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Dyddiad/Date: Tuesday, 14 February 2023

Dear Councillor,

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3

A meeting of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 will be held Hybrid in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street Bridgend / remotely - via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, 20 February 2023 at 16:00.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008 (including whipping declarations)
3. Porthcawl Regeneration 3 - 18
Invitees:

Councillor John Spanswick - Cabinet Member Communities
Councillor Neelo Farr – Cabinet Member Regeneration

Janine Nightingale - Corporate Director – Communities
Jacob Lawrence – Principal Regeneration Officer

Ceri Evans – Director of Business Development, Awen
4. Conclusion/Recommendations
5. Forward Work Programme Update 19 - 38
6. Urgent Items
To consider any item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Part 4 (paragraph 4) of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be

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transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

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Yours faithfully

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3

20 FEBRUARY 2023

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

PORTHCAWL REGENERATION

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 (Scrutiny Committee) with an overview of the Porthcawl Regeneration Programme.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** – Taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Porthcawl Regeneration Programme incorporates a wide range of past, current and future planned projects of various scales. Where appropriate projects are subject to non statutory and statutory consultations.

3.2 Reports providing updates and seeking approval are provided to Cabinet and Council at the appropriate times. Notable reports to Cabinet and Council in recent times are listed below and form background documents to this report. This suite of reports demonstrates the decision making process that has been applied to projects that form part of the programme.

- 15 September 2020 Report to Cabinet: Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Scheme Salt Lake and Sandy Bay Sites
- 15 December 2020 Report to Cabinet: Cosy Corner
- 19 January 2021 Report to Cabinet: Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Scheme Sale of the Food Store Site
- 20 July 2021 Report to Cabinet: Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Scheme Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order
- 19 October 2021 Report to Cabinet: Cosy Corner Tourism Attractor Destination Funding
- 8 March 2022 Report to Cabinet: Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Placemaking Strategy and Programme Update
- 14 June 2022 Report to Cabinet: Levelling Up Fund Priority Projects
- 20 July 2022 Report to Council: Report of The Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change Capital Programme Outturn 2021-22 and Quarter 1 Update 2022-23
- 18 October 2022 Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration: Appropriation of Land at Griffin Park and Sandy Bay
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3.3 The October 2022 Cabinet decision in connection with the appropriation of land at Griffin Park and Sandy Bay was subject to call in by Scrutiny. Following due

consideration by Scrutiny Committee 2 at its meeting on 3 November 2022 committee resolved to not refer the matter back to Cabinet.

- 3.4 Whilst the June 2022 Cabinet decision in connection with the Porthcawl Pavilion Levelling Up Fund was not subject to call in, a report on the Levelling Up Fund Proposals and Application process was presented to Scrutiny Committee 3 on 26 September 2022.
- 3.5 In addition to the aforementioned Cabinet reports BCBC local members are regularly briefed on projects that form the Porthcawl Regeneration Programme in order to ensure they are fully informed in relation to progress and key updates. This allows for local members to provide up to date and accurate information to their constituents. In addition to such briefings local members have recently been led by officers on a site walkover which allowed members to further understand the framework for development outlined within the Porthcawl Placemaking Strategy.
- 3.6 Whilst comprising various individual projects of varying scales the Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Area (PWRA) collectively seeks to deliver large scale transformational regeneration of the Porthcawl Waterfront. As outlined through the placemaking strategy future development of the PWRA is proposed to include provision of circa 1100 homes, new open space, transport infrastructure community facilities, commercial / leisure development and a new school. Whilst a number of individual projects will continue to be delivered by BCBC, such as the improvements to Eastern Promenade and Western Breakwater and Cosy Corner, a substantial amount of this large scale development is expected to be delivered by third party developers. Such developers will be appointed following compliant public sector disposal and procurement processes that will take place in due course. Cabinet and, where appropriate, Council approval will be sought prior to any such procurement or disposal taking place and any such future cabinet decisions will be able to be called in by scrutiny as appropriate.

4. Current situation/proposal

Overall Programme Update

- 4.1 The Porthcawl Placemaking Strategy was approved by Cabinet in March 2022 and provides a framework to guide high quality mixed use development across the Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Area (PWRA). The Porthcawl Placemaking Strategy builds upon the Local Development Plan (LDP) and proposed Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) allocation for the Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Area.

