

LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 7th December, 2023.

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

Co-Opted Members: M. Price (Roman Catholic Church), G. van der Burgt (Parent Governor – Secondary Sector) and R. Goodjohn (Vale Youth Forum).

Also present: Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), Dr. I.J. Johnson, E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillor E. Penn, L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), R. Morteo (Church in Wales), J. Clemett (Vale Youth Council) and A. Emmerson (Vale Youth Forum).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

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

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 4 - Central South Consortium – Curriculum for Wales Update – Autumn Term 2023, in that he was a Governor of St. Helens Roman Catholic Primary School which was discussed during the presentation, and remained in the meeting during discussion of the item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM – CURRICULUM FOR WALES UPDATE – AUTUMN TERM 2023 –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T Officers and invited guests be thanked for their thorough and engaging update, and that the presentation be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the presentation and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5. REFRESH OF MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the reference and appended Cabinet report to review the work mitigating the cost pressures under the remit of the Committee be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the reference and report to ensure an open and transparent approach to financial management in line with the approved Financial Strategy.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING SUMMARY REPORT (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the reference and appended Cabinet report on the activity that had been undertaken in relation to corporate arrangements for Safeguarding across the Council, be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the report to provide assurance around safeguarding activity taking place across the Council as well as to ensure that there is a wide-reaching level of Member oversight.

AGENDA ITEM 7. QUARTER 2 REVENUE MONITORING 2023/24 (DLS) -

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the position with regard the Authority's 2023/24 Revenue Budget be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the content of the report to inform Committee of the projected revenue outturn for 2023/24.

AGENDA ITEM 8. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023 (DLS) -

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2023/24 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
- (2) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers within the remit of the Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
- (3) T H A T the changes to the 2023/24 and Future Year's Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as summarised in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5 and detailed within the body of the report from paragraph 2.13 onwards, be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

(1-3) Having regard to the content of the report to advise Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme, the use of Emergency Powers and changes to the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 9. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE 2023/24 (DEH) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the Quarter 2 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) 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 2023/24 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.