

Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET

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18 July 2022	Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination	Councillor Jonathan Pratt was nominated to represent Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 as an invitee to meetings of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.	Scrutiny / Chief Officer – Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy	ACTIONED – Membership of Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee updated and formally reported to Cabinet 19 July 2022.
18 July 2022	Nomination to the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel	Councillor Colin Davies was nominated to sit on the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel.	Scrutiny	ACTIONED – Membership of Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel updated and initial Briefing session arrangements underway.
18 July 2022	Forward Work Programme Update	The Committee requested the following representatives be invited for the following reports scheduled for the September meeting:	Scrutiny	ACTIONED – Requested Invitees have been invited to attend the September meeting of the Committee.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the Shared Prosperity Fund report, the appropriate lead Officers. - For the Levelling Up Fund report, the appropriate lead Officers and a representative of Awen Cultural Trust, as management of the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl. 		
26 Sept 2022	Shared Prosperity Fund	The Committee Recommended that concern is expressed over the risks involved of both insufficient funds to complete the project in addition to achieving the project proposals within the allocated time.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
26 Sept 2022	Shared Prosperity Fund	The Committee Recommended that further concern is expressed regarding the lack of resources and expertise within the Directorate and its ability to cope with the additional work associated with the project. Members did not agree that it was appropriate to transfer staff	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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		<p>from other roles and projects as this would be counterproductive. The Committee also noted that the landscape for Local Authorities applying for funding is changing with timescales being very limited and criteria issued at a late stage in the process, meaning the Authority has a narrow timeframe to develop and formalise substantial bids. The Committee therefore recommended that priority needs to be given to resources within the Communities directorate to ensure that not only is it able to successfully take forward this project, but to ensure that the infrastructures are in place to enable the Authority to be best placed to apply and make the most of any future funding opportunities. As well as a strategic plan being developed, Members recommend that potential projects underneath this be drafted so that when the opportunity arises, they already have the basis for the application.</p>		

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12 Sept 2022	Shared Prosperity Fund	<p>The Committee Recommended that strong concerns are expressed over the poor return that Bridgend County Borough had received in their allocation from the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and the unfairness around the funding mechanism behind this. The Committee therefore agreed to write directly to those within the UK Government responsible for the SPF to highlight the issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The fact that the allocation does not take into account that Bridgend is one of the fastest growing areas in Wales;b. The limited time the Authority has had to both put together proposals and then to utilise the fund and achieve its aims, is unreasonable and potentially puts the project and public funds at risk. <p>The Committee requested that this letter be copied to both local</p>	Scrutiny / Chair of SOSC 3	Scrutiny requested contact details for the letter and will liaise with Chair of SOSC 3.

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		MPs; Dr Jamie Wallis and Chris Elmore.		
12 Sept 2022	Shared Prosperity Fund	The Committee requested a copy of any presentation made to the Town and Community Council Forum on Bridgend's Local Investment Plan proposals.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Sept 2022	Shared Prosperity Fund	The Committee requested further information on how claims will be processed by RCT as the Lead Authority as well as detail on the reporting and accountability process.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Sept 2022	Shared Prosperity Fund	The Committee requested further detail on the project proposals when available including breakdowns of the funding within each proposal.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager – Economy, Natural	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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			Resources & Sustainability	
12 Sept 2022	Shared Prosperity Fund	The Committee requested clarification as to whether there would be clawback on the funds should the outputs as set out in the proposals, not be achieved.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Sept 2022	Levelling Up Fund	The Committee Recommended similarly to the discussions around the SPF, concern is again expressed over the tight timescales surrounding the applications for the Levelling Up Fund as well as the timescales to complete the projects, particularly if there was no extension allowed. The Penprysg Railway Bridge was particularly at risk due to the level of work that this would involve to complete.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager Planning & Development Services	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Sept 2022	Levelling Up Fund	The Committee Recommended that they strongly supported the	Scrutiny / Corporate	Recommendations circulated

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		<p>work around alternative or temporary arrangements and locations during the interim period of the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl being closed. Particular emphasis, however, was placed on making sure Porthcawl would not lose footfall and revenue. Members requested feedback on these plans and mitigating measures when available but furthermore recommended that as part of this work, a feasibility study be undertaken on the potential for a temporary facility being put in place in Porthcawl whilst the Pavilion is closed. The proposal was made to explore the option of utilising the Section 106 aspect of the development contract in relation to mitigate the impact of the building closure on the community.</p>	<p>Director, Communities / Group Manager Strategic Regeneration</p>	<p>requesting response - to be provided.</p>
<p>12 Sept 2022</p>	<p>Levelling Up Fund</p>	<p>The Committee requested the timeframe for the completion of the Maesteg Town Hall project. Concerns were raised about whether the Town Hall would be</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities /</p>	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.</p>

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		completed before the Grand Pavilion closed for redevelopment. Members also requested information on what this meant for Awen revenue.	Group Manager Strategic Regeneration	
12 Sept 2022	Levelling Up Fund	The Committee requested Further information (including a possible feasibility study requested in the above recommendations) on any proposed temporary facility and alternative arrangements whilst the Pavilion is closed.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager Strategic Regeneration	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Sept 2022	Levelling Up Fund	Concerns were expressed regarding the Penprysg Railway Bridge around funding, completion and the potential impact of heavy traffic in the area. The Committee requested a briefing paper once the project had been approved, illustrating the plans that were to be put in place to monitor and mitigate the impact of traffic on both sides of the proposed bridge. On the subject of parking in Porthcawl linked to redevelopment projects such as the Grand Pavilion and	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager Planning & Development Services	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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		the aim to increase footfall in the area, the Committee were advised of a Parking study that was currently taking place in Porthcawl as part of its Regeneration and Placemaking plans. The Committee requested that they be involved in the development of a Strategic Transport Plan for Porthcawl and that this be added to the Committee's FWP.		
12 Sept 2022	Forward Work Programme Update	The Committee: - expressed concern that taxis are only permitted to use the one DVSA accredited MOT station appointed by BCBC and that if the vehicle fails, the fixing work cannot be done there so the vehicle has to be booked in to another garage to get the fixing work completed, then rebooked in to the permitted MOT station for an additional fee and a further test, which can result in taxi's being off the road for longer, higher costs and a significant loss of earnings. The	Scrutiny / Licensing Committee	ACTIONED – referred to Chair of Licensing Committee and Bridgend's Licensing Officer. Acknowledgement received from Operational Manager Neighbourhood Services – Vale of Glamorgan that a paper would be brought to the relevant Licensing Committee on this topic for discussion and approval for further research on alternatives.

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		<p>garage is also very busy with testing of South Wales Police and BCBC vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- referred to other Local Authorities, e.g. Cardiff allowing the use of any DVSA accredited MOT station which makes things easier for operators and fairer for all DVSA registered MOT stations.- expressed concern about the potential further impact this may be having locally regarding the shortness of availability of taxis in the County Borough generally and particularly later at night.- queried how performance / reliability of taxi's was monitored through licence renewals or otherwise and how the Authority reviews cancellations, late night cancellations, availability after hours and what is being done to enable improvement and a reliable taxi fleet. <p>The Committee referred the topic to the Licensing Committee for consideration and action.</p>		

