

# Management response form



**Report title:** Financial Sustainability review – Bridgend County Borough Council

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R1	To strengthen the Council's approach to financial sustainability, the Council should develop a savings plan across the timescale of the MTFP, to clearly show how the funding gap will be addressed or clearly communicate the challenge where this is not possible.	<p>The Council accepts this recommendation.</p> <p>The level of savings that the Council will have to make in the coming 3 years are significant. The MTFP presented to Council in February 2025 for approval will be developed following completion of the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed review of current year spend across all service areas</li> <li>• A more detailed review of some areas of spend to identify further efficiencies or a change in the operating model for that service.</li> </ul>	February 2025	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A profile of anticipated savings over the life of the MTFP</li> <li>• Identification of areas requiring further review</li> </ul>		
R2	The Council should strengthen its arrangements to ensure the impact of its financial position and MTFP on communities and on the delivery of its well-being objectives is reported to members to enable them to monitor and address any impacts.	<p>The Council accepts this recommendation.</p> <p>A campaign to raise awareness amongst residents of the services provided by the Council, the cost of those services and options for future service models is being undertaken in the Autumn of 2024</p> <p>The consultation on the detailed budget proposals will also be undertaken</p>	<p>September to December 2024</p> <p>January / February 2025</p>	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change

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		<p>The information gathered from both of these exercises will be used to inform the final budget setting process</p> <p>The performance reporting process is to be refined to highlight where performance may have been impacted by budget changes agreed in the MTFP</p> <p>Joint reporting of performance and finance will be made to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>The Corporate Plan Delivery Plan for 2024-25 has been reviewed in line with the MTFP and targets have been adjusted where necessary and have been agreed by Cabinet and Council</p>	<p>December 2024</p> <p>December 2024</p> <p>March 2025</p>	<p>Corporate Policy and Performance Officer</p> <p>Corporate Policy and Performance Officer</p> <p>Corporate Policy and Performance Officer</p>