

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3) - FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2025**

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SUBJECT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3) HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:30**

**Present**

Councillor JPD Blundell – Chairperson

H T Bennett  
MJ Williams

O Clatworthy

GC Haines

**Present Virtually**

N Clarke

C Davies

W J Kendall

J E Pratt

I Williams

T Wood

**Apologies**

Councillor Richard Collins and Councillor Graham Walter  
Delyth Webb – Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration

**Invitees:**

Councillor Neelo Farr  
Councillor Paul Davies

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing  
Climate Change and the Environment

Janine Nightingale  
Nicola Lewis

Corporate Director - Communities  
Regeneration Projects Team Leader

**Officers:**

Kelly Watson  
Meryl Lawrence  
Jessica Mclellan

Monitoring Officer  
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Scrutiny  
Scrutiny Officer

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Declarations of Interest

Councillors Tim Wood and Steven Easterbrook – Personal – Item 3 – Bridgend Town Centre Traders

**119. Call In of Cabinet Decision: Bridgend Town Centre Access**

Decision Made	<p>The Scrutiny Officer advised that in accordance with Section 7.23 of the Council's Constitution, four Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, and one Scrutiny Chair, had requested that the Executive decision made by Cabinet on the 23 September 2025 in relation to Bridgend Town Centre Access be Called-In.</p> <p>The Chairperson invited the Members who had supported the Call In to speak on the reasons for the Call In and they referred to the reasons for the Call-In, as detailed in the Notice of Call In (Appendix B).</p> <p>The Chairperson invited Members of the Committee to ask questions and detailed discussions between Members, Cabinet Members and Officers followed.</p> <p>As there were no further questions for the invitees, the Chairperson thanked them for their attendance and they left the meeting following the vote.</p> <p>Having regard to whether Members were satisfied with the responses received, the Chairperson asked Members of the Committee, whether they wished to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out the reasons and rationale for the request;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) Decide not to refer the matter back to the Cabinet.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> Following its examination of the decision and detailed discussions with the Cabinet Members and Officers invited, the Committee, the Committee decided to recommend that the decision be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration for the for the reasons set out in the Notice of Call-In Form at <b>Appendix B</b> and for the reasons set out below:</p>
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	<p>a. The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) lacks a clear timetable, setting out for traders and the public, the different steps and possible extensions that will be taken during the 18-month Order.</p> <p>b. The ETRO focuses on the extension of loading and unloading times, but there is a lack of consideration regarding equality of access to the town centre, including parking for blue badge holders and insufficient focus on the equality impact assessment.</p> <p>c. There is a lack of clarity regarding what will be measured, to record effects of changes made, the mechanism for measuring and what will be reported back to the Committee.</p> <p>d. More evidence and detailed information justifying the reason for decisions be included in Cabinet reports.</p> <p>e. Clarification is required that as there is no appetite for a full reopening of Bridgend Town Centre to traffic, that Adare, Caroline and Wyndham Street are excluded from the ETRO.</p>
Date Decision Made	3 October 2025

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The meeting closed at 12:58.