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Annwyl Cynghorydd,

PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU CYMUNEDAU, YR AMGYLCHEDD A THAI (PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU PWNC 3 YN FLAENOROL)

Cynhelir Cyfarfod Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Cymunedau, yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Pwnc 3 yn Flaenorol) Hybrid yn Ystafelloedd Pwyllgor 1/2/3 - Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, CF31 4WB / o bell drwy Microsoft Teams ar **Dydd Llun, 12 Hydref 2026** am **16:00**.

AGENDA

1 Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

Derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan Aelodau.

2 Datganiadau o fuddiant

Derbyn datganiadau o ddiddordeb personol a rhagfarnol (os o gwbl) gan Aelodau / Swyddogion yn unol â darpariaethau'r Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau a fabwysiadwyd gan y Cyngor o 1 Medi 2008.

3 Cymeradwyaeth Cofnodion 3 - 6

I dderbyn am gymeradwyaeth y Cofnodion cyfarfod y 13/07/26.

4 Cyflwr y Priffyrdd a Statws y Rhaglen Ail-wynebu Ffyrdd 7 - 16

Gwahoddwyr:

Y Cynghorydd Eugene Caparros - Aelod y Cabinet dros Gymunedau a'r Amgylchedd (Rhannu Swydd)
Y Cynghorydd Gary Haines - Aelod y Cabinet dros Gymunedau a'r Amgylchedd (Rhannu Swydd)

Janine Nightingale – Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol – Cymunedau
Zak Shell - Pennaeth Gweithrediadau

5 Casgliadau ac Argymhellion

6 Diweddariad Rhaglen Gwaith 17 - 36

7 Materion Brys

Ystyried unrhyw eitemau busnes y mae'r cadeirydd o'r farn y dylid eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel mater o frys oherwydd amgylchiadau arbennig yn unol â'r Rheolau Gweithdrefn a nodir yn y Cyfansoddiad.

Nodyn: Bydd hwn yn gyfarfod Hybrid a bydd Aelodau a Swyddogion mynychu trwy Ystafelloedd Pwyllgor 1/2/3, Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Stryd yr Angel, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr / o bell Trwy Timau Microsoft. Bydd y cyfarfod cael ei recordio i'w drosglwyddo drwy wefan y Cyngor. Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiwn am hyn, cysylltwch â cabinet_committee@bridgend.gov.uk neu ffoniwch 01656 643148 / 643694 / 643513 / 643159.

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COFNODION CYFARFOD O'R PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU CYMUNEDAU, YR AMGYLCHEDD A THAI (PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU PWNC 3 YN FLAENOROL) CYNHALIWYD O BELL – DRWY MIRCOSOFT TEAMS DDYDD LLUN, 13 GORFFENNAF 2026 YN 16:00

Presennol Yn rhithwir

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Datganiadau o Fuddiannau

Y Cynghorydd Timonthy Wood – Personol – Eitem 4 -

135. Cymeradwyaeth Cofnodion

Y Penderfyniad a Wnaed	PENDERFYNWYD: Cymeradwyo cofnodion cyfarfodydd Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu y Cymunedau, yr Amgylchedd a Thai dyddiedig 15 Mehefin 2026 fel cofnod gwir a chywir.
Dyddiad Gwneud y Penderfyniad	13 Gorffennaf 2026

136. Materion Ansawdd Dŵr Ymdrochi ac Effeithiau Afon Ogwr

Y Penderfyniad a Wnaed	PENDERFYNWYD: Yn dilyn ystyriaeth fanwl a thrafodaethau gydag Aelodau Cabinet, Uwch Swyddogion a Gwahoddedigion Allanol, gwnaeth y Pwyllgor yr argymhellion a'r ceisiadau canlynol am wybodaeth ychwanegol: **Argymhellion:** **Gwybodaeth ychwanegol y gofynnwyd amdani:**
Dyddiad Gwneud y Penderfyniad	13 Gorffennaf 2026

137. Adroddiad Archwilio Cymru - Gwasanaeth Cynllunio a Datblygu Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr

Y Penderfyniad a Wnaed	PENDERFYNWYD: Yn dilyn ystyriaeth fanwl a thrafodaethau gydag Aelod o'r Cabinet ac Uwch Swyddogion, gwnaeth y Pwyllgor yr argymhellion canlynol:

	Argymhellion: 1. **Argymhellodd** y Pwyllgor roi ystyriaeth frys i ddigonolrwydd cyllid y Gwasanaeth. 2. Trafododd y Pwyllgor ganfyddiad y cyhoedd o'r broses Rheoli Datblygu (RhD) ac **argymhellodd** ddarparu mwy o gyfathrebu a gwella ymwybyddiaeth y cyhoedd o'r broses gynllunio, yn enwedig o ran ceisiadau ac ymgyngoriadau cynllunio ar raddfa fawr. 3. Trafododd y Pwyllgor hefyd achosion pan fydd y Pwyllgor RhD yn gwrthod cais yr argymhellwyd i'w gymeradwyo ac **argymhellodd** ystyried rhoi cymorth priodol gan swyddogion i Aelodau Pwyllgor RhD gyda chwblhau eu rhesymau dros wrthod cais cynllunio.
Dyddiad Gwneud y Penderfyniad	13 Gorffennaf 2026