- 4.2 The Placemaking Strategy was formulated in order to ensure that the future development of the PWRA is aligned with the Council's aspirations to deliver development of the highest quality and responds to the wide-ranging needs of both the current community and future generations
- 4.3 Whilst the Placemaking Strategy provides a framework for future phases of development and informs the next steps to be taken in the programme, significant progress has already been made in relation to several key projects that represent the first phases of the regeneration and are intended to act as catalyst for future phases. Summary updates of each of these recently completed and ongoing projects have been provided under separate headings below. Overviews of the Porthcawl Placemaking Strategy, Compulsory Purchase Order, Appropriation of Land and Open Space Concept Design are also provided under separate heading within this report.

Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)

- 4.4 On 20 July 2021 Cabinet gave approval to make, advertise, notify and progress confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in order to acquire land to deliver the Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Scheme. The CPO was subsequently published on 8 October 2021 and formally submitted to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW). The publication of the CPO was followed by a statutory objection period between 21 October 2021 and 26 November 2021, during which a wide range of representations were submitted to PEDW. PEDW have now confirmed that the CPO is to be subject to a Public Inquiry which will take place in due course.

Appropriation

- 4.5 Whilst the October 2022 Cabinet Decision appropriation has already been considered by Scrutiny via call in, an overview of the appropriation process and decision making has been included below. Following consideration of the October 2022 Cabinet Decision regarding appropriation Scrutiny resolved to not refer the matter back to Cabinet.
- 4.6 On 20 July 2021 Cabinet authorised the Corporate Director – Communities and the then Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to advertise the Council's intention to appropriate the open space land at Griffin Park and Sandy Bay that is identified on the appropriation plan provided as Appendix 1 (Minute 692) to support the Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Scheme. As detailed within the 20 July 2021 Cabinet Report, the process of appropriation allows for the Council to transfer the land from its current use to a use for planning purposes. Before appropriating open

space to planning purposes the Council was required to advertise its intention to appropriate for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper circulating in the local area before considering whether the land is no longer required as open space and any objections received to the appropriation. Minute 692 of the Cabinet meeting on 20 July 2021 required officers to report back to Cabinet to consider any objections received to the appropriation.

- 4.7 In order to avoid any confusion that could arise from multiple consultations taking place at the same time, the advertisement of the intention to appropriate land at Sandy Bay and Griffin Park was not progressed whilst the CPO and subsequent Placemaking Strategy consultations were ongoing. Following the completion of these two consultations and subsequent approval of the Porthcawl Placemaking Strategy by Cabinet (Minute 813) on 8 March 2022, advertisement of the proposed appropriation commenced on 6 June 2022.
- 4.8 On 18 October 2022 Cabinet approved the appropriation for planning purposes of the land at Griffin Park.

Porthcawl Placemaking Strategy

- 4.9 As outlined previously, the Porthcawl Placemaking Strategy was prepared in order to ensure that the future development of the PWRA is aligned with the Council's aspirations to deliver development of the highest quality and responds to the wide-ranging needs of both the current community and future generations. As such, a key element of the work to prepare the strategy consisted of initial stakeholder engagement followed by public consultation. A summary of the consultation process has been provided below.

Emerging Themes and Opportunities Presented at Consultation Stage

- 4.10 Following a thorough review of the constraints, opportunities and planning policy considerations that apply to the PWRA and a series of engagement sessions with key stakeholder groups, a series of consultation boards were produced by Austin Smith Lord (ASL) to reflect the emerging themes and opportunities for consideration as part of the placemaking strategy.
- 4.11 The consultation boards focused on what may be an appropriate response to the key themes which included active travel and connectivity, green space, public realm, sustainability and mix of uses. Diagrams were included to show how the development could possibly be laid out in order to positively respond to these key themes, with areas of potential development and connecting routes identified on the consultation boards. These diagrams were supported by further illustrative design material and

precedent images in order to stimulate thought, conversation and responses from the public.

- 4.12 The public consultation was undertaken over a 3 week period from 24 November 2021 until 17 December 2021. The consultation included a two day public exhibition in the Grand Pavilion Porthcawl which was attended by in excess of 1,000 members of the public. This exhibition was followed by the consultation material being displayed on the cosy corner site hoarding for 3 weeks and being made available online on the BCBC *website*.

Outcome of Public Consultation and Draft Strategy Proposed

- 4.13 In summary, the consultation reflected the continued levels of public interest in the future development of the PWRA. This interest ranged from full support of the emerging strategies and opportunities to full opposition of any new development. Based on the consultation responses it was evident that the majority of the public fall between these two contrasting positions with a clear trend that although there is acceptance of, and indeed support for regeneration, there remained significant concern in relation to the following key areas:

- Amount of residential development.
- Compensatory car parking provision.
- Provision of leisure facilities.
- Provision of community facilities.
- Extent of public open space.

