

HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice –Remote Meeting, 10th September, 2024.

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Present: Councillor J.E. Charles (Chair); Councillor N. Thomas (Vice-Chair); Councillors I. Buckley, A.M. Collins, R. Godfrey, S. Lloyd-Selby, J. Lynch-Wilson, J.M. Norman and C. Stallard.

Also present: S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors G. Ball, C.A. Cave and M. Cowpe.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. UPDATE ON THE HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKING GROUP – VERBAL UPDATE.

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the update on the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee Budget Working Group, as provided by the Chair of the Committee, be noted.

Reason for recommendation

To inform both members and the general public of progress made to date, as well as future arrangements in place, for the Budget Working Group.

AGENDA ITEM 5. ANNUAL CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING REPORT:
2023/2024 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T both the Cabinet Report and Reference on the Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report for 2023/2024 be noted.
- (2) T H A T a report be added to the Committee's Forward Work Programme on the outcomes of the review currently being undertaken to understand in more detail why the largest category of abuse reported to the Council was the neglect of persons aged 85 and over.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To ensure that the Scrutiny Committee is aware of recent developments in corporate arrangements for safeguarding as well as to receive assurance of effective safeguarding measures taking place.
- (2) So that Committee may consider the statistics as provided on page 5 of the Corporate Safeguarding Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual Report April 2023 – March 2024 in more detail, as well as the Council's plans to address the review findings.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 (DSS) –

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.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report to inform Members of the outturn and the financial measures taken and proposed.
- (2) To inform Members of the allocation of the 2023/24 surplus to support key pressures identified by the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 7. CAPITAL CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the year end capital position for the financial year 2023/24 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the additional scheme budgets, as set out in Appendix 1 of 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 of the report, be noted.
- (4) T H A T the Emergency Power approved in respect of the slippage, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the contents of the report to inform Committee of the year end capital position for financial year 2023/24, the additional schemes added to the approved programme for 2023/24, the changes to the Approved Capital Programme set on 6th March 2023 and the approved slippage in the Emergency Powers in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 8. QUARTER 1 REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25 (DSS) –

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 requested as part of the Quarter 1 Revenue Monitoring 2024/25 report be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report to inform Committee of the projected revenue outturn for 2024/25.
- (2) To allow Finance Officers to update the original budget for 2024/25 for virement requests.

AGENDA ITEM 9. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE, 2024 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2024/25 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, as summarised in paragraph 2.5 and further detailed at paragraphs 2.20 and 2.24 of the report, be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency powers within the remit of the Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.
- (4) T H A T the changes to the 2024/25 Capital Programme and future years Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as summarised in paragraph 2.4 and further detailed at paragraphs 2.15 and 2.16 of the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1 - 4) Having regard to the content of the report to advise Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme, the use of Delegated Authority, the use of Emergency Powers and the changes to the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 10. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE 2024/25 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) T H A T the Q1 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 underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report to ensure the Council clearly demonstrates the progress being made towards achieving its commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 aimed at making a positive difference to the lives of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.
- (2) To ensure the Council is effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet its performance requirements, as outlined in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and 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.

MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT –

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

AGENDA ITEM 11(i) DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF ASSESSMENT 2023/24 (REF) –

(Urgent by reason of the need to ensure that the Annual Self-Assessment Report is considered by Full Council on 2nd of December, 2024 including any recommendations made by the Governance and Audit Committee following Scrutiny and Cabinet consultation, and having regard to statutory agenda publication deadlines during the consultation period.)

RECOMMENDED - T H A T both the Cabinet Report and Reference on the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual-Self Assessment 2023/24 be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the reference and appended Cabinet report to ensure that consultation is undertaken on the findings of the Council's Annual Self-Assessment in line with requirements of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, prior to the Final Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report being considered by Governance and Audit Committee, Cabinet and thereafter presented for endorsement by Full Council.