138. Enwebiad Hyrwyddwr Rhianta Corfforaethol

Y Penderfyniad a Wnaed	PENDERFYNWYD: Enwebu'r Cynghorydd Owain Clatworthy i gynrychioli'r Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Corfforaethol fel un wedi ei wahodd i gyfarfodydd Pwyllgor Rhianta Corfforaethol y Cabinet.
Dyddiad Gwneud y Penderfyniad	13 Gorffennaf 2026

139. Adroddiad Gwybodaeth - Perfformiad Corfforaethol Chwarter 3 2025-26

Y Penderfyniad a Wnaed	PENDERFYNWYD: Ystyriodd y Pwyllgor gynnwys adroddiad Perfformiad Corfforaethol Chwarter 3 2025-26, Dangosfwrdd Perfformiad Corfforaethol Chwarter 3 2025-26 a'r Traciwr Rheoleiddiol a ddiweddarwyd ar gyfer Chwarter 3 2025-26 o fewn cylch gorchwyl y Pwyllgor, ac ystyriodd y dangosfwrdd a'r traciwr wrth ystyried adroddiad Blaenraglen Waith y Pwyllgor.

Dyddiad Gwneud y Penderfyniad	13 Gorffennaf 2026

140. Diweddariad am y Flaenraglen Waith

Y Penderfyniad a Wnaed	PENDERFYNWYD:
Dyddiad Gwneud y Penderfyniad	13 Gorffennaf 2026

141. Materion Brys

Y Penderfyniad a Wnaed	Dim.
Dyddiad Gwneud y Penderfyniad	13 Gorffennaf 2026

I arsylwi dadl bellach a gynhaliwyd ar yr eitemau uchod, cliciwch ar y ddolen hon

Terfynwyd y cyfarfod yn 19:10.

Meeting of:	**COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
Date of Meeting:	**12 OCTOBER 2026**
Report Title:	**CONDITION OF HIGHWAYS AND STATUS OF ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**
Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer / Cabinet Member	**CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES**
Responsible Officer:	**ZAK SHELL HEAD OF SERVICE OPERATIONS**
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	**There is no impact on the policy framework and procedure rules.**
Executive Summary:	**To explain to the committee current practices in Highway Asset management, to present the Committee with the current highways resurfacing programme and to provide an update on the progress of the current resurfacing programme.**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

a) Explain to the Committee current practices in Highway Asset management

b) Update on Progress of the current resurfacing programme

2. Background

2.1 Highways comprise many assets ranging from traffic signals, street lighting, structures, through to the carriageway surfacing itself, all of which are subject to deterioration through use, weathering and ageing of components.

The Council's highway assets consist of:

- 880 km of carriageways,
  - 188km A roads

- 61km B roads
- 206km C Roads
- 425km Unclassified roads

- 888 km of footway
- 483 highway structures, including 101 road bridges,
- 26000 Drainage Gullies
- 19240 streetlights
- 74 traffic signals (signalised junction and pedestrian crossings)

Plus, miscellaneous street furniture including signs, bollards, barriers etc

2.2 The average **annual capital investment** required for the carriageway asset was calculated in 2026 at £3.35m.

2.3 These figures exclude the revenue budget required to fund reactive and routine repairs and any costs associated with third party claims. In recent years, there has been an unprecedented rise in inflation coupled with a faster rate of deterioration in the network, which now suggests a current annual deterioration of the carriageway asset that would cost approximately £3.35m to remedy to steady state.

2.4 There are specific duties which a highway authority is by statute obliged to comply with, and powers that are discretionary in their application. Within the Highways Act 1980, Section 41 (s41) advises the duty to maintain the highway.

> *'41Duty to maintain highways maintainable at public expense'.*
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> *'(1) The authority who are for the time being the highway authority for a highway maintainable at the public expense are under a duty, subject to subsections (2) and (4) below, to maintain the highway.'*

2.5 This duty does not guarantee that the highway will be safe in all circumstances, however, the highway should to be maintained in such a state of repair that it is reasonably passable for the ordinary traffic of the neighbourhood without danger caused by its physical condition. The standard of repair of the highway must reflect the type and level of use that is made of it.

2.6 The duty in s41 has to be read in the context of s58 of the Highways Act which provides a special defence if it can be proved that the highway authority took such care as in all the circumstances was reasonably required to secure that the part of the highway in question was not dangerous to traffic.

2.7 The requirement in paragraph 2.6 is managed through street inspections and intervention criteria adopted by the authority.

2.8 All highway authorities must also be aware of the potential risk of the offence of corporate manslaughter. This is a serious offence which arises under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

2.9 For an organisation to be guilty of corporate manslaughter the following five points need to be proved: that the defendant is a qualifying organisation, that the organisation owed a relevant duty of care to the deceased, that there was a gross breach of that duty by the organisation, that the way in which its activities were managed or organised by its senior management was a substantial element in the breach and that the gross breach of the organisation duty caused or contributed to the death.