- 4.14 Whilst the above matters represent some of the core areas of concern it was equally evident that the following proposals were either fully or broadly supported:

- Pedestrianisation of Eastern Promenade.
- Extension of Dock Street with associated piazza.
- Delivery of housing to meet local needs.
- Extension of Griffin Park.
- Construction of a multi storey car park.

- 4.15 In response to the consultation officers worked to investigate what potential amendments to the indicative approach identified at consultation stage could be explored, in order to ensure the nature and scale of development identified within the

draft placemaking strategy responds to the concerns and aspirations of the public. When considering any such potential amendments it was incumbent on the Council to ensure the framework for development identified within the placemaking strategy remained in accord with matters such as planning policy and the need for any strategy to be credible, deliverable and financially viable. Within this context the following core amendments were made to the indicative mix and distribution of uses identified within the PWRA.

- Creation of a circa 200m long and 70m wide linear park along the Salt Lake seafront.
- Enlarged area of open space adjoining the pedestrianised extension to Dock Street and adjoining piazza.
- Reduction in the area of land on Salt Lake earmarked for housing by approximately a third.

4.16 The aforementioned amendments to the approach to the nature and extent of various uses within the Placemaking Strategy are considered to represent a significant shift in response to the key aspirations of the public as conveyed through the consultation process. With particular reference to the linear park proposed along the Salt Lake seafront, this area is capable of accommodating a variety of recreational, leisure and community uses for both current and future generations.

4.17 The outcomes of the public consultation and revisions to the Placemaking Strategy were reported to Cabinet in March 2022 with Cabinet subsequently resolving to approve the draft placemaking strategy and authorise the Corporate Director - Communities to publish a final copy of the placemaking strategy, for the purposes of establishing a coherent framework to guide the delivery of future development within the PWRA.

Open Space Concept Design

4.18 Following the preparation and approval of the Porthcawl Placemaking Strategy an open space concept design has been commissioned. This next stage of work provides an opportunity to focus on the significant areas of new open spaces proposed and opportunities to enhance existing areas of open space. An important phase of the open space concept design work is conducting several engagement sessions with representative organisations to discuss the aspirations and concerns of key stakeholders in the area. These engagements sessions are scheduled to take place on 13 and 14 February 2023. This initial engagement will then be followed by a

wider public consultation exercise commencing in early March 2023 which will include an exhibition open to the public. The primary purpose of the Open Space Concept Design Work is to further define the future uses of key open spaces within the PWRA through consultation with key stakeholders and the public and capture a shared vision.

Eastern Promenade and Western Breakwater Sea Defences

- 4.19 Works to complete the improvements to the existing Eastern Promenade and Western Breakwater sea defences are now substantially complete onsite with full completion expected by March 2023. The completion of this infrastructure project represents a significant programme milestone, as once complete existing properties in the surrounding area will benefit from an enhanced level of coastal defence protection. In addition to existing properties benefiting from the enhanced level of protection the completion of the works will ensure protection for any new developments that are delivered as part of the regeneration of Porthcawl.

Porthcawl Resort Investment Focus (PRIF): Cosy Corner

- 4.20 In December 2020 the following were proposed to, and agreed by, Cabinet as a set of guiding principles for the way forward for Cosy Corner, based on information available at the time:

- Desire to ensure funding allocated for Cosy Corner is retained for Cosy Corner.
- There is potentially funding still available through the Tourism Attractor Destination (TAD) programme for Cosy Corner
- Adopting a partnership approach with key stakeholders
- Taking action in a suitable timeframe
- Minimising the period of time that Cosy Corner remains in its current condition
- Minimising the on-going maintenance requirements and costs for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC)
- Enhancing the tourism offer of Porthcawl

- 4.21 In May 2021 BCBC concluded a procurement exercise and appointed architects with the required consultancy support to progress the project. The architects began producing the remaining information required by Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) and Welsh Government taking the project up to RIBA stage 3. In October 2021 a report was presented to cabinet outlining that a proposal was submitted to WEFO and Welsh Government in August 2021.

