

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 11th March, 2025.

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Present: Councillors 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 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) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the minutes of the meetings held on 14th January and 11th February, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

(2) T H A T the minutes of the Special meeting held on 28th January, 2025 be approved subject to the following amendments:

- On page 7 of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee on the 28th January, 2025 reference to the car parks, in the rural, Western, Vale and the request for confirmation of the Council's engagement and public consultation with the local communities and relevant stakeholders in relation to the service design of these (Portabello and West Farm), as promised, should have been attributed to Councillor Protheroe and not Councillor Penn.
- Also on page 7 of the minutes, with reference to the Vice-Chair's contribution and proposal for further research, with an up-to-date survey of users of Court Road car park and other stakeholders being required, mention should have been made of her suggestion that this be over a 3 month period.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE 2024/25 (DP) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Q3 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 commitments as aligned to the Vale of Glamorgan 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 appendices, as well as the discussions at the meeting and following consideration by Committee Members of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 5. MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT -

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matter which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 5(i) LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES AT COUNTRYSIDE
SERVICE SITES (REF) –

(Matter which the Chair had decided was urgent by reason of the need to ensure that the Committee could consider the report, and any comments / recommendations made by the Committee could be referred back to Cabinet for consideration, prior to any final agreement with the relevant leisure operators which would be required by 1st April, 2025).

RECOMMENDED – T H A T, following consideration of the report, the Committee refer the following comments back to Cabinet for their consideration prior to any final agreement with the relevant leisure operators:

- As part of the final agreement, consideration be given to no access to the western lake at Cosmeston Country Park being enforced with regard to leisure activities;
- Every step be taken to protect the ecological diversity and wildlife at Cosmeston Country Park;
- The Committee welcomed and encouraged the proposed leisure operator's intention to create and recruit for jobs locally as part of this pilot scheme and period;
- The Committee asked that affordability be considered as a key part of the discussions with the provider and that further consideration be given to offering concessions to appropriate users of the leisure activities proposed;

- It was important that a balance was maintained between the proposed leisure activities and those that were already being undertaken and enjoyed by users of the park, as much as possible;
- The Council should ensure that the appropriate due diligence, adequate supervision, training and security were undertaken and provided as part of the agreement with the provider and their operation of leisure activities at this location during the pilot.

Reason for recommendation

To ensure that the Committee's comments were referred back to Cabinet for their consideration prior to, and as part of, any final agreement with the relevant leisure operators which would be required by 1st April, 2025.