2.10 Whilst not seeking to go into any great detail in relation to this legislation, any such prosecution instigated by the Crown Prosecution Service will have significant consequences on an authority as well as individuals within the organisation and consequently its operations.

2.11 Successive years of austerity and competing Council priorities has influenced the level of highway maintenance that can be delivered. The unintended consequence of budget prioritisation, has resulted in a focus on maintaining the core road network of the borough that carry large volumes of vehicles, including heavy goods vehicles, buses and commuter traffic, which accounts for 31% of the network. The remaining 69% relates to the unclassified network of local streets and rural roads, which deteriorate at a lesser rate, due to being less trafficked by vehicles such as HGV's, but nevertheless are in need to intervention and exist within a backlog of streets to be addressed. An inspection in October 2023 undertaken by a nationally accredited independent survey company has identified a carriageway maintenance backlog of £44m.

3. Current situation/ proposal

3.1 The impact of weather conditions on aging roads can most vividly be seen following a weather event such as snowfall, freezing and thaw, when the carriageway suddenly appears to erupt in pothole defects caused by water entering the road surface and the expansion of frozen water causing the surface to deform and fracture. Furthermore, climate change issues lead to higher groundwater tables which are also affecting the formation layers of highway. This has resulted in additional works to rectify the lower layers of construction due to the poor ground conditions under the bituminous layers in some locations. It is understood that this is causing issues with many highways throughout the County Borough and leading to earlier than anticipated failures in carriageway surfaces.

3.2 Highway inspections do highlight those streets that are considered in need of intervention, and these are recorded on a works register for subsequent assessment of patching or resurfacing subject to available funding.

3.3 Currently there are circa 1,000 streets listed on the works register with typically circa 25 being added to the list each year. It is the case that rather than the list continuing to grow, capital funding from Welsh Government and the Council has created a steady state whereby the resurfacing works being carried out are matching the rate at which other streets are at a stage whereby they require intervention. Until a road is addressed it may be subject to temporary (pothole) repairs identified from scheduled or ad hoc inspections.

3.4 Circa £29m of revenue/capital funding has been invested in the highway carriageway network in BCBC since 2018, which has improved the carriageway condition to its current levels with only 13% of the network considered to be in the RED category (POOR CONDITION IN NEED OF PRIORITY MAINTENANCE).

3.5 Considering the Classified network alone (A/B/C Roads) for which the Authority has to provide National and Local performance indicators, the current condition of roads in Red (POOR) is:

- A Roads --- 5.4%
- B Roads – 2.3%
- C Roads – 8.4%

3.6 To continue these levels and based on standard highway deterioration models it is calculated that a level of continued capital investment of circa £3.35m p.a. would achieve a steady state.

3.7 In respect of those streets yet to be addressed, intervention in relation to potholes is funded through the Council's revenue funding. However, this is the costliest type of repair in terms of overall asset protection. It is more cost effective to invest in planned resurfacing of roads to prevent potholes forming in the first instance, rather than to repair potholes on a reactive basis. Repairing roads by pothole is equivalent to £150 per square metre. Resurfacing a road costs in the order of £35 per square metre.

3.8 Generally, the Network Management Section receive over 5,500 referrals per annum from both the public and members requesting repairs/actions to the highway asset, covering carriageways, streetlighting, footways, drainage etc. Over the last 5 years the Authority has undertaken on average over 3,000 potholes repairs per annum, at a cost of approximately £550k. Potholes are categorised as Cat 1 (emergency defects) repaired within 24 hours, Cat 2 (non-emergency defects) repaired within 28 days.

3.9 Prioritisation of Highway Repairs & Treatments:-

3.9.1 In assessing the appropriate prioritisation for any intervention various factors are taken into consideration. This includes the lifecycle of the road itself, information from automated surveys on Surface Condition Assessment (SCANNER) and/or skid resistance Sideways-force Coefficient Routine Investigation Machine (SCRIM). This is combined with information collected from the recent independent survey by highway inspectors from safety inspections and stakeholder contact to provide a circumspect highway programme.

3.9.2 Subject to assessment and available funding, interventions range from patching to reconstruction if the road is at the end of its lifecycle. Each of these interventions is considered in relation to individual circumstances, to gain best value for the funding available. The majority of planned interventions seek to extend the life of the road by sealing it from damage caused by water and UV radiation. The interventions are explained in paragraphs 3.9.3 – 3.9.8 below.

3.9.3 **Patch Repair** – hand applied material for the rectification of small sections of highway, generally patches of up to 50m2, are undertaken, however patching works can extend up to an area of circa 100-200m^2. This involves the cutting out and filling of the defect with hot material laid by hand with compound applied to the periphery to seal the repair. This approach generally requires specialised vehicles to keep the material hot until it can be applied. Core public realm funding has enabled the recruitment of a dedicated hot box team and the acquisition of a second hot box unit for patching in the 2026-27 financial year.

3.9.4 **Micro Asphalt** (residential and less trafficked roads). This restores surface texture, improves ride quality and prevents ingress of water into the lower road structures.

