

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 12th November, 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, A.M. Ernest, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, E. Penn, J. Protheroe and S.T. Wiliam.

Also present: Councillors C.P. Franks, W.A. Hennessy, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), C. Stallard and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighborhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. REVISED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE THREE YEAR RESURFACING PLAN 2024 – 2027 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the typographical error at paragraph 2.9 of the report, concerning the revenue budget provided for patching across the Vale of Glamorgan, be amended from £200k, as stated in the report, to the correct figure of £850k.

(2) T H A T Vale of Glamorgan Council officers would review, in a year's time, the weighting given to "defects in cycling desire line" as part of the Carriageway Resurfacing Prioritisation Scoring Matrix (Appendix B to the report).

(3) T H A T the Highway Maintenance Three Year Resurfacing Plan 2024 – 2027 be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) In order that the details concerning patching within the revenue budget provided were accurate.

(2) To ensure that the appropriate weighting was given for defects in the cycling desire line as part of the Carriageway Resurfacing Prioritisation Scoring Matrix and the Engineers' assessment. This was in order to reflect the potential impact on cyclist(s) due to such defects existing.

(3) Having regard to the contents of the reference, report and discussions at the meeting, prior to it being formally agreed and to enable the final Plan to be approved following its consideration by the Committee, there being no comments that affected the Plan, as proposed, having been received.

AGENDA ITEM 5. COASTAL MONITORING UPDATE (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the current programme of coastal monitoring be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. 6 MONTH UPDATE REPORT ON LOCAL BUS SERVICES IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the following comments be referred to Cabinet:

- The Committee supported and commended the work undertaken by Vale of Glamorgan Council officers in order to address the continuing challenges around the provision of local buses that met residents' needs;
- The Committee was concerned about the inability so far to secure adequate provision to support local school bus and transport services;
- The Committee was also concerned about the discussions that were happening around passenger numbers between bus service providers and Welsh Government which were not being shared with the Council. The Committee therefore asked that Cabinet used its discussions at various levels of Welsh Government in order to highlight greater data sharing and the other comments/issues raised.

(2) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.

(3) T H A T a further report be provided to Committee in December 2024 detailing the reintroduction of the Greenlinks G1 service.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) In order for Cabinet to consider the comments made by the Committee, and to consider discussing these with Welsh Government, particularly around information

sharing on passenger numbers on Vale of Glamorgan bus services, given that the Council was a significant funder of bus services. Therefore, it was a matter of concern because it was important that the Council understood whether the routes involved had the potential to become commercially viable again so that efforts could be focused in those areas, particularly in order to further promote the use of buses.

- (2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (3) To update Committee on the Greenlinks service.