

## LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 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), G. van der Burgt (Parent Governor – Secondary Sector); A. Emmerson and R. Goodjohn (Vale Youth Forum).

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

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 be approved as a correct record subject to it being noted that Councillor Dr. I.J. Johnson as also present at the meeting.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (School Funding) as he is part of the Management Committee of the Vale School Governors Association, and withdrew for the item.

Councillor J. Lynch Wilson declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (School Funding) as she is a Member of the Vale School Governors Association and withdrew for the item.

Councillor N. Marshallsea declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (School Funding) Recommendation (2) as she works for Jane Hutt MS and so she did not take part in the debate on this recommendation.

G. van der Burgt (Co-opted Member) declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (School Funding) as she is a Member of the Vale School Governors Association and withdrew for the item.

L. Barrowclough (Co-opted Member) declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (School Funding) as she is a Member of the Vale School Governors Association and withdrew for the item.

Dr. M. Price (Co-opted Member) declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (School Funding) as he is Chair of the Vale School Governors Association. As he was presenting the item he withdrew for the formal debate, following questions and points of clarification.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4. EDUCATION FUNDING (DLS) –

##### RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted
- (2) T H A T the proposals for the planned workshop to explore this issue in further detail be approved.
- (3) THAT the Committee receives an update on the workshop and ideas to progress these issues as part of the forward work programme.

##### Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order that Committee Members can discuss the issues in more depth with key Officers and stakeholders and share ideas to progress the issue.
- (3) In order that that the Committee can be updated on the progress made following the workshop.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5. SCHOOL FUNDING – VALE SCHOOL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

##### RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the presentation be noted and representatives of The Vale School Governors Association and the schools be thanked for their time and contributions.
- (2) T H A T the MS and MP for the Vale of Glamorgan be invited to address the Committee regarding the issues raised regarding school finances and funding.

##### Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the presentation and discussions at the meeting.

(2) In order for Committee to be informed of what action was being taken by both the Welsh and UK Governments to address the financial issues faced by Vale of Glamorgan schools.

AGENDA ITEM 6. VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference from Cabinet of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023, and appended report to Cabinet be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the Cabinet reference and report to ensure the Council fully discharges its duties under both the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to publish annual Well-being Objectives, keep performance under review and consult and report on our performance through an annual self-assessment relating to the previous financial year.

AGENDA ITEM 7. SUMMARY OF ESTYN INSPECTION OUTCOMES FOR SPRING TERM 2023 AND UPDATE ON SCHOOLS IN STATUTORY FOLLOW-UP (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the inspection outcomes of the one school inspected during the spring term be noted

(2) T H A T the follow up requirements for the one school in the Estyn review, and how progress would be monitored, be noted

(3) T H A T the progress of the two schools in Special Measures in relation to the development of the Post-Inspection Action Plan and Statement of Action, be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-3) In order that Members of the Committee were aware of Estyn findings about local schools and actions required and undertaken in relation to schools in an Estyn follow-up category.