

HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 8th January, 2025.

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

Also present: C. Ireland (Citizens Advice Cardiff and Vale); H. Smith (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representative); Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson, S.D. Perkes (Cabinet Member for Public Sector Housing and Tenant Engagement) and M.R. Wilson (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from G. Doyle, D. Dutch and V. John (Tenant Working Group / Panel Representatives).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor J. Aviet declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5 - Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals and Rent Setting – as she was a Council tenant.

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5 – Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals and Rent Setting – as he was a Council tenant.

Councillor H.M. Payne declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5 – Final Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Proposals and Rent Setting – as the report referred to a property let by the Council to Llamau Housing Trust, and she was employed by Llamau, however she had a dispensation from the Standards Committee to speak on the matter.

Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6 – Work to Tackle Poverty and the Current Cost of Living Crisis – as she was a

Trustee of the Vale Food Bank, which was a beneficiary of Council funding. However Councillor Lloyd-Selby had a dispensation from Standards Committee to speak and vote on general matters relating to the Vale Food Bank and to speak only when matters regarding finance or property in respect of the Vale Foodbank were to be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING MID-YEAR SUMMARY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Cabinet reference, and appended Corporate Safeguarding Mid-term Summary Report, be noted,

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. FINAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET PROPOSALS AND RENT SETTING (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report and Recommendations (2) to (6) which were being considered by Cabinet on 9th January, 2025, be noted.

Reason for recommendation

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. WORK TO TACKLE POVERTY AND THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the work being undertaken with regard to tackling poverty and the cost-of-living crisis, 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 Committee refer the report and the following comment to Cabinet:

- While Committee commended the important work that was being undertaken, as outlined in the report and the presentation by officers at the meeting, further Warm Space projects located in the rural Vale of Glamorgan would be welcomed.

Reasons for recommendations

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

- (3) In order for Cabinet consider the Scrutiny Committee's comment.

AGENDA ITEM 7. 3RD QUARTER SCRUTINY DECISION TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPDATED WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE (DCR) –

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.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report, and to maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.

(2) For public information.