

Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2023-2024

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome
19 June 2023	Update on Shared Prosperity Fund	While the Committee acknowledged that starting a scheme or project before written confirmation of any Government Grant Funding carried some risk, Members reflected on whether the process undertaken by Cabinet and Officers had taken into consideration the risk of the UK Government not permitting the rolling of year 1 funding into year 2. Members therefore recommended that Cabinet consider whether, on balance, starting the process of these projects before funding was received was a justified risk moving forward and also provide reassurance as to how they could ensure it will be considered in future decisions, as the Authority would not want to receive any less than the 8.3% announced by the United Kingdom (UK) Government.	Cabinet Members / Corporate Director of Communities	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 19 September 2023.
19 June 2023	Update on Shared Prosperity Fund	The Committee furthermore recommend that a way of providing short term interim funding (including potentially reserves) for projects that have a high degree of certainty of Grant Funding be explored and consideration be given to mechanisms for managing risk and allowing projects to commence where Grant Funding had been agreed in principle, but not yet formalised.	Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change / Corporate Director of Communities	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 19 September 2023.

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19 June 2023	Update on Shared Prosperity Fund	That Members be informed of the outcome, as soon as possible, of whether or not the request made by a number of Authorities to roll over year 1 funding into year 2 had been granted.	Corporate Director of Communities	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 19 September 2023.
19 June 2023	Update on Shared Prosperity Fund	Information that the Director of Communities offered regarding engagement with community groups to establish the level of demand for Bridgend Local Investment Grant Funding and assistance required. This was in response to Members’ concerns regarding responsibilities and reliance on volunteers and organisations to deliver the projects and Officers’ explanations that part of the UKSPF was to build resilience and economic development, targeting communities that may not normally have access to that type of funding.	Corporate Director of Communities	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 19 September 2023.
25 July 2023	Update on Communities Directorate Position and Challenges	That the Update on Communities Directorate Position and Challenges report be made available to all Committee Members.	Scrutiny	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 19 September 2023.
25 July 2023	Update on Communities Directorate Position and Challenges	The Committee welcomed the proposal of a plan over the next five years to develop a new Target Operating Model (TOM) as explained by the Corporate Director of Communities, of what the Communities Directorate can deliver in alignment with their resources and budget. Looking at all the services they deliver, statutory	Corporate Director for Communities / Scrutiny	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 19 September 2023.

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		responsibilities and the communities' expectations. The Committee recommended that at the opportune time when the Target Operating Model (TOM) draft becomes available it is added to the Forward Work Programme for review by the Committee.		
25 July 2023	Update on Communities Directorate Position and Challenges	That the Town and Community Council Forum consider the current model of partnership working between the Local Authority and the local Town and Community Councils and explore options for better communication, more collaborative working and whether the authority can assist Town and Community Councils take on leadership of certain service provisions. The Members requested that the outcome of this discussion be provided back to Committee as an information report.	Corporate Director for Communities / Democratic Services Manager	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 19 September 2023.
25 July 2023	Update on Communities Directorate Position and Challenges	The Committee discussed the Communities Directorate operating with a £31m budget allocation in the financial year 2023/2024 and it is representing 9% of the authority's budget. They considered whether any benchmarking had been done in terms of budget per head of population in the authority for Communities versus those of other authorities in South Wales of a similar size. The Chief Executive advised a piece of work had been commissioned through the Welsh Local Government Association	Corporate Director for Communities	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 19 September 2023.

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		(WLGA) which they intend to share in the next Budget Research and Evaluation Panel (BREP).		
25 Sept 2023	Homelessness Strategy	The Committee recommended to strengthen the Strategy in terms of support for veterans and Armed Services personnel.	Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change / Head of Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response.
25 Sept 2023	Homelessness Strategy	The Committee recommended to maximise effectiveness of the Strategy, that the strategic priority objectives be reviewed to ensure that they are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timebound) and set out in the Action Plan and the timescales be broken down further detailing the year and month in which each action is planned to be achieved, so that progress can be clearly measured.	Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change / Head of Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response.
25 Sept 2023	Homelessness Strategy	The Committee recommended that the Strategy be made more user friendly and as easy to navigate as possible.	Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change / Head of Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response.
25 Sept 2023	Homelessness Strategy	The Committee requested a route map setting out the broad working practice model of what happens when someone presents as homeless, including the stages, timescales and type of services offered and where appropriate, average timescales for rehousing.	Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change / Head of Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response.

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2 Oct 2023	Call In of Cabinet Decision: Hybont Project Gateway Review	The Committee concluded that the Decision would not be referred back to Cabinet.	-	Complete.