3.9.5 **Surface Dressing.** This provides an enhanced skid resistance and prevents ingress of water into the lower road structures. The road surface is treated by applying liquid bitumen onto the road surface to seal it and provide a binder for the stone chippings spread on top. This is a low-cost, effective preventative treatment, that is widely used across the UK and, by timely intervention, prolongs the life of a road and underlying structure. This approach is not as popular with residents as there is the need initially for loose material to be swept from the road, however the surface quickly settles down through the curing process and compaction due to moving traffic.

3.9.6 **Surface Overlay. W**here there is more damage to the surface of the road in some limited circumstances it may be prudent to apply an overlay on top of the existing surface with minimal or no patching and can thereby strengthen the road. This methodology can generally only be applied in rural areas where the level increase does not affect adjoining properties/land (i.e., where no existing kerbing is present).

3.9.7 **Planed and surfaced**- where the road surface has deteriorated beyond the point where an overlay application could be applied but the underlying structure of the road is sound. This treatment involves the removal of the upper surface layers (Planed), and the reapplication of hot bituminous material to create a new more durable road surface..

3.9.8 **Reconstruction**. Where a road has reached the end of its lifecycle whereby the road surface and underlying layers have deteriorated to an advanced stage intervention would require deep excavation and replacement down to the sub-base stone layer, in addition to the upper layers of structural foundation and running surface.

3.10 The foregoing maintenance interventions rely on material to be applied in optimum conditions with low precipitation and hence these activities are normally scheduled March – October. Outside these times weather conditions are more likely to affect the products application constraints, which may lead to premature failure of the material.

3.11 In the absence of a highways capital programme that is sufficient to retain a steady state, this will mean that road condition overtime will deteriorate moving more carriageways towards the red category. This may manifest itself, for example in differing ways, from water ingress into the lower levels of the road construction, increasing numbers of small ineffective repairs, deformation of the carriageway and loss of skid resistance.

3.12 Where roads accelerate in deterioration this may result in greater claims against the authority, if physical deterioration is at an extent that it presents a danger to the public, this may need to be managed by lane closures/traffic management measures, with resultant impact on the effectiveness of the highway network with longer journey times and queueing traffic.

3.13 For the financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27, Capital funding provided by Welsh Government and BCBC has meant that circa £8.4m is being invested in carriageway maintenance to 99 roads within the borough, through some of the methods described is section 3.9.3 – 3.9.8. Of the £8.4 million £4.689 (£2.750 25/26 + £1.939 26/27) million has come via Welsh Government LGBI (Local Government Borrowing Initiative) and the balance of capital from Council funding.

3.14 In addition to the works in paragraph 3.13, the authority has also set up a dedicated patching team dedicated to address potholes across the borough. This team undertakes larger areas of repair to reduce the potential for further deterioration around an existing pothole. To date the team have undertaken 1,200m2 of patching works

3.15 Whilst there are no specific performance indicators reported for pothole repairs, there are a number of metrics that the authority has provided for requests for FOI's etc. For 2025/26 these include:-
Average time to repair potholes (Cat 1 and Cat 2) – 9 days
Number of potholes repaired – 3,755 No.
Percentage of Cat 1 repairs undertaken with 24 hours – 92%
Percentage of Cat 2 repairs undertaken within 28 days –97%

3.16 Network Management of Utilities:-

3.17 The monitoring and inspections of Statutory undertaker's works on the public highway is set out within the New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991. The Council's Streetworks Team undertake the role of monitoring their works. The team consists of 5 staff, Team Leader, Streetworks Inspectors/2No. Streetworks Inspectors/Noticing Officer,Systems Technician.

3.18 **Team Leader Streetworks** – Oversees team and control workloads, budget monitoring, liaises directly with Statutory Undertakers and represents BCBC at Wales National Level on Streetworks
Streetworks Inspectors – Inspects works being undertaken, investigates complaints/referrals, provides advice and notifies restrictions for works locations, raises defect notices and other streetworks enforcement notices.
Streetworks Noticing Officers – Reviews and provides comments to works notices issued by Statutory Undertakers planning to work on Network, raises invoices for fees, fixed penalty notices, defects and Temporary Traffic Orders.
System Technician – Oversees and maintains Streetworks computerised systems, eg Mayrise streetworks computer system that receives all works notices from Statutory Undertakers, updates street gazetteers for national databases. Liaises with Legal Section to facilitate Temporary Traffic Orders where required.

3.19 The Authority undertakes random inspection of works equal to 10% of works ongoing, 10% of completed works, and 10% of end of guarantee works, for which standard fees are applicable. The Council does not receive payment to inspect every works

notice. Whilst the Council could inspect every work notice, however fees/costs are not received for this unless a defect or issue is present. Inspections are also undertaken following referrals being raised by residents or members etc.

3.20 Any defects that are noted through the above inspections (eg poor works reinstatements/or failures) then the team issues defect notices which require the Statutory Undertaker to rectify any issues identified. These defects result in fees and charges. There are also charges applicable for overruns of works and fixed penalties relating to incorrect notification of works.

3.21 All Statutory Undertaker works are subject to maintenance guarantees of 2 years in most cases, and the authority inspects all works to sign them off as satisfactory before they are accepted. Any issues/defects noted will result in non-acceptance and requirement for remedial works.

