

CABINET - TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025 AT 14:30

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick – Chairperson

N Farr
M J Evans

J Gebbie
M Jones

E L P Caparros

P Davies

Present Virtually

HM Williams

Apologies for Absence

Corporate Director - Communities.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Gebbie declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 6. and left the meeting whilst this item was being considered

Officers:

Nimi Chandrasena
Carys Lord
Claire Marchant
Kelly Watson
Mark Shephard
Mark Galvin
Lindsay Harvey

Democratic Services Officer - Support
Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change
Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing
Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy
Chief Executive
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People

479. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Minutes of a meeting dated 8 April 2025, be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	13 May 2025

480. Draft Outdoor Recreation Facilities Supplementary Planning Guidance

Decision Made	<p>The Corporate Director – Communities submitted a report, the purpose of which was to seek Cabinet approval to consult on the Draft Outdoor Recreation Facilities Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) document. Subsequent adoption of this SPG would enable effective implementation of the Outdoor Recreation Facilities Policy within the adopted Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP), the Council's statutory land-use Planning document.</p> <p>Cabinet raised the following points on the SPG:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the current policy allow BCBC to utilise Section 106 monies to use off-site?• In terms of additional funding contributions to ensure that open spaces are maintained, will that funding be ring-fenced for those particular sites?• Open spaces will be appropriately designed to cater for the differing needs of individuals, such as those with ALN and disabilities. This and other associated proposals will promote and support equality, including any gender balance requirements, for example, multi-use game areas.• Individuals managing allotment sites need to adhere to the terms of the agreement or lease affecting such areas, in order to assist in the reduction of complaints regarding allotments not being suitably maintained, etc.• Who will be responsible for the maintenance of open spaces as part of the SPG• The consultation period specified in the report is for 6 weeks. Will this be a targeted approach in line with the areas outlined in the Local Development Plan (LDP) and also, could this consultation period be extended, if deemed necessary. <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p>
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	<p>(1) Approved the Draft Outdoor Recreation Facilities SPG (Appendix 1 to the report) as the basis for a public consultation period of 6 weeks;</p> <p>(2) Authorised the Corporate Director - Communities and Group Manager - Planning and Development Services to make minor presentational changes, typographical or factual corrections as necessary prior to public consultation; and</p> <p>(3) Authorised the Corporate Director - Communities and Group Manager - Planning and Development Services to undertake the public consultation for a period of 6 weeks and to report the results of the public consultation back to Cabinet for approval to send the Report to Council and seek adoption of the final SPG.</p>
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481. Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance

Decision Made	<p>The Strategic Planning Policy Team Leader presented a report, in order to provide Cabinet with an overview of the public consultation exercise on the draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) document. It also sought Cabinet approval to present the final Affordable Housing SPG to Council to seek its adoption. The Officer confirmed, that the adoption of the SPG will enable effective implementation of the Affordable Housing Policies within the adopted Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP), the Council's statutory land-use Planning document.</p> <p>Members raised amongst others, the following questions on the report:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could consideration be given to compiling some guidance on what the definition is of 'Affordable Housing', in order to provide further clarity within the SPG document.• Regarding the nomination and allocation process referred to in the report and specifically on page 77, which specifically bears reference to the onus and/or responsibility of Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) to certain aspects of the SPG Policy, what reassurance is there for the local authority that RSL's are supportive of the policy when considering only one RSL responded to the consultation.• In response to a question, it was confirmed that all affordable homes secured through the planning system, would be subject to the Council's Housing Allocation Policy, so therefore in effect,
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	<p>households will be referred from the Common Housing Register.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <p>(1) Noted the contents of the report and the consultation responses received on the draft Affordable Housing SPG, together with resultant amendments, attached as Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>(2) Approved presenting the final Affordable Housing SPG (Appendix 1 of the report) to Council to seek its adoption.</p>
Date Decision Made	13 May 2025

**482. School Modernisation Programme Replacement Mynydd Cynffig
Primary School -Procurement And Modification To School Opening
Date**

Decision Made	<p>The Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People submitted a report to Cabinet, to seek its approval to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• modify the implementation date of the replacement Mynydd Cynffig Primary School; and• undertake a tender process for the construction of the replacement Mynydd Cynffig Primary School. <p>With regards to the report’s financial implications, the Officer confirmed that in 2021, Welsh Government approved the OBC to replace Mynydd Cynffig Primary School. However, since receiving approval the construction industry has seen costs escalate due to COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, costs of incorporating de-carbonisation measures and energy price increases. This has resulted in the projected cost of the scheme significantly increasing from £12.8m to £17.5m.</p> <p>He added that a revised OBC detailing the increased budget has recently been approved by the Cabinet Secretary for Education, and in November 2024, the additional Council funding of £1.7m required to deliver the scheme received Council approval, meaning the scheme can be progressed to the FBC stage. The total BCBC capital funding allocation for the scheme was £6.434m.</p>
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	<p>Cabinet members asked a number of questions or comments in relation to the report, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference is made in the report of there being a price cap of £15m for the project, though the cost of the project has now however increased with time, from £12.8m to £17.5m. Will this increase still allow for the delivery of the project on time and are there now sufficient resources having been made available for the school to be completed by September 2027;• When are the associated highway works to be scheduled to be tendered and what impact will this have, if any, to the delivery of the substantive project;• The Leader noted that it may be possible that there would be a modest saving in the total revenue cost for the project, given that the proposed building will be constructed so that it is 'energy efficient' which may in turn, reduce energy costs. <p>The Leader concluded debate on this item, by reminding that the replacement school was part of a wider project commitment in education facilities across the Bridgend County Borough, that amounted to almost £100m.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet approved:-</p> <p>(1) The modification of the implementation date of the replacement Mynydd Cynffig Primary School to September 2027; and</p> <p>(2) The invitation of tenders for the construction of the replacement Mynydd Cynffig Primary School.</p>
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483. Proposed Dates for Meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Committees

Decision Made	<p>The Monitoring Officer presented a report, the purpose being, to seek approval of the programme of meeting dates for Cabinet and Cabinet Committees, for the municipal year May 2025 to April 2026.</p> <p>Cabinet was also requested to note that following a desktop review, the Terms of Reference of the Cabinet Committee Equalities have been amended together with the name of the Committee to take effect following the Annual General Meeting of Council (AGM) on 14 May 2025. The updated Terms of Reference were attached at Appendix 1 to the report.</p>
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	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <p>(1) Approved the programme of meetings as outlined in paragraph 3.1 of this report, subject to the meeting of Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting dated 7 January 2026 being moved to 28 January 2026.</p> <p>(2) Noted that the Constitution will be updated to include the revised Terms of Reference for the Cabinet Committee Equalities and Employee Relations (Appendix 1of the report referred) to take effect from the Council AGM.</p>
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484. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent items
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 16:57