

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3 - TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3 HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor P Davies – Chairperson

S J Bletsoe

J E Pratt

MJ Williams

I Williams

Present Virtually

N Clarke
G Walter

C Davies

M J Evans

W J Kendall

Apologies for Absence

P W Jenkins and MJ Kearn

Declarations of Interest

None

Invitees:

Councillor Huw David
Councillor John Spanswick

Leader of the Council
Cabinet Member Climate and Environment

Janine Nightingale
Jen Sparrow

Corporate Director – Communities
Cleaner Streets & Waste Contract Manager

James McMahon
Manon Bataille

Principal Consultant – Eunomia Research and Consulting
Senior Consultant – Eunomia Research and Consulting

Officers:

Kelly Watson
Rachel Keepins
Meryl Lawrence
Lucy Beard

Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy
Democratic Services Manager
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Scrutiny
Scrutiny Officer

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63. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	RESOLVED: The minutes of meetings of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 dated 19 June 2023, 25 July 2023 Extraordinary meeting and 22 January 2024, were approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	19 March 2024

64. Future Waste Service Options

Decision Made	<p>RESOLVED: Following consideration of the report and detailed discussion with Cabinet Members and Senior Officers the Committee made the following comments and recommendations:</p> <p>The Committee discussed in detail the three service delivery options in the report and the findings of the commissioned report from Eunomia on future recycling and waste options from April 2026. Having heard from Officers and the Eunomia consultants Members were interested to understand more regarding the option of a Local Authority Trading Company (LATCo), whether it was viable and could be a benefit. They discussed the ability to create funds within a LATCo and whether an offer of an affordable package of waste collection for businesses could provide the potential, to offer the same pension scheme and terms and conditions as Bridgend County Borough Council staff, by offsetting the cost with the potential additional revenue streams. Members expressed concern that staff should not be disadvantaged with regard to the Local Government Pension Scheme.</p> <p>1. While understanding that there were no guarantees of success and the model selected would not be operated until 2026 so would not be a quick fix, the Committee recommended the LATCo model be explored further with the Authority looking at how it could be developed and grown over future years, which as the LATCo developed could help provide a part solution to the long term issue of annual revenue difficulties.</p> <p>2. Members also discussed the findings with regards to the qualitative assessment and the in-house position. Noting the assessment had identified the market conditions to be favourable at present with a low probability of high risk in both operational and implementation and no difference in quality of service, however there was a financial risk based on the pension contributions, but there was also an opportunity to control, shape and develop that service. On that basis the Committee recommended that bringing the waste collection service in-house should also be explored in further detail.</p>
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	3. Members agreed that they were looking for the best decision and best fit for the Council and its residents and to contribute to this decision, the Committee recommended that a report be submitted to Cabinet either with the recommendations or shortly after, including a case study of best practice where these types of operations had been proven and were operating successfully, to demonstrate how they could potentially also work for Bridgend County Borough Council.
Date Decision Made	19 March 2024

65. Forward Work Programme Update

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee approved the Forward Work Programme (FWP) in Appendix A, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet in Appendix B and noted that the FWP, Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet and any updates from the Committee would be reported to the next meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Committee requested an update on the Shared Prosperity Fund in the form of an Information Report, and following its receipt Members could consider and decide if they wished to add the item to the Forward Work Programme for scrutiny in a future meeting.</p>
Date Decision Made	19 March 2024

66. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	19 March 2024

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#) for Part One and this [link](#) for Part Two.

The meeting closed at 18:51.