3.22 The authority also undertakes "Core Sampling" where small coring holes are undertaken on a random selection of reinstatements. This permits checks to ascertain whether the correct material specifications have been used, the correct thicknesses have been installed, and the material has been compacted properly. Any failures will result in the requirement for remedial works by the Statutory Undertaker and fees and charges also apply.

3.23 There are costs/fees for all Temporary Traffic Orders that are required, and the total income received in 2025/26 for fees, fixed penalty notices, defects and Temporary Traffic Orders, was £160k. All income received off sets the costs for the Authority to operate a Streetworks Team.

3.24 Road Safety Schemes:-

3.25 A number of road safety improvement schemes are being progressed across the borough which includes the continued establishment of residents parking schemes within Bridgend Town Centre. In February 2026, Zone 2 (Sunnyside and Cae Dre Street) was implemented, with the pre-identified trial zones 4 (Morfa Street, Vernon Street, Acland Road, High View, Charles Street, Herbert Street and Minerva Street) currently subject to engagement.

3.26 Feasibility studies are underway to assess the suitability of introducing formal crossings across the borough with the aim of supporting safe, convenient, and accessible crossings for vulnerable road users whilst encouraging walking, active travel, and supporting access to key local facilities. Locations include B4281 Aberkenfig, A4063 Coytrahern, Heol Canola Bryncethin and B4281 Cefn Cribwr. Additionally, crossings are progressing at A4106 Newton Nottage Road as part of an Active Travel Scheme.

3.27 A scheme is currently being carried out to identify viable options to assist with traffic flow at the of Coychurch Road with Simonston Rd.

3.28 Finally, as part of the 20mph scheme on restricted roads, the authority are in the process of implementation additional soft traffic calming measures to increase compliance in the Llynfi Valley, Ogmore Valley and Garw Valley communities. At present Welsh government are not supplying funding for hard traffic calming measures such as road humps.

3.29 Enforcement:-

3.30 The Council undertakes enforcement action against vehicles that are observed to be parked in contravention of parking restrictions through its Civil Parking Enforcement operations. Where a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) or enforcement camera car observes a vehicle parked in breach of an applicable Traffic Regulation Order, a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) may be issued in accordance with the relevant legislation in place. For motorists who repeatedly contravene parking restrictions, each observed offence is considered on its own merits and may result in the issue of a further Penalty Charge Notice. The Council's approach is to encourage compliance through education, engagement and as a last resort enforcement with motorists, whilst ensuring that enforcement resources are deployed proportionately across the borough and in accordance with statutory guidance.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 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. This is an information report; therefore, it is not necessary to carry out an Equality Impact assessment in the production of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 Long-term: It is a statutory duty to maintain the highway failure to do so will result in creating longer term issues that would require significantly more intervention.

Prevention: In addressing the condition of the highway prevents more significant issues developing, which would otherwise require far greater levels of intervention and repair.

Integration: The maintenance of the highway and its infrastructure supports the aspirations of the BCBC Corporate Plan, the Local Development Plan and Bridgend County Economic Strategy.

Collaboration: Developing a maintenance programme requires collaboration with utility companies (Gas , Telecom, Electricity etc) who may be planning to carry out works on the same road at a later date, and collaboration avoids abortive or ? works.

Involvement: Involvement of key stakeholders is essential to assess impacts of a planned programme of works, such stakeholders may include utility companies, public transport providers, traffic management designers, local land holders for accommodation for access arrangements during delivery of works.

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

6.1 Consideration of climate change implications is made during the planning of maintenance works to minimise the intervention to no more than required and the type of intervention to best address climate change impacts.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 Works are planned and delivered to approved budgets, The report is for information and there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation(s)

9.1 It is recommended that the Committee review the contents of this report and provide comments.

Background documents

None

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Meeting of:	**COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
Date of Meeting:	**12 October 2026**
Report Title:	**FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE**
Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer / Cabinet Member	**CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, REGULATORY AND ELECTORAL SERVICES**
Responsible Officer:	**MERYL LAWRENCE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER – SCRUTINY**
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	**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.**
Executive Summary:	**The Council's Constitution requires each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to develop and implement a Forward Work Programme for the Committee.** **The Committee is asked to consider and agree its Forward Work Programme, identify any specific information it wishes to be included in and any invitees they wish to attend for the reports for the next two Committee meetings, identify any further items for consideration on the Forward Work Programme having regard to the criteria set out in the report, and consider the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet for this Committee.**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

a) Present the Committee with the Draft Forward Work Programme attached as (**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 3.5 of this report;

d) Present for information the Corporate Performance Quarter 4/Year End 2025-26 reported to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) on 27 July 2026, within the remit of this Committee.

e) Present the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet (**Appendix B**) to track responses to the Committee's recommendations made at previous meetings;

f) Advise that the Committee's Forward Work Programme as approved will be reported to the next meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) for information, together with those from the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees, following their consideration in this cycle of Committee meetings.

2. Background

2.1 The Council's Constitution requires each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to develop and implement a Forward Work Programme for the Committee.