- 4.22 A planning application for a multi purpose development consisting of a play area, public amenity space, commercial units, Harbour Master office, and toilet / changing facilities was submitted on the 2 November 2021 with planning permission subsequently granted on the 11 February 2022.
- 4.23 Following the grant of planning permission the contract for construction of the project was tendered in March 2022. Following a period of evaluation John Weaver Construction were awarded the tender and construction commenced in August 2022. Completion on the building is currently forecast for the end of May 2023 with remaining public realm installations completed during the summer of 2023.
- 4.24 The commercial units within the scheme are currently being marketed by EJ Hales with a view to having tenants secured and ready to start fit out the respective units by the end of May 2023.

Food Retail Store

- 4.25 As detailed within a report to Cabinet in January 2021 Aldi Stores Limited were appointed as the successful bidder to bring forward a new food retail store on the northwestern portion of Salt Lake Car park. Following extensive dialogue with officers, and a public consultation exercise, planning permission was granted for the new foodstore on the 22 December 2021. Aldi have since made significant progress onsite with a view to being a position to open the store by the summer of 2023.
- 4.26 As outlined within the January 2021 report to cabinet, the capital receipt for the sale of the land has been received from Aldi and is included within the capital programme to be used to undertake infrastructure works within the PWRA.

Metrolink Bus Terminus

- 4.27 Detailed design work has now been completed on the proposed Metrolink Bus Terminus to be located on the eastern side of the Portway. This design work culminated in the submission of a planning application on the 12 December 2021 with planning permission subsequently granted in May 2022. The proposed Metrolink, which is to be delivered utilising Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) and Welsh Government grant funding, consists of a new four bay bus terminus and a single storey enclosed structure together with associated highways alterations, landscaping and public realm works. Once delivered the Metrolink will enhance public transport links to Pyle train station and in turn the wider South Wales Metro network. In addition to the enhanced linkages to Pyle, it will act to facilitate improved public transport frequency and accessibility in and out of Porthcawl and across the local network.

- 4.28 The contract for construction was tendered in October 2022 and tender returns were received in December 2022. At the time of writing this report a formal decision to award the contract is due to be made imminently.
- 4.29 On 8 February Council gave approval for the transfer all remaining funds for the Metro programme (£961,613 from the Penprysg Road Bridge scheme) to the live Porthcawl Metrolink project, in order to maximise the available CCR spend, and to vire £571,221 from the Porthcawl Regeneration capital budget, also to the Porthcawl Metrolink project, to fund this essential infrastructure project.

Grand Pavilion

- 4.30 On 14 June 2022 a report was presented to Cabinet that provided a background on the UK Government Levelling Up Fund (LUF), and an update to Cabinet on the development of projects previously endorsed by them to be developed for this and future rounds of the fund.
- 4.31 Part of this Cabinet Report focused specifically on the Grand Pavilion Project, outlining that the LUF prospectus sets out a clear agenda to support cultural investment. The aim is to maintain, regenerate, or creatively repurpose museums, galleries, visitor attractions (and associated green spaces) and heritage assets as well as creating new community-owned spaces to support the arts and serve as cultural spaces.
- 4.32 Within this context officers advised Cabinet that they were confident that the Grand Pavilion project continues to strongly meet the objectives of the fund and that the pace of development work will enable a robust application to be made.
- 4.33 By way of background, the project has been in development since 2016 when Awen Cultural Trust (Awen,) in partnership with BCBC, commissioned a study on the options for enhancing and re-developing the Grade II Listed building. The study considered the physical, artistic and social significance of the Grand Pavilion; provided a high level appraisal of its condition; considered the possible treatment of the historic building for renovation and concept designs that could unlock new social and commercially sustainable benefits.
- 4.34 The principal objectives of the renewal of the Grand Pavilion have been to address the issues of risk to the building fabric that exist in the condition of the concrete structure whilst also meeting the needs and aspirations of local people for extended and improved arts, heritage and library services.
- 4.35 The new facilities proposed within the most recent feasibility work on the Grand Pavilion include:
- New function spaces at first floor (Esplanade) level,

- New rooftop function and cafe spaces offering elevated sea-views across the Bristol Channel,
- New Studio theatre and ancillary facilities,
- Increased and improved welfare facilities including new changing places facility,
- Business incubation or workshop spaces to street level,
- New office facilities.

4.36 At the time of writing the June 2022 Cabinet Report it was outlined that BCBC had already committed a sum of £200,000 to the development for this project from BCBC's Feasibility Funding budget. It was reported that the RIBA Stage 3 design work was progressing at pace and will be packaged to present a well progressed and detailed application to the LUF.

