

HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITITES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 10th July, 2024.

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Present: Councillor A.M. Collins (Chair); Councillor B. Loveluck-Edwards (Vice-Chair); Councillors J. Aviet, G.M. Ball, S.M. Hanks, W.A. Hennessy, S. Lloyd-Selby, M.J.G. Morgan and H.M. Payne.

Also present: C. Ireland (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale) and G. Doyle, D. Dutch, V. John and H. Smith (Tenant Working Group/Panel Representatives) and Councillors G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement), and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor S.J. Haines.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Lloyd Selby declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5 - Work to Tackle Poverty and the Current Cost of Living Crisis. The nature of her interest was due to her being a trustee of the Vale Foodbank that had been a beneficiary of support from the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 4. SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the content of the report and the Shared Regulatory Services Business Plan for 2024/25 attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be shared with all Elected Members of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Reasons for recommendations

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

(2) In order that all Elected Members were made aware of the Shared Regulatory Services Business Plan and the related work being undertaken by the Service.

AGENDA ITEM 5. WORK TO TACKLE POVERTY AND THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the work being undertaken with regards to tackling poverty and the cost of living crisis which was a critical challenge within the Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2024-25, be noted.

(2) T H A T the use of the cost of living reserve to support those in need be noted.

(3) T H A T the Committee visit the Vale Foodbank to see the work being undertaken to address food insecurity and related issues within the Vale of Glamorgan.

(4) T H A T, following consideration of the report by the Committee, the following comment be referred to Cabinet for their consideration, as well as that of the relevant Vale of Glamorgan Council officers:

- The Committee felt that it was important for the Vale of Glamorgan Council to review whether the data it collected provided sufficient detail on how easy it was for residents to access the benefits, entitlements and financial support that the Council administered locally. This would tie in with the work currently being undertaken to develop the Welsh Benefits Charter (as detailed in the report) and its aim of making it easier for people in Wales to claim Welsh Benefits they were entitled to.

Reasons for recommendations.

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

(3) In order for Members of the Committee to be able to see the work being undertaken to tackle food insecurity and related issues within the Vale of Glamorgan.

(4) In order for Cabinet and the relevant Council officers to consider the comments made by the Committee as part of their consideration of the progress being made on the work to tackle poverty and the cost of living crisis.

AGENDA ITEM 6. PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) PROJECT UPDATE:
WORKING WITH PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT
EXPERIENCE HIGHER LEVELS OF DEPRIVATION (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the work being undertaken on this project to engage with, and give support to, people who live in local communities that experienced higher levels of deprivation be noted.
- (2) T H A T Members receive further updates on the work of this project during the year, in addition to the progress reported as part of the Public Services Board Annual Report, with those updates to be provided on a six-monthly basis.

Reasons for recommendations.

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To enable Members to be updated on the work of the Public Services Board to work with people who live in local communities that experienced higher levels of deprivation in a manner that best satisfied the needs of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 7. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT:
QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (DEH) -

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Q4 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.

Reason for recommendations

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