2.2 It also provides for the Committee to propose items for the Forward Work Programme having regard for the Council's Corporate Priorities and Risk Management framework. Where a matter for consideration by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee also falls within the remit of one or more other Committees, the decision as to which Committee will consider it will be resolved by the respective Chairs or, if they fail to agree, the Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

<u>Best Practice / Guidance</u>

2.3 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.

2.4 Forward Work Programmes need to be manageable to maximize 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.

2.5 The CfGS's 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.'*

3. Current situation / proposal

3.1 Following the approval of the schedule of Scrutiny Committee meeting dates at the Annual Meeting of Council on 13 May 2026, the standing statutory reports to Scrutiny Committees of: the Corporate Plan, the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Budget, Performance and Budget Monitoring, etc. have been mapped to the appropriate timely meeting dates into a Forward Work Programme.

3.2 The Forward Work Programmes for each Scrutiny Committee have been prepared using a number of difference 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.

3.3 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 January 2027, following which COSC will make conclusions and recommendations in a report on the overall strategic overview of Cabinet's draft Budget proposals to the meeting of Cabinet in February 2027.

3.4 An effective Forward Work Programme will identify the issues that the Committee wishes to focus on during the year and provide 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 Forward Work Programme will remain flexible and will be reported to each COSC meeting for information.

<u>Identification of Further Items</u>

3.5 The Committee are reminded that the Scrutiny selection criteria used by Scrutiny Committee Members to consider, select and prioritise items emphasises the need to consider issues such as impact, risk, performance, budget and community perception when identifying topics for investigation to maximise the impact scrutiny can have on a topic and the outcomes for people. The criteria which can help the Committee come to a decision on whether to include a referred topic, are set out below:

<u>Recommended Criteria for Selecting Scrutiny Topics:</u>

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

3.6 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a local authority towards care experienced 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 care experienced children and young people in Bridgend.

3.7 In this role, it is suggested that Members consider how each item they consider affects care experienced children and young people, and in what way can the Committee assist in these areas.

3.8 Scrutiny Champions can greatly support the Committee in this by advising them of the ongoing work of the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and particularly any decisions or changes which they should be aware of as Corporate Parents.

3.9 The Forward Work Programme for the Committee is attached as **Appendix A** for the Committee's consideration.

3.10 The Committee is asked to note the content of the Corporate Performance Quarter 4/Year End 2025-26 report, the Corporate Performance Dashboard Quarter 4 2025-

26 and the Regulatory Tracker updated for Quarter 4 2025-26 within the remit of this Committee and have regard to the dashboard and the tracker when considering the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

3.11 The Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet to track responses to the Committee's recommendations made at previous meetings is attached as **Appendix B**.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 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.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 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 and Elected Members.

- Involvement - Advanced publication of the Forward Work Programme ensures that stakeholders can view topics that will be discussed in Committee meetings and are provided with the opportunity to engage.

5.2 When setting its Forward Work Programme, the Committee should consider how each item they propose to scrutinise assists in the achievement of the Council's 4 Wellbeing Objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015** as follows:

1. A prosperous place with thriving communities

2. Creating modern, seamless public services
3. Enabling people to meet their potential
4. Supporting our most vulnerable

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

6.1 The Committee should consider how each item they scrutinise affects climate change, the Council's Net Zero Carbon 2030 target and how it meets the Council's commitments to protect and sustain the environment over the long term. There are no Climate Change or Nature Implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 The Committee should consider how each item they scrutinise affects care experienced children and young people, and in what way the Committee can assist in these areas. Safeguarding is everyone's business and means protecting peoples' health, wellbeing and human rights, and enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect. There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 The Committee is recommended to:

a) Consider and approve the Draft Forward Work Programme for the Committee in **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 whether there are presently any further items for consideration on the Forward Work Programme having regard to the selection criteria in paragraph 3.5 of this report.

d) Note the content of the Corporate Performance Quarter 4/Year End 2025-26 report, the Corporate Performance Dashboard Quarter 4 2025-26 and the Regulatory Tracker updated for Quarter 4 2025-26 within the remit of this Committee and have regard to the dashboard and the tracker when considering the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

e) Note the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet in **Appendix B** to track outstanding responses to the Committee's recommendations made at previous meetings;

f) Note that the Committee's Forward Work Programme as approved will be reported to the next meeting of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information, together with those from the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees, following their consideration in this cycle of Committee meetings.

Background documents

None.

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Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2026-27 Forward Work Programme

Monday, 15 June 2026 at 4pm		
Report Topic	**Information Required / Committee's Role**	**Invitees**
Bathing Water Quality Issues and Impacts of the River Ogmore	Representatives from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales to be invited.	**Cabinet Members** Leader of the Council; Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation; Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment. **Officers** Chief Executive; Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services **External** Operational Manager - Enterprise and Specialist Services (SRS); Representatives from Natural Resources Wales and Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water. Representative from A Peace for Nature
Audit Wales Report – Bridgend County Borough Council Planning and Development Service	Update on Recommendations	**Cabinet Members** Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing **Officers** Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager Planning and Development Services.

