

## GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

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Present: G. Chapman (Chair and Lay Member); N. Ireland (Vice-Chair and Lay Member); Councillors: E. Goodjohn, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman and N.J. Wood; and M. Evans (Lay Member)

Also present: Councillor L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors P. Drake and J. Protheroe.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2022/23 (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Annual Performance Calendar 2022/23 and the proposed approach to engaging with Members in-year to shape and refine the Annual Performance Calendar and associated processes, plans and reports to enable the Council to meet the new performance requirements be endorsed.

#### Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL SELF ASSESSMENT 2021/22 (REF) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self Assessment report 2021/22 (Appendix A) as the basis for consultation as described in the report be endorsed.

(2) T H A T the views of the Governance and Audit Committee be referred to Cabinet for its consideration; these being:

- More narrative related to the actions in supporting the basic needs of vulnerable groups as a result of the cost of living crisis;
- Greater reference to the proposals for the redevelopment of the former Aberthaw Power Station site.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) To inform Cabinet of the views of the Governance and Audit Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Q1 UPDATE: AUDIT WALES WORK PROGRAMME TIMETABLE 2022/23 - VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (DCR) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Update Report be deferred to the next meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee.

Reason for decision

Following technical issues which prevented the relevant officer from presenting the report to the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 7. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 (DCR) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the report and Appendix A (Annual Complaints and Compliments Report) be noted.

(2) T H A T the Governance and Audit Committee continues to receive an annual update in relation to Corporate Complaints and Compliments.

(3) T H A T the Annual Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (Appendix B) in the context of the Annual Complaints and Compliments Report, be noted.

(4) T H A T the report and the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee be referred to Cabinet for their consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(4) To allow Cabinet to consider the report and the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 8. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (PSOW):  
HOMELESSNESS REVIEWED, AN OPEN DOOR TO POSITIVE CHANGE:  
ACTION ON SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS TO NON-INVESTIGATED  
AUTHORITIES (DCR) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the recommendations of the Homelessness Reviewed: An Open Door to Positive Change Report, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' letter to the Council (appended at Appendix A) and the Council's progress update (appended at Appendix B) be noted and referred to Cabinet for their consideration and endorsement of progress.

(2) T H A T following Cabinet's consideration of the report, the Council's progress update (appended at Appendix B) be forwarded to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales as requested.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) To ensure the Council responds appropriately to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales with a progress update against the report's recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 9. UPDATED FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Forward Work Programme be noted.

(2) T H A T the schedule of items for the next meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022, be endorsed and to also include the deferred report – Q1 Update: Audit Wales Work Programme Timetable 2022/23 – Vale of Glamorgan Council

(3) T H A T the Governance and Audit Committee receives an Audit recommendation tracking report at each Committee meeting.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) To ensure the Governance and Audit Committee is aware and informed of progress on the proposed work programme.

(3) To allow the Governance and Audit Committee to track the implementation of recommendations made by the Internal Audit Service.