4.37 In June 2022 Cabinet were advised that the project costs were expected to be circa £14m, and that further detailed work on costing was being undertaken to be completed in advance of the submission on the 6 July 2022. This work was principally to ensure that the cost of inflation and the recent significant increase in the costs of materials could be taken into consideration. Since the June 2022 Cabinet report further work was completed to inform estimated project costs which were estimated at circa £20 million.

4.38 A formal application to the LUF was made for funding of £18 million with the match requirement of £2 million having been reported to and agreed by Council in July 2022. On 19 January 2023 confirmation was received that the Grand Pavilion Project has been awarded LUF funding.

4.39 Since confirmation of the award of funding officers are working closely with UK Government in order to ensure the terms and conditions of the funding, including any work milestones are appropriate. Once such terms are finalised a report will be brought back to Cabinet to provide an update and obtain any further approvals that may be required.

4.40 In addition to the LUF funding work now needs to be progressed in connection with identifying the preferred procurement mechanism for the delivery of the project. Further design development work and applications for planning permission and listed building consent will also follow in due course.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 The continued progression of projects that form part of the Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Scheme will positively support the Council's policies and procedures.
- 5.2 The PWRA is currently allocated for mixed development within the existing Local Development Plan. Policy PLA3 of the Adopted Local Plan sets out the Council's objectives for mixed use regeneration of brownfield under utilised sites and identifies the Porthcawl Regeneration Area as being a significant part of this strategy through its allocation as site PLA3(8). This allocation is supported by adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), often referred to as the "Seven Bays Project – Porthcawl Waterfront SPG".
- 5.3 In addition to the allocation in the Adopted Local Plan the site is identified as a Mixed-Use Strategic Development Site within the Replacement Local Development Plan Deposit Plan which was approved by Council 19 October 2022. The Replacement Local Development Plan Deposit Plan will be subject to an Examination in Public due to commence on 28th February 2023.
- 5.4 Specifically, Policy PLA1 of the Replacement Local Development Plan Deposit Plan sets out that the Land at Porthcawl Waterfront is allocated for a comprehensive, regeneration-led, mixed-use development that will deliver circa 1,115 homes (including 30% / 335 units of affordable housing), incorporating a new one form entry Welsh medium primary school, a four classroom block extension at the existing English medium primary school, a new food store, leisure facilities, a bus terminus, recreation facilities, public open space, plus appropriate community facilities and commercial uses. Policy PLA1 goes on to set out a series of placemaking and master planning principles that apply to the site.

6. Equality Act 2010 implications

- 6.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh Language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full Equality Impact assessment on this proposal.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

- 7.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment based on the 5 ways of working has been considered and there are no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

- Long term - The Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration is a strategic development scheme which has the potential to add vibrancy to the locality through the provision of new housing, leisure and tourism opportunities, as well as retail and commercial developments; set within appropriate open space, parking and public realm.
- Prevention – the current Waterfront sites are largely unoccupied and under-utilised and detract from the attractiveness of the area.
- Integration – the Waterfront development will integrate with and access the existing town centre, sea front and leisure developments.
- Collaboration – the Council will continue to collaborate with residents, visitors and end users of this project to ensure successful and sustainable development and outcomes.
- Involvement – ongoing engagement with the community will be an important facet of this project.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report which provides an overview and update to Scrutiny.
- 8.2 Whilst the placemaking strategy includes a significant number of large scale individual and interlinked development projects, its endorsement by Cabinet in March 2022 did not constitute approval of any additional capital or revenue expenditure and therefore there are no direct financial implications arising for BCBC from this report. All financial considerations will need to be considered on a project by project basis and further reports will be taken to Cabinet and/or Council as appropriate. Given the nature and scale of projects that form part of the overall regeneration programme it is important to recognise that their delivery will be reliant on a combination of external grant funding and capital receipts generated by the Council when disposing of parts of the site.
- 8.3 Given the purpose of this report is to provide an overview and update to Scrutiny it is pertinent to acknowledge that the receipt from the sale of the food retail site remains ring fenced to invest in infrastructure improvements within the PWRA and is currently included within the Council's capital programme. As outlined within the report to Council on 9 February 2022 the capital budget was increased from £2.553 million to £3.488 million to reflect the enhanced receipt the Council secured for this land. This ring-fenced investment in infrastructure is in addition to in excess of £20 million invested in Porthcawl through Council projects within the last decade, including more recently circa £3 million of investment on the Cosy Corner development which is nearing completion.

8.4 In addition to the above, circa £20 million will be invested in the Grand Pavilion, comprising £18 million from the Levelling Up Fund and £2 million of match funding from the Council.

9. Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the report and information relating to the projects.

9.2 Note that scrutiny members will be invited to attend a site visit.

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February 2023

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26 September 2022 Report to Subject Overview & Scrutiny Committee 3: Levelling Up Fund Priority Projects

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3 November 2022 Report to Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 Call-In of Cabinet Decision: Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration Appropriation of Land at Griffin Park and Sandy Bay

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BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3

20 FEBRUARY 2023

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER - LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a) Present the Committee with the Forward Work Programme (**Appendix A**) for consideration and approval;
- b) Request any specific information the Committee identifies to be included in the items for the next two meetings, including invitees they wish to attend;
- c) Request the Committee to identify whether there are presently any further items for consideration on the Forward Work Programme having regard to the selection criteria in paragraph 4.3;
- d) Present the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet (**Appendix B**) to track responses to the Committee's recommendations made at the previous meetings;
- e) Advise that the Committee's updated Forward Work Programme and Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet will be reported to the next meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC).

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:

- **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
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- **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently

as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council's Constitution requires the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to develop and implement a Forward Work Programme for the Committee.
- 3.2 The Council's Constitution also provides for each Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee to propose items for the Forward Work Programme having regard to the Council's Corporate Priorities and Risk Management framework, for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to have oversight.

Best Practice / Guidance

- 3.3 The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny's (CfGS) Good Scrutiny Guide recognises the importance of the Forward Work Programme. In order to 'lead and own the process', it states that Councillors should have ownership of their Committee's work programme, and be involved in developing, monitoring and evaluating it. The Good Scrutiny Guide also states that, in order to make an impact, the scrutiny workload should be coordinated and integrated into corporate processes, to ensure that it contributes to the delivery of corporate objectives, and that work can be undertaken in a timely and well-planned manner.
- 3.4 Forward Work Programmes need to be manageable to maximise the effective use of the limited time and resources of Scrutiny Committees. It is not possible to include every topic proposed. Successful scrutiny is about looking at the right topic in the right way and Members need to be selective, while also being able to demonstrate clear arguments for including or excluding topics.
- 3.5 The CfGS guide to effective work programming 'A Cunning Plan?' makes the following reference to the importance of good work programming:

'Effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well it can help lay the foundations for targeted, incisive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done badly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any work done is likely to be minimal.'

Forward Work Programme

- 3.6 Following the approval of the schedule of Scrutiny Committee meeting dates at the Annual Meeting of Council on 18th May 2022, the scheduling of standing statutory reports to Scrutiny Committees upon: the Medium Term Financial Strategy, Performance, the Corporate Plan, Budget Monitoring, etc. were mapped to the appropriate timed COSC meeting dates into a draft Forward Work Programme.
- 3.7 The draft Forward Work Programme for each Scrutiny Committee has been prepared using a number of different sources, including:
 - Corporate Risk Assessment;
 - Directorate Business Plans;

- Previous Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme report topics / Minutes;
- Committee / Member proposed topics;
- Policy Framework;
- Cabinet Work Programme;
- Discussions with Corporate Directors;
- Performance Team regarding the timing of performance information.

3.8 There are items where there is a statutory duty for Policy Framework documents to be considered by Scrutiny, e.g. the MTFS including draft budget proposals scheduled for consideration in December 2022, following which the COSC will coordinate the conclusions and recommendations from each of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees in a report on the overall strategic overview of Cabinet’s draft Budget proposals to the meeting of Cabinet in February 2023.

3.9 An effective FWP identifies the issues that the Committee wishes to focus on during the year and provides a clear plan. However, at each meeting the Committee will have an opportunity to review this as the Forward Work Programme Update will be a standing item on the Agenda, detailing which items are scheduled for future meetings and be requested to clarify any information to be included in reports and the list of invitees. The FWP will remain flexible and will be reported to each COSC meeting with feedback from each SOSC FWP and any updated information gathered from FWP meetings with Scrutiny Chairs and Corporate Directors.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 The Committee approved its Forward Work Programme at its previous meeting.

4.2 The Committee’s Forward Work Programme will also be reported to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for coordination and oversight of the overall FWP.

