

CABINET

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 22nd May, 2025.

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Present: Councillor B.E. Brooks (Vice-Chair); Councillors R.M. Birch, G. John, S.D. Perkes, S. Sivagnanam, E. Williams and M.R. Wilson.

C1 ANNOUNCEMENT –

The Deputy Leader commenced by advising of some housekeeping issues and advised that the meeting was being recorded and would be uploaded to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

C2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor L. Burnett.

C3 MINUTES –

The Deputy Leader referred to Agenda Item 12 on the 1st May, 2025 meeting agenda concerning an 'Update on Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme – St Richard Gwyn'. The Leader had applied to Standards Committee on 27th March, 2025 and been granted dispensation to speak, vote and remain in meetings where issues were raised at meetings of the Council (including budgets and Sustainable Communities for Learning) in respect of Oak Field Primary and St Richard Gwyn High School., but had not declared as such at the meeting.

RESOLVED – T H A T, subject to noting the Leader's declaration of interest under Agenda Item 12, the minutes of the meeting held on 1st May, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

C4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

C5 QUARTER 3 REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25 (REF) –

The reference from Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee held on 31st March, 2025 was presented.

The Deputy Leader referred to two matters that the Committee discussed and had commented back to Cabinet concerning 51% of schools showing a budget deficit and if that was as a result of issues from the new ALN act, and whether the Council would be able to provide protection for the 241 school transport routes that were currently provided, both of which had been discussed and responded to by Officers within the meeting.

RESOLVED – T H A T the comments of the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee held on 31st March, 2025 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

C6 JOINT CONSULTATIVE FORUM –

The minutes of the Joint Consultative Forum meeting held on 31st March, 2025 were presented.

Councillor Perkes was a member of the Forum but had been unable to attend the meeting in question, but advised Cabinet there had been discussions concerning minutes of Directorate Consultative Groups, the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Corporate Plan (Vale 2030), the Draft Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30, Hybrid Working Review, the new People's Strategy and Guide to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Joint Consultative Forum meeting held on 31st March, 2025 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes.

C7 STRATEGIC COLLABORATIVE WORKING INITIATIVES UPDATE (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES) –

The Deputy Leader presented the report to provide an update for Cabinet on the Council's strategic collaborative working initiatives.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the strategic collaborative working initiatives that were in place to support the delivery and development of Council services and the Council's well-being outcomes and objectives be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T further opportunities for partnership working in line with the priorities in Vale 2030 were being explored as part of the Reshaping Programme.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide Cabinet with an update of strategic collaborative working initiatives.
- (2) To enable further partnership opportunities to be explored or strengthened.

C8 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES / JOINT COMMITTEES (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – RESOURCES) –

The Deputy Leader presented the report to appoint / nominate representatives to the Outside Bodies / Joint Committees detailed in the report.

The Deputy Leader proposed one change to the entry in Appendix A for the Joint Council for Wales: Employers' Side, removing reference to there being a need to nominate a substitute.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report, the proposed amendment regarding the Joint Council for Wales: Employers' Side entry of the published Appendix and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the amended record of Members (subject to the amendment to the entry for the Joint Council for Wales: Employers' Side and attached as Appendix A to the report) be appointed or nominated to serve on the Bodies listed until the Local Government elections in 2027.
- (2) T H A T where permitted by law, attendance at meetings of organisations to which a Member has been nominated or appointed by the Council be classed as an approved duty for which travelling and subsistence allowances are payable, in accordance with the Council's scheme.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the statutory Head of Democratic Services to make typographical or other minor changes regarding appointments or nominations to serve on the Bodies listed as required until the local elections in 2027.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure continuity of representation by the Council on Outside Bodies.
- (2) To make typographical or other minor changes as necessary without the need to seek Cabinet approval.
- (3) To ensure the most up to date version of the Appointments to Outside Bodies/ Joint Committees listings.

C9 RESHAPING SERVICES – ASSETS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONCESSIONS (DL/SP) (SCRUTINY – PLACE) –

The Deputy Leader presented the report to consider and to seek delegated authority for short term trial concessions at Barry Island and Penarth Pier.

The Deputy Leader said that the Penarth Pier hut concession would include a space to the side of the hut, to be used for a seating area, which would be identified prior to advertisement.

Councillor Wilson said that concessions of those types were vital for the resilience of seaside communities in Barry Island and Penarth and it was important to increase the range of different providers within the coastal resorts. It was important to be agile and supported giving providers an opportunity to trial concessions and offer support to the providers as a Council.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T a pilot kayak concession operated by a third-party provider at Barry Island beach for a maximum of 1 year from July 2025 to June 2026, at a location at the Eastern shelter, be agreed.
- (2) T H A T a pilot fruit stall concession operated by a third-party provider at Barry Island beach for a maximum of 1 year from July 2025 to June 2026, at three locations, to be located at either number 2, 4 or 6 beach access points be agreed, with the concession holder being able to move between the 3 locations identified as desired.
- (3) T H A T the marketing of an opportunity for a concession at the former fishing hut at the seaward end of Penarth Pier for a period of 5 years be agreed and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance/S151 officer to progress the advertising and subsequent tendering of the opportunity in consultation with the Head of Neighbourhood Services.

(4) T H A T delegated authority be granted to all relevant Service Directors in consultation with the Chief Executive, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places, the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and the Head of Finance/S151 Officer to facilitate the progression of future small-scale concession opportunities for up to 1-year trial periods and if viable following the trial period to let these concessions for up to 3 years following an open marketing exercise.

(5) T H A T, in pursuance of Resolutions (1)-(4), the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to execute all the necessary licenses to allow all such licences to complete.

(6) T H A T the use of Section 15.14 of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised to allow the third-party provider to begin operation from July 2025.

Reasons for decisions

(1-2) To enhance Barry Island's leisure offerings, boosting tourism and the local economy and to establish commercial arrangements for the summer of 2025.

(3) To promote sustainable tourism and generate income for the Council.

(4) To have a more efficient and streamlined process for approving concession opportunities by delegating authority, thereby removing the need for each individual trial to be referred to Cabinet for approval.

(5) To effect and complete the necessary legal documentation.

(6) To enable delivery of the concession from the proposed start date.

C10 MURAL AT THE RICHARD TAYLOR MEMORIAL SKATE PARK, LOCATED AT THE KNAP, BARRY (LSW) (SCRUTINY – LIVE WELL) –

The Cabinet Member presented the report to seek the approval of Cabinet to install a mural at the Knap Skate Park.

Councillor Wilson said that the mural was a good example of fully consulting with residents and interested parties with the responses detailed in Appendix C to the report. Design 2 had received the highest number of preferences and all views had been taken on board. He would consult with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing on the final design.

The Deputy Leader was excited to see the finished mural which was a well-used facility by a range of age groups.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the installation of design 2 of the mural at the Richard Taylor Skate Park, Barry as shown in Appendix B to the report be agreed.
- (2) T H A T a slight amendment to the green coloured areas featured in design 2, replacing it with more natural, muted green colour, be agreed.
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services to agree the final design colours.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To agree the installation of a suitably designed mural at the Knap Skate Park.
- (2) To ensure that the mural better suited the local environment where it would be located.
- (3) To ensure that the final green colour was suitably amended based on the negative comments received.