

**CABINET - TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2026**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB / REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS. ON TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 14:30**

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick – Chairperson

E L P Caparros

J Gebbie

N Farr

G Haines

M Jones

H Williams

M Evans

Officers:

Jake Morgan	Chief Executive
Mike Pitman	Democratic Services Officer - Technical
Carys Lord	Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change
Claire Marchant	Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing
Janine Nightingale	Corporate Director – Communities for Learning
Kelly Watson	Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Family Support
Gaynor Thomas	Manager, Sustainable Communities
Adam Provoost	Strategic Planning Transportation Manager
Jack Dangerfield	Senior Strategic Planning Policy Officer
Robin Davies	Group Manager, Strategy Performance and Support
Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

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**585. Apologies for Absence**

Decision Made	None
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**586. Declarations of Interest**

Decision Made	Councillor N Farr declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10 Councillor H Williams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 12.
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026

**587. Approval of Minutes**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the 13/01/2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026

**588. Scrutiny Recommendation from Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet considered the recommendation of the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee and confirmed that they would respond to this, in due course.
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026

**589. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-30 and Draft Budget Consultation Process**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet considered and confirmed it would respond to the Recommendations of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, through the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-30.
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026	

**590. Shared Lives Scheme**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approved the commencement of consultation for a period of 12 weeks regarding the proposed changes outlined in the report, noting that the process will be coordinated with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and other stakeholders from Spring 2026;</li><li>• Noted that a further report will be presented to Cabinet following the consultation.</li></ul>
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026	

**591. Houses in Multiple Occupation - Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Noted the contents of this report and the consultation responses received on the Houses in Multiple Occupation draft SPG, together</li></ul>
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	<p>with the resultant proposed amendments attached at Appendix 2 to the report.</p> <p>(b) Noted and approved the contents of the two-page guidance note titled 'A Guide to HMO Planning, Licensing and Building Regulations' attached as Appendix 3.</p> <p>(c) Approved presenting the final form Houses in Multiple Occupation draft SPG (at Appendix 1) to Council to seek its adoption.</p>
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026

**592. Update on the UK Government's Pride In Place Impact Fund Allocation for Bridgend County Borough**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Noted the contents of this report, considering the allocation of funds provided by the UK Government's Pride in Place Impact Fund and the opportunities it presents.</li><li>2. Endorsed the proposed delivery of the Pride in Place Impact Fund in Bridgend County Borough as set out in section 3 of the report.</li><li>3. Delegated authority to the Director of Communities, in consultation with the Chief Officer - Legal &amp; Regulatory Services, Corporate Policy and HR and Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to finalise the programme and delivery mechanisms including the establishment of a capital grant scheme.</li></ol>
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026

**593. School Admissions Policy 2027-2028 and Co-ordinated Admissions Arrangements 2028-2029**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet:  1. Approved the School Admissions Policy 2027-2028 (at Appendix A). and;  2. Acknowledged the adoption of the Co-ordinated School Admissions Arrangements 2028-2029 (Appendix B).
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026	

**594. School Modernisation Programme: Porthcawl Welsh Medium Seedling School and Childcare**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet gave approval to invite tenders for the Porthcawl Welsh-medium Seedling School and childcare scheme, with the award of contract subject to the Council obtaining Welsh Government funding approval for the childcare element of the scheme.
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**595. Budget Monitoring 2025-2026 - Quarter 3 Revenue Forecast**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet noted the projected revenue position for 2025-26
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026	

**596. Capital Programme Quarter 3 Update 2025-26**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Noted the Council's Capital Programme 2025-26 Quarter 3 update to 31 December 2025 (at Appendix A to the report)</li><li>• Agreed that the revised Capital Programme (Appendix B) be submitted to Council for approval.</li><li>• Noted the actual Prudential and Other Indicators for 2024-25 and projected indicators for 2025-26 (Appendix C).</li></ul>
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026	

**597. Forward Work Programmes - Cabinet, Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approved the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 March 2026 to 31 August 2026 at Appendix 1 to the report, and;</li><li>2. Noted the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Programmes for the same period, as shown at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 of the report, respectively.</li></ol>
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**598. Urgent Items**

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Decision Made	There were no urgent items
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**599. Exclusion of the Public**

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>The following item was not for publication as it contained exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.</p> <p>Following the application of the public interest test Cabinet resolved pursuant to the Act to consider this item in private, with the public being excluded from the meeting during such consideration.</p>
Date Decision Made	3 February 2026

**600. Bridgend Town Centre Strategic Property Acquisition**

Decision Made	This item was exempt and therefore not for publication
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The meeting closed at 15:52.