Identification of Further Items

4.3 The Committee is reminded of the Criteria Form which Members can use to propose further items for the FWP which the Committee can then consider for prioritisation at a future meeting. The Criteria Form emphasises the need to consider issues such as impact, risk, performance, budget and community perception when identifying topics for investigation and to maximise the impact scrutiny can have on a topic and the outcomes for people. Criteria which can help the Committee come to a decision on whether to include a referred topic, are set out below:

Recommended Criteria for Selecting Scrutiny Topics:

PUBLIC INTEREST: The concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen for scrutiny;

ABILITY TO CHANGE: Priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically influence, and add value to;

PERFORMANCE: Priority should be given to the areas in which the Council is not performing well;

EXTENT: Priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or large parts of the County Borough; or a large number of the Authority's service users or its population;

REPLICATION: Work programmes must take account of what else is happening in the areas being considered to avoid duplication or wasted effort.

Reasons to Reject Scrutiny Topics:

- The issue is already being addressed / being examined elsewhere and change is imminent.
- The topic would be better addressed elsewhere (and can be referred there).
- Scrutiny involvement would have limited / no impact upon outcomes.
- The topic may be sub-judice or prejudicial.
- The topic is too broad to make a review realistic and needs refining / scoping.
- New legislation or guidance relating to the topic is expected within the next year.
- The topic area is currently subject to inspection or has recently undergone substantial change / reconfiguration.

Corporate Parenting

- 4.4 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a Local Authority towards looked after children and young people. This is a legal responsibility given to local authorities by the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. The role of the Corporate Parent is to seek for children in public care the outcomes every good parent would want for their own children. The Council as a whole is the 'corporate parent', therefore all Members have a level of responsibility for the children and young people looked after by Bridgend.
- 4.5 In this role, it is suggested that Members consider how each item they consider affects children in care and care leavers, and in what way can the Committee assist in these areas.
- 4.6 Scrutiny Champions can greatly support the Committee in this by advising them of the ongoing work of the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee and particularly any decisions or changes which they should be aware of as Corporate Parents.
- 4.7 The Forward Work Programme for this Committee is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 4.8 The Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet to track responses to the Committee's recommendations at the previous meeting is attached as **Appendix B**.
- 5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules**
- 5.1 The work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Council's Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Act 2010 implications

- 6.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales, the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

- 7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the planning of Scrutiny business in both the short-term and in the long-term on its policies, budget and service delivery.
- Prevention - The early preparation of the Forward Work Programme allows for the advance planning of Scrutiny business where Members are provided an opportunity to influence and improve decisions before they are made by Cabinet.
- Integration - The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.
- Collaboration - Consultation on the content of the Forward Work Programme has taken place with the Corporate Management Board, Heads of Service, Elected Members and members of the public.
- Involvement - Advanced publication of the Forward Work Programme ensures that the public and stakeholders can view topics that will be discussed in Committee meetings and are provided with the opportunity to engage.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- a) Consider and approve the Forward Work Programme attached as **Appendix A**;
- b) Identify any specific information the Committee wishes to be included in the items for the next two meetings, including invitees they wish to attend;
- c) Identify any further items for consideration on the Forward Work Programme having regard to the selection criteria in paragraph 4.3 of this report;

- d) Note the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet to track responses to the Committee's recommendations made at the previous meetings, attached as **Appendix B**;
- e) Note that the Forward Work Programme, Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet and any updates from the Committee will be reported to the next meeting of COSC.

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Background documents: None.

**Forward Work Programme
Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3:**

APPENDIX A

<u>Date of Meeting:</u>	<u>Report Topics:</u>
Monday 18 July 9.30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination - Nomination to the Public Service Board Scrutiny Panel - Draft Outline Forward Work Programme
Monday 26 September 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared Prosperity Fund - Levelling Up Fund
Monday 14 November 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A report upon accessible playground equipment in play areas and access to play areas, parks and playing field pavilions, for the disabled community across the County Borough, and the latest Assessment and Action Plan in accordance with Equalities legislation.
Monday 12 December 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play Sufficiency Assessment
Monday 23 January 4pm (Provisional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-23 to 2025-26 and Budget Proposals
Monday 20 February 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A report upon Porthcawl Regeneration to include Porthcawl Regeneration projects, the PRIF (Porthcawl Resort Investment Focus), Cosy Corner and the Grand Pavilion
Monday 17 April 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridgend 2030 Net Zero Carbon Strategy - Local Biodiversity Action Plan - Future Waste Services Work Streams
To be Scheduled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Joint Committees Regional Responsibilities
To be scheduled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homelessness Strategy

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RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome
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: <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. 	Scrutiny	ACTIONED – Requested Invitees have been invited to attend the September meeting of the Committee.