Monday, 13 July 2026 at 4pm		
Report Topic	**Information Required / Committee's Role**	**Invitees**
Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan & Regeneration		**Cabinet Member** Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing; **Officers** Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration.
Bridgend County Borough Council Net Zero Strategy	Pre-Decision	**Cabinet Members** Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment.

		Officers Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager Green Spaces and Sustainability; Decarbonisation Programme Manager.
Bridgend County Borough Council Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Post Consultation	Pre-Decision	**Cabinet Members** Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment. **Officers** Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager Green Spaces and Sustainability; and Sustainable Development Manager.

Monday, 12 October 2026 at 4pm		
Report Topic	**Information Required / Committee's Role**	**Invitees**
Condition of the Highways and Status of Road Resurfacing Programme	Update on progress and budget: - Repairs and maintenance; - Road resurfacing and potholes; - Network management of utilities; and - The development of internal metrics for repairs and closing referrals. - To include information on the new Hotbox Teams, number of potholes filled and investment. - Work being undertaken to enhance road safety including any traffic calming measures - What enforcement action is taken against drivers who park illegally, particularly against persistent offenders.	**Cabinet Member** Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment; **Officers** Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Operations – Communities; Group Manager – Highways and Infrastructure; Highways Network Manager.

Monday, 7 December 2026 at 4pm		
Report Topic	**Information Required / Committee's Role**	**Invitees**
Vehicle Maintenance Partnership Review	- Pre-Decision - Initial report regarding pros and cons of continuing the partnership with South Wales Police	**Cabinet Member** Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment; **Officers** Corporate Director - Communities;

		Head of Operations - Communities; Group Manager - Highways and Infrastructure.
Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan	Post Review of the Masterplan	**Cabinet Member** Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing; **Officers** Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Public Realm; Group Manager – Strategic Regeneration.

Monday, 15 February 2027 at 4pm		
Report Topic	**Information Required / Committee's Role**	**Invitees**
Housing Related Support Commissioning Strategy **Homelessness and Housing**	Pre-decision People presenting as homeless or potentially homeless, for whom the Local Authority has a final legal duty to secure suitable accommodation, the strategic plans to address the mismatch between the supply and demand for housing, particularly social housing.	**Cabinet Member** Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing **Officers** Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing

Monday, 15 March 2027 at 4pm		
Report Topic	**Information Required / Committee's Role**	**Invitees**
Integrated Work Management System	**Referral from COSC – 29 June 2026** The Committee were advised that the Committees Directorate are implementing a new Integrated Work Management System and requested that Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider requesting a report regarding the new system.	**Cabinet Member** Cabinet Member(s) for Communities and Environment / Regeneration and Housing **Officers** Corporate Director – Communities.

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Items to be Scheduled to the Committee's Forward Work Programme - To be discussed in next Scrutiny Forward Work Programme Planning Meeting

- Maesteg Town Hall
  - Impact and outcomes
  - Outcome of survey re: use of venue
  - To include a walkaround the week before the meeting.
  - Lessons learned to include:
  - Reasons for the overall project cost;
  - Details of the challenges encountered that led to increased costs (within the overall envelope); and
  - An appraisal of what could have changed or been done differently.
- Grand Pavillion
  - Project Update
  - To include a walkaround the week before the meeting.
- Cemeteries Review (June 2027)
- Street / Utility work including charges
- Car Parking Charging Review, to include:
  - Outcome of the review;
  - Free parking offers; and
  - The difference in revenue between the free parking period and a full charging model
- A report on the CAT Programme to be added to the Forward Work Programme in 12-18 months to evaluate progress, including an update on the recommendations of an internal audit which took place in April 2025, set out in paragraph 2.1.6 of the report.
- Final UKSPF monitoring report, including a complete analysis of the successes and the lessons learned for future projects and to include:
  - details of how the public, businesses and community organisations were informed and supported to make full use of available funding, including how the Bridgend County Prosperity Co-Production Framework had informed decision-making about the UKSPF.
  - detailed information regarding the feasibility studies funded by the UKSPF and how many have or will become viable projects.
  - detailed evaluation of the sustainability of jobs created across the three themes as a result of UKSPF funding, to include the monitoring processes and the support offered by BCBC; and
  - detailed information about the impact the cut in funding during the transition year had on projects in the community
- Housing topics

Briefings:

Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Future Waste Services	Including information regarding complaints see referral from COSC / GAC below *	**All Member Briefing pre-Council - (Jan/Feb)**
Update regarding Maesteg Town Hall and the Grand Pavilion	Request made by CEH OSC on 15 June 2026.	

Corporate Joint Committees Regional Responsibilities		**All Member Briefing** **Date to be confirmed**
Revised Social Housing Allocation Policy	The changes especially in respect of the bands and how properties will be allocated.	**All Member Briefing** **Date to be arranged in line with final adoption of Policy – January 2027**

*__Referral from Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 11 December 2025__

The Committee discussed the Corporate Complaints report presented to the previous meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee (GAC) on 27 November 2025 where concerns were raised regarding the number of complaints regarding waste contract, the majority of which were upheld. The Committee were given some reassurance by the Corporate Director and advised that GAC have requested further information but requested that the issue be referred to the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information in the meantime. Potentially if Members wish this could be included in the Briefing on future waste services.

