

CABINET - TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD HYBRID IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 1/2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 14:30

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick – Chairperson

GC Haines
M J Evans

J Gebbie
M Jones

HM Williams
C Davies

E L P Caparros

Officers:

Jake Morgan
Stacey Forde
Lindsay Harvey
Janine Nightingale
Laura Mumford
Adam Provoost
Gayle Shenton
Gail Biggs
Darren Jones
Becca Avci
Claire Marchant
Carys Lord
Michael Pitman
Oscar Roberts

Chief Executive
Head of Performance & Workforce Cultural Change
Corporate Director – Education, Early Years & Young People
Corporate Director – Communities
Group Manager – Legal, Democratic Services & Emergency Planning
Strategic Planning & Transportation Manager
Head of Learning
Group Manager - Inclusion
Group Manager – School Improvement
Welsh in Education Strategic Plan Co-ordinator
Corporate Director – Social Services & Wellbeing
Corporate Director – Finance & Transformation
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Democratic Services Officer – Committees

662. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	Apologies for absence were received from the Chief Officer – Legal, Regulatory and Electoral Services.
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663. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	There were no declarations of interest.
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664. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of a meeting of Cabinet dated 21/07/2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2026

665. Corporate Plan Delivery Plan For 2026-27

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, was to present the updated Corporate Plan and Corporate Plan Delivery Plan (CPDP) for 2026-27. Members posed questions on: • How staff can ensure a One Team approach to delivering the Council's objectives. • Whether the Council's recent Panel Performance Assessment shows that BCBC is meeting its targets. These questions were addressed by the Head of Performance & Workforce Cultural Change and the Chief Executive. <u>RESOLVED:</u> that Cabinet considered and agreed the proposed CPDP for 2026-27 in Appendix 1 to the report.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2026

666. Corporate Transformation Governance and Operating Model

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation, was to seek Cabinet approval of the Corporate Transformation Governance and Operating Model and the Transformation Board Terms of Reference (Appendix 1 to the report). <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Approved the Corporate Transformation Governance and Operating Model set out in this report and its immediate mobilisation; b) Approved the establishment of the Transformation Board as an advisory and oversight forum, its membership, and approved its Terms of Reference at Appendix 1 to the report; c) Noted that the Transformation Board will not exercise Executive, Council or delegated officer functions and that all formal decisions will remain with the appropriate body or officer in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Scheme of Delegation of Functions, Financial Procedure Rules and Contract Procedure Rules; d) Noted that a review of the model will be undertaken after six months, with the outcome reported back to CMT, the Transformation Board, Cabinet and COSC.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2026

667. Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG): Educational Facilities and Residential Development

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing, was to inform Cabinet of the outcome of the public consultation exercise on the draft Educational Facilities and
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	Residential Development SPG document. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Noted the contents of the Report and the consultation responses received on the draft SPG for Educational Facilities and Residential Development, together with resultant amendments, attached as Appendix 2. b) Approved presenting the final form Educational Facilities and Residential Development SPG (Appendix 1) to Council to seek its adoption.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2026

668. Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG): Planning Obligations and Infrastructure

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing, was to seek Cabinet approval to consult on a draft Planning Obligations and Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) document (Appendix 1 to the report) and Non-Technical Guide (Appendix 2 to the report). Members posed a question on the consultation period for planning. This question was addressed by the Strategic Planning & Transportation Manager and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Approved a public consultation period of 6 weeks on the draft Planning Obligations and Infrastructure SPG (Appendix 1 to the report) and Non-Technical Guide (Appendix 2 to the report); b) Delegated authority to the Corporate Director -
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	Communities and Group Manager - Planning and Development Services to make minor presentational changes, typographical or factual corrections as necessary prior to public consultation; c) Noted that the results of the public consultation will be presented back to Cabinet for approval to send the final form SPG to Council for adoption.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2026

669. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation Outcome

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Communities & the Environment (Job Share), was to consider the results of the public consultation on the creation of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control, and to consider creating a new PSPO as set out in Appendix 1 to the report (Dog Control) and detailed in paragraph 3.3. Members posed questions on: • The proposed timetable of this consultation. • Any locations that have been identified for consideration of future restrictions. • The difficulty of identifying areas covered within the report. • The number of dog bins throughout these areas. • Whether any further consultation is required. • Whether facilities owned by Town and Community Councils can be covered under this order. These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director – Communities and the Group Manager – Legal, Democratic Services & Emergency Planning. The Corporate Director – Communities agreed to investigate whether facilities owned by Town and Community Councils could be covered by this order. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Noted the outcome of the PSPO consultations and the support
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	for dog control as detailed. b) Approved the creation of a Public Space Protection Order, for Dog Control, as outlined in paragraph 3.3 of this report. c) Due to a number of concerns being raised regarding dog fouling on playing surfaces used by children and sports clubs, Cabinet approved a further consultation to take place on implementing a separate PSPO relating to prohibiting dogs from specified areas. This will include the mapping of suggested areas where dogs could be prohibited from if approved.
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670. Future Waste Service - Update on Insourcing of Waste Services

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Communities & the Environment (Job Share), was to share an update on the progress of the insourcing of the waste service overseen by the waste project board, and to highlight the potential risks caused by substantial supplier change linked to the waste insourcing project and for Cabinet to note, that in order to mitigate against these risks, that where operationally necessary, authority will be sought to suspend the requirement to competitively procure service provision set out in the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) in accordance with paragraph 1.10 of Scheme A of the Council's Scheme of Delegation to permit officers to negotiate terms directly with existing suppliers where appropriate to ensure smooth transition and ensure continuity of service. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Noted the progress to date on the waste insourcing. b) Noted that there will be some instances where key suppliers will need to be utilised without a compliant competitive tendering procedure and that, where deemed necessary and agreed by the Waste Transition Board, in such instances authority will be sought to suspend the requirement to
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	competitively procure service provision set out in the Council's CPRs in accordance with paragraph 1.10 of Scheme A of the Council's Scheme of Delegation. This will be subject to the prior approval of the Monitoring Officer and in consultation with the Cabinet Member Finance and Transformation and subject to the value of the Contract not exceeding £1,000,000.
Date Decision Made	22 September 2026

671. 3G Pitch Improvement Project 2026-2027

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Communities & the Environment (Job Share), was to request Cabinet approval for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to enter into any necessary management agreements with Porthcawl Comprehensive School, for the management and maintenance of an upgraded 3G pitch for both school and community use. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Considered the contents of this report and confirm approval of the project and the entering into of an appropriate management agreement. b) Delegated authority to the Corporate Director – Communities to negotiate the final terms of the management agreement in consultation with the Chief Officer Finance and the Director Education, Early Years and Young People to enter into the management agreement and any supplementary agreements and to grant any necessary consents required on behalf of the Council.
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672. Proposal to Increase the Number of Learning Resource Classes in
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Bridgend

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Education and Young People, was to seek Cabinet approval to consult formally on the proposal to establish six new Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) and change the purpose of one already established LRC. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Approved the commencement of consultation on the proposals to establish additional LRCs and changes to existing provision as outlined within the report; b) Noted that a Consultation Report will be presented back to Cabinet following the consultation period so that Members can consider the findings and determine next steps.
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673. Approval to Establish a Temporary (Shadow) Governing Body for the New School Replacing Afon-y-felin Primary School and Corneli Primary School