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26 Sep 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 Sep 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 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	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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		<p>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>		
<p>26 Sep 2022</p>	<p>Shared Prosperity Fund</p>	<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 MPs; Dr Jamie Wallis and Chris Elmore.</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Chair of SOSC 3</p>	<p>Scrutiny requested contact details for the letter and will liaise with Chair of SOSC 3.</p>

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26 Sep 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.
26 Sep 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.
26 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 Resources & Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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26 Sep 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.
26 Sep 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.
26 Sep 2022	Levelling Up Fund	The Committee Recommended that they strongly supported the 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	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager Strategic Regeneration	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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		<p>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>		
26 Sep 2022	Levelling Up Fund	<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 completed before the Grand Pavilion closed for redevelopment. Members also requested information on what this meant for Awen revenue.</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager Strategic Regeneration</p>	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.</p>
26 Sep 2022	Levelling Up Fund	<p>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.</p>	<p>Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager Strategic Regeneration</p>	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.</p>

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26 Sep 2022	Levelling Up Fund	<p>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 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.</p>	Scrutiny / Corporate Director, Communities / Group Manager Planning & Development Services	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
26 Sep 2022	Forward Work Programme Update	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	Scrutiny / Licensing Committee	<p>ACTIONED – referred to Chair of Licensing Committee and Bridgend's Licensing Officer. Acknowledgement received that a paper would be brought to the Licensing Committee on this topic.</p>

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		<p>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 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>		

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14 Nov 2022	Housing Position Statement Report	That the Committee write to The Group Manager Planning and Development Services and ask how to ensure better consultation between Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and housing developers regarding the types and corresponding numbers of accommodation being built and the prioritisation for properties for RSLs	Scrutiny / Group Manager – Development	Recommendations circulated requesting response - to be provided.
14 Nov 2022	Housing Position Statement Report	The Committee further requested information on how many veterans/ex-service personnel have presented homeless to the Authority and requiring accommodation.	Housing Solution Manager	ACTIONED: response and information circulated 6 December 2022.
14 Nov 2022	Housing Position Statement Report	The Committee requested information from Development Control regarding previous social housing developments and how many social housing units had been diminished in return for 106 monies.	Scrutiny / Head of Partnerships Services	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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14 Nov 2022	Housing Position Statement Report	The Committee requested that the Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) be asked if they could possibly provide information about the availability of the Physical Adaptation Grant (PAG) and the impact it has on housing waiting lists for people with disabilities or awaiting Disabled Facilities Grants.	Scrutiny / Head of Partnerships Services	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Dec 2022	Play Sufficiency Assessment	The Committee recommended when seeking the views of Town and Community Councils, Officers be mindful of the timing of survey response deadlines, and seek to avoid traditionally busy times for Councils, such as the beginning of May, to ensure maximum engagement.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing / Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Dec 2022	Play Sufficiency Assessment	That consideration be given to whether there should be a mechanism in place to enable clubs/ organisations to use community facilities, such as sports pitches, out of hours, should the weather prevent them from using their usual facilities.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing / Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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12 Dec 2022	Play Sufficiency Assessment	The Committee recommended that consideration be given to how the partnership between Town and Community Councils and Bridgend County Borough Council could be strengthened to ensure more cohesion and a less transactional relationship.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing / Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Dec 2022	Play Sufficiency Assessment	That Officers reflect on how well known the procedure to arrange temporary road closures is and consider how the procedure can best be promoted.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing / Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Dec 2022	Play Sufficiency Assessment	That consideration be given to revisiting the objective of erecting signs such as Play Priority Signs and exploring with Registered Social Landlords the removal of existing No Ball Games signage where appropriate, to encourage more children to play outside their homes.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing / Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.

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12 Dec 2022	Play Sufficiency Assessment	The Committee requested the National Guidance on the 'One Council' approach and an explanation of what the 'One Council' process and aspirations are in relation to the report as well as how the model of strategic leadership within the Guidance functions.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing / Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.
12 Dec 2022	Play Sufficiency Assessment	The Committee requested confirmation of how the Local Authority engaged the views of 0-3 year olds or their families in the Family wellbeing survey for 0-3 years age groups conducted with partner schools.	Scrutiny / Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing / Group Manager Sports and Physical Activity	Information request circulated requesting response - to be provided.
23 Jan 2023	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-24 to 2026-27	The Committee made recommendations, comments, and requests.	Scrutiny / Chair of COSC	ACTIONED: Recommendations formally reported to COSC and onward to Cabinet 7 February 2023 for consideration and response to be provided to COSC.