

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice –Meeting, 9th March, 2023.

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Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); Councillor H.M. Payne (Vice-Chair); Councillors A. Asbrey, W. Gilligan, E.J. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy, N.P. Hodges, J. Lynch-Wilson, N. Marshallsea. J.M. Norman and E. Penn.

Co-Opted Members: L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), R. Morteo (Church in Wales) and Dr. M. Price (Roman Catholic Church), R. Goodjohn (Vale Youth Forum) and G. Scott (Welsh Medium Education).

Also present: Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), H.C. Hamilton and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor R. Godfrey.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CSC - CURRICULUM FOR WALES: JOURNEY TO 2022 – TERMLY UPDATE.

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the contents of the presentation be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the presentation.

AGENDA ITEM 5. STATUTORY CONSULTATION TO EXPAND YSGOL IOLO MORGANWG FROM 210 PLACES TO 420 PLACES FROM SEPTEMBER 2025 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and the proposal to expand Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg from 210 places to 420 places from September 2025, be supported.

Reason for recommendation

To put forward Committee's support for the proposed expansion of Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg, as part of the consultation exercise.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ANNUAL EQUALITY MONITORING REPORT 2021 – 2022 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the reference and appended covering report including the Vale of Glamorgan Council Annual Equality Monitoring report 2021-2022 (Appendix A) be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the reference and appended covering report and to discussions in the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST JANUARY, 2023 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee be noted
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers within the remit of the Committee, as detailed in the attached Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
- (4) T H A T the changes to the 2022/23 and future Years' Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

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

AGENDA ITEM 8. REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST JANUARY, 2023 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2022/23 Revenue Budget be noted.
- (2) T H A T the arrangements to offset the projected overspends in 2022/23 as set out in the report, be noted.
- (3) T H A T the revised 2022/23 Revenue Budget of £290.574m reflecting an increase of £1.5m for the Delegated Schools Budget to be funded from additional Council Tax Income, be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the report to inform members of the projected revenue outturn for 2022/23, to respond to emerging pay and price inflationary pressures in 2022/23 and to ensure a contribution is made to the additional cost of the 2022/23 pay award in Schools.

AGENDA ITEM 9. SUMMARY OF ESTYN INSPECTION OUTCOMES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2022 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED -

- (1) T H A T the inspection outcomes of the five schools inspected during the autumn term be noted
- (2) T H A T the follow-up requirements for the two schools in special measures, and how progress will be monitored, be noted.
- (3) T H A T letters be sent from Committee to congratulate the three schools inspected during the autumn term that required 'No Follow-Up' from Estyn.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1-2) In order that Members are aware of Estyn findings about local schools and actions required in relation to the two schools in an Estyn follow-up category.
- (3) To express to the schools in question, Committee's congratulations on their positive inspection outcomes.

AGENDA ITEM 10. CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM: ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHORITY SCRUTINY REPORT (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the report in Appendix A outlining the impact of Central South Consortium’s work be noted

Reason for recommendation

In order that Members are aware of the impact of Central South Consortium’s work on schools in the Vale of Glamorgan.

AGENDA ITEM 11. SERVICE LEVEL ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS TO DELIVER THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL’S ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2023/2024 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED -

(1) T H A T the planned service activities for 2023/24 (as contained in Service Plans) as they relate to the remit of this Committee (Appendix A to the report), be noted and endorsed.

(2) T H A T the proposed measures and service performance targets for 2023/24 relating to the remit of this Committee (Appendix B to the report), be noted and endorsed.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To ensure that the planned activities (as outlined in Service Plans) aligned to this Committee’s remit are accurate, up to date and relevant and become the main document through which performance against the Corporate Plan’s Annual Delivery Plan is monitored and measured during 2023/2024.

(2) To ensure the Council’s Corporate Plan Performance Measurement Framework identifies a relevant set of performance measures and targets against which the Annual Delivery Plan can be monitored and measured during 2023/2024.

AGENDA ITEM 12. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE 2022/23 AND PROGRESS AGAINST EXTERNAL REGULATORY RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT (DLS) -

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T performance results and progress towards achieving the annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 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) To ensure the Council clearly demonstrates the progress being made towards achieving its commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 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 and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflecting the requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, that it maximises its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.