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Education and Young People, was to seek Cabinet approval to establish a temporary (shadow) governing body for the new school to be created through the amalgamation of Afon-y-Felin Primary School and Corneli Primary School. The shadow governing body will provide strategic oversight during the transition period and support preparations for the opening of the new school from 1 September 2027. Members posed questions on: • Passing on experience from existing schools into the new school's structure. • Planned engagement with parents and other stakeholders. • Current recruitment to the Shadow Governing Body. These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years & Young People and
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	the Group Manager – School Improvement. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Approved the establishment of a temporary (shadow) governing body for the new school to be created through the amalgamation of Afon-y-Felin Primary School and Corneli Primary School, in accordance with the relevant Welsh education regulations; b) Approved the size and composition of the temporary (shadow) governing body for the new school, that has been determined including its responsibilities and the appointment of the Clerk, as outlined at section 3 of the report, having regard to the relevant statutory requirements; c) Authorised the temporary (shadow) governing body to undertake all necessary pre-opening activities, including the commencement of the recruitment and appointment process for the Headteacher and the development and agreement of the new staffing structure noting that any appointments will be made in accordance with applicable statutory requirements and agreed policies and procedures; d) Noted that Afon-y-Felin Primary School and Corneli Primary School will formally close on 31 August 2027, and that the new amalgamated school and permanent governing body will formally come into existence on 1 September 2027. e) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director – Education and Family Support, in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Education and Young People, to take any necessary consequential actions and make any necessary arrangements arising from the establishment of the temporary (shadow) governing body, provided that such actions are consistent with the decisions of Cabinet and relevant statutory requirements.
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674. Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (2022-2032)

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Education and Young People, was to update Cabinet on the implementation and progress of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) 2022-2032 during the 2025-2026 reporting period, highlighting key statutory achievements, and capital programme timelines. Members posed questions on: • Welsh medium catchment area consultations and potential financial implications. • Potential measures to encourage teachers to transfer to Welsh-medium schools. These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years & Young People, the Group Manager – School Improvement and the Head of Learning. <u>RESOLVED:</u> that Cabinet noted the progress made in implementing the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (2022-2032). Cabinet further thanked the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan Co-ordinator and her team for their work implementing the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.
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675. Social Services Representations and Complaints Annual Report 2025-26

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member Social Services, Health and Wellbeing, was to present to Cabinet the 2025/26 Annual Report on Social Services Representations and Complaints for approval. The Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
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	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet approved the Annual Report attached as Appendix 1 however, later noted that this was the incorrect document. They therefore deferred consideration of the correct document to a future meeting.
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676. Treasury Management Report Quarter 1 2026-27

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation, was to update the Cabinet on the treasury management activities for the quarter ending 30 June 2026. The Corporate Director – Finance & Transformation detailed the rationale for repaying a loan which had increased its interest rate. Members posed questions on: • The reasoning behind the loan's interest rate revision. • Expected changes in investment balances. • Expected returns from investments in the future. These questions were addressed by the Corporate Director – Finance & Transformation and the Chief Executive. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Noted the treasury management activities for the quarter ending 30 June 2026. b) Noted the Treasury Management Indicators for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 against those approved in the Treasury Management Strategy 2026-27.
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677. Data Protection

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, was to seek Cabinet approval of the revised Data Protection Policy and Data Retention Policy. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Approved the revised Data Protection Policy (Appendix 1) and Data Retention Policy (Appendix 2 to the report); b) Noted the Code of Practice for Data Breaches (Appendix 3); c) Delegated authority to the Data Protection Officer in consultation with the Information Governance Board to make minor variations to comply with any legislative provision.
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678. Cabinet, Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees Forward Work Programmes

Decision Made	The purpose of this report, presented by the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, was to seek Cabinet approval for items to be included on the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 September 2026 to 28 February 2027 and for Cabinet to note the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Programmes for the same period. <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: a) Approved the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 September 2026 to 28 February 2027 at Appendix 1 to the report;
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	b) Note the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Programmes for the same period, as shown at Appendix 2 to the report and Appendix 3 to the report, respectively.
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679. Urgent Items

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

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> The following item is not for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and/or 16 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. Following the application of the public interest test, Cabinet resolved pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, with the public being excluded from the meeting during such consideration.
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681. Approval of Exempt Minutes

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Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the exempt minutes of a meeting of Cabinet dated 21/07/2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 16:19.