

Recommendations and updates from other committees to Cabinet 3 December 2021



Below are updates from other committees to the Vale's Cabinet meeting on Friday 3 December.

Licensing Acts Committee

The Licensing Acts Committee met on 21 October to consider the officer's report on the **review of the gambling policy**. The committee supported the policy, as reviewed, and **recommended that Cabinet recommends Council to adopt the policy**.

Joint Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 16 November to discuss the following:

- The **Community Safety Partnership** annual report. The committee **welcomed the report and supported the partnership's view that the 2021-22 plan will continue to deliver core priorities and statutory functions and focus on these three key priorities**:
 1. tackling domestic violence and abuse, including early intervention to reduce harm and improving services for victims
 2. working with vulnerable people and children to reduce the likelihood of being exploited
 3. reducing serious youth violence, knife crime and harm and vulnerability caused by drugs and alcohol.
- The **Joint Statement of Community Involvement**. The committee **welcomed the report on the joint statement of community involvement, including the consultation arrangements**.

Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 25 November. Under discussion was:

- **A34 diversion routing** – following a motion to Council, the committee had been asked to look at the routing of traffic diverted off the A34 during maintenance/emergencies. The committee considered a report and heard from two Cabinet members, a member of the public representing a local group, and a representative from the Highways Agency. **The committee did not consider it had enough evidence to make a recommendation on the options presented and therefore asked for a further meeting once more information had been provided**.
- **Dalton Barracks Supplementary Planning Document** – the committee reviewed the draft document and asked questions on affordable housing, education provision safe cycleways and park runs. **The committee welcomed the document**, which

was currently out for public consultation. The results of the consultation will be presented to Cabinet in February 2022.

- **The Planning Enforcement Statement** – The committee **welcomed the revised planning enforcement statement and welcomed the streamlined approach adopted**. One suggestion made was for a lighter touch response to lower impact cases when assessed against the scoring criteria. The committee also welcomed the recent councillor engagement session.

Joint Audit and Governance Committee

The committee met on 30 November to discuss:

- The **statement of accounts for 2019/20** – the committee approved the statement of accounts.
- The **treasury management mid-year monitoring report 2021/22** – the committee noted the report and **advises Cabinet that it is satisfied that the treasury activities are being carried out in accordance with the treasury management strategy and policy**.
- The **code of conduct annual report** – was welcomed and noted.
- The review of the **councillors' code of conduct** – the committee recommended Council to adopt best practice arrangements for investigating allegations under the code of conduct

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