that local developers safeguard and retain existing trees and the new Local Development Plan should specifically set out how developers would be required to deliver on their commitments to plant trees as part of this process.
- To further promote opportunities for local community volunteers to support the implementation of the Tree Strategy, and to help provide them with the means of undertaking this i.e. consideration should be given on how volunteers could be given easier access to watering trees, such as the use of water bowsers.
- The Committee considered the development, implementation and responses to the consultation process for the Tree Strategy to be an exemplar of best practice and a clear demonstration of how the Vale of Glamorgan Council could listen and respond to comments and feedback made by the public and other stakeholders in an effective and fair way. This approach should be, where appropriate, rolled out and mirrored across other consultation process that the Council undertakes.

Reasons for recommendations

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

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(3) To enable Cabinet to consider the comments of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee prior to agreeing the Strategy.

518 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER SCRUTINY DECISION TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPDATED WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2024/25 (DCR) -

The purpose of the report was to report progress on Scrutiny recommendations and to consider the updated Forward Work Programme. This was presented to the Committee by the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer.

The report advised Members of progress in relation to the Scrutiny Committee's historical recommendations and the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2024/25:

- 1st Quarter Recommendation Tracking April to June 2024 (Appendix A);
- 2nd Quarter Recommendation Tracking July to September 2024 (Appendix B);
- Updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2024/25 (Appendix C)

Updates were given for those small number of recommendations which had not been completed as yet and Members were given highlights of the reports that were currently scheduled to go to Committee for the remainder of 2024/25.

The Committee was also asked to agree to moving the next update of the Tree Strategy from its current scheduled date to come to Committee in January 2025, to that of April 2025 instead.

It was subsequently

RECOMMENDED –

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

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

- That the next update for the Vale of Glamorgan Tree Strategy be moved from the January 2025 meeting of the Committee to a later date, namely April 2025 instead.

Reasons for recommendations

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

(2) For public information.