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Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2026-2027

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
15 June 2026	Bathing Water Quality Issues and Impacts of the River Ogmore	Given the poor water quality reported at Ogmore By Sea, and that those who bathe in the waters on the other side of the river, at Merthyr Mawr / Newton being unaware whether the water was safe to bathe in without monitoring, the Committee **recommended** that consideration be given to an application to Welsh Government for designating Newton as a bathing water under the Bathing Water Regulations, having regard to the impact on all users e.g. bathers, small boat clubs, dog walkers, etc. and meanwhile options be explored for live monitoring of the water quality at Merthyr Mawr / Newton.	Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services / Operational Manager Enterprise and Specialist Services – Shared Regulatory Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.
15 June 2026	Bathing Water Quality Issues and Impacts of the River Ogmore	Given the importance of the safety of all users, the Committee **recommended** that consideration be given to exploring and investigating the potential of taking action against Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) on statutory	Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services / Operational Manager Enterprise and Specialist Services – Shared Regulatory Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.

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Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
		nuisance, environmental health and public health grounds.			
15 June 2026	Bathing Water Quality Issues and Impacts of the River Ogmore	The Committee discussed the increased rainfall and extreme weather being experienced and its increased impact on the rivers flowing into the River Ogmore and **recommended** that options for mitigating against the effects of excess rainfall across the County Borough, be explored.	Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services / Operational Manager Enterprise and Specialist Services – Shared Regulatory Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.
15 June 2026	Bathing Water Quality Issues and Impacts of the River Ogmore	The Committee **requested** regular progress reports be provided.	Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services / Operational Manager Enterprise and Specialist Services – Shared Regulatory Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.
15 June 2026	Bathing Water Quality Issues and Impacts of the River Ogmore	The Committee welcomed the general discussion about interventions, but **requested** that more technical detail be provided in future reports to the Committee, including, specifically, planned mitigations and timescales e.g. details of how many sewers were to be relined, where Combined Sewer	Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services / Operational Manager Enterprise and Specialist Services – Shared Regulatory Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.

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		Overflows or rain gardens were to be installed, etc. and how the Authority could work with DCWW e.g. to separate rainwater from the sewage system, etc.			
15 June 2026	Bathing Water Quality Issues and Impacts of the River Ogmore	The Committee **requested** that the presentations made by representatives from DCWW and Natural Resources Wales be circulated to all Committee Members.	Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services / Operational Manager Enterprise and Specialist Services – Shared Regulatory Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.
15 June 2026	Audit Wales Report – Bridgend County	The Committee **recommended** that haste consideration be given to the sufficiency of funding for the Service.	Corporate Director – Communities / Group Manager Planning and Development Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.
15 June 2026	Audit Wales Report – Bridgend County	The Committee discussed public perception of the Development Control (DC) process and **recommended** the provision of more communication and raising public awareness of the planning process, particularly regarding large scale planning applications and consultations.	Corporate Director – Communities / Group Manager Planning and Development Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.

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15 June 2026	Audit Wales Report – Bridgend County	The Committee also discussed instances when the DC Committee refuses an application recommended for approval and **recommended** that consideration be given to providing DC Committee Members with appropriate Officer support with finalising their reasons for refusing a planning application.	Corporate Director – Communities / Group Manager Planning and Development Services	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.
15 June 2026	Forward Work Programme	The Committee requested a Member Briefing be held to provide an update on Maesteg Town Hall and the Grand Pavilion in the meantime, whilst awaiting the reports scheduled for the 12 October meeting.	Corporate Director – Communities	**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here.
13 July 2026	Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan Update	The Committee expressed concern regarding the limited availability of town centre parking for workers, shoppers and visitors and that this was likely to be exacerbated by the opening of the Sunnyside Wellness Village and the new Bridgend College and **recommended** that consideration be given to the availability of parking during the review of the Masterplan.		**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here

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Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
13 July 2026	Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan Update	The Committee **requested** further details regarding the Brackla Street Gardens Project including what the project entails, how and by who each element would be delivered and the funding required.		**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here
13 July 2026	Bridgend County Borough Council Net Zero Strategy	The Committee welcomed the change of terminology and focus from Net Zero to Decarbonisation, discussed the need for more efficient heating systems, better vehicle propulsion systems, and lower energy costs for schools and **recommended** that whilst continuing to monitor current arrangements, consideration be given to more focus being placed on seeking out alternative established technologies and those that the Authority could invest in and develop.		**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here
13 July 2026	Bridgend County Borough Council Electric Vehicle Strategy	The Committee **requested** the number of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging points located in town centres and the number of commercially provided charger available e.g. at supermarkets, out-of-town developments, etc.		**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here

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Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
13 July 2026	Forward Work Programme	The Committee requested that: a. the following be included in the scope of the report on Condition of the Highways and Status of Road Resurfacing Programme: i. Work being undertaken to enhance road safety including any traffic calming measures ii. What enforcement action is being taken against drivers who park illegally, particularly against persistent offenders. b. A report regarding the Integrated Work Management System be added to the Committee's FWP.		**ACTIONED** – response and information circulated 5 October 2026.	Follow link here