

**Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3**

**RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2024-2025**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Response</b>
22 April 2024	Caerau Heat Scheme	Members discussed the financial implications, what the final cost of the scheme had been spent on over the lift of the project and requested the break down/summary on the funding spent on the project, that the Corporate Director of Communities had advised could be shared with Members.	Corporate Director of Communities	<b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated 26 November 2024.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s33980/CaerauHeatSchemeSOSC3financialsummary.pdf">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s33980/CaerauHeatSchemeSOSC3financialsummary.pdf</a>
16 July 2024	Valleys Regeneration Strategy	The public consultation to inform the strategy asked respondents to rate a list of elements within the Valleys area(s) from excellent to very poor, respondents were also given the opportunity to provide comments on other elements in the area, and the comments received were collated by theme in a table in the report. Members discussed various elements and the funding that would be needed to progress them in the future and going forward the Committee recommended that when looking at the Corporate Plan the elements identified to inform the Strategy be filtered into that process, and that their funding is considered when looking at the budget process.	Corporate Director of Communities / Group Manager, Strategic Regeneration	<b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated 24 September 2024.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0</a>

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16 July 2024	Valleys Regeneration Strategy	Members expressed concern regarding managing expectations and the need to be mindful of not creating false hope within the Valleys, and balancing that with what the Council was able to deliver. Officers agreed it was a challenge, to manage what the Council could deliver on work on the strategy and elements that could be delivered in the Valleys. The Committee recommended that the draft strategy be reported to SOSC 3 for pre-decision scrutiny before it is reported to Cabinet later in the municipal year and that local members who do not sit on the Committee be invited to the meeting for that report.	Corporate Director of Communities / Group Manager, Strategic Regeneration / Scrutiny	<b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated 24 September 2024.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0</a>
16 July 2024	Valleys Regeneration Strategy	The Committee reflected that the report received was the basic framework of what was to come and felt they had the opportunity to shape the Valley Regeneration Strategy going forward. The Committee recommended that the draft strategy should be meaningful and deliverable, taking into consideration that although it was one strategy there were three distinct valleys and the identities of each should be maintained and reflecting on experiences from other Regeneration strategies it was important going forward with the Valleys Regeneration Strategy to	Corporate Director of Communities / Group Manager, Strategic Regeneration	<b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated 24 September 2024.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0</a>

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		<p>establish a simple road map that could be articulated, under which smaller improvements could be recognised and achieved, maintaining a little and often approach, balancing managing residents' expectations with delivering what is proposed in the Strategy.</p>			
<p>16 July 2024</p>	<p>Valleys Regeneration Strategy</p>	<p>Members discussed the role of the Consultants and the depth of questioning included in the consultation to inform the Strategy and the Committee recommended that consideration be given in future to whether information and data could be gathered in house, or by someone brought in to gather and maintain data/information, to enable if and when consultants are used the data to be looked at and insights drawn to help get a corporate understanding of the areas and better establish a baseline , as well as potentially getting better value for money from any use of consultants.</p>	<p>Corporate Director of Communities / Group Manager, Strategic Regeneration</p>	<p><b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated 24 September 2024.</p>	<p><a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0</a></p>
<p>16 July 2024</p>	<p>Valleys Regeneration Strategy</p>	<p>The Committee recommended that the draft strategy should include graphics for the areas which Local Members could share in their Valleys communities which could assist with raising awareness of the draft strategy and could potentially</p>	<p>Corporate Director of Communities / Group Manager, Strategic Regeneration</p>	<p><b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated 24 September 2024.</p>	<p><a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSD/DisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0</a></p>

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		increase the number of consultation responses.			<a href="#">3494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0</a>
16 July 2024	Valleys Regeneration Strategy	Information regarding the Bus Network Grant (BNG), how the Grant was received, how the additional money was had been spent and how it was allocated. Officers advised in the meeting they would speak to the Public Transport Officer to gain the information for circulation to Members of the Committee.	Corporate Director Communities	<b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated confidentially 2 October 2024.	
16 July 2024	Valleys Regeneration Strategy	The Consultants used and the cost of the work. Officers advised in the meeting that they could provide this information for circulation to members of the Committee from the tender assessment.	Corporate Director of Communities / Group Manager, Strategic Regeneration	<b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated 24 September 2024.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSDDisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSDDisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD959&amp;ID=959&amp;RPID=23330943&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13526&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13526&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0</a>
30 September 2024	Future Waste Service Options	Following consideration of the report on the options for delivering Waste Service post 2026 Members felt that more investigation was still needed to provide further information on the LATCo. and In-house options, in particular more detail on the following including the impact and associated risks:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment, Corporate Director of Communities / Head of Operations Community	<b>ACTIONED:</b> Response and information circulated 13 January 2025.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSDDisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD971&amp;ID=971&amp;RPID=28211294&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13530&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13530&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ecSDDisplayClassic.aspx?NAME=SD971&amp;ID=971&amp;RPID=28211294&amp;sch=doc&amp;cat=13530&amp;path=13490%2c13494%2c13502%2c13530&amp;LLL=0&amp;LLL=0</a>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff recruitment;</li> <li>- Profit and loss to be expected;</li> <li>- Pay scales – protection of employees;</li> <li>- Commercial Waste and the Competitive market;</li> <li>- The IT system and the advantages and disadvantages of one system in place;</li> <li>- The control, challenge and flexibility of the options.</li> </ul> <p>Members expressed that more time was required to explore with local authorities closer to home that had followed one of these options, whether successfully or unsuccessfully, particularly the LATCo. option, as either option would be a big change for the Authority and a fully informed decision would be required.</p> <p><b>The Committee recommended that there be a year’s extension to the current contract with Plan B, to allow more time for work to be done to really understand the LATCo and In-House options, the extent of risk and the full impact on resources.</b></p>	<p>Services / Cleaner Streets and Waste Contracts Manager</p>		

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2 December 2024	Housing and Homelessness	<p>Members discussed how vital the Welsh Government Housing Support Grant funding had been, the freezing of the Grant had applied significant pressure across Wales and 18 months ago regular meetings between the 22 Welsh local authorities regarding Homelessness had ceased, which had previously been attended by a network of individuals who could provide operational feedback to Welsh Government.</p> <p>The Committee requested information regarding the nature and title of the previously held meetings and <b>recommended</b> that following receipt of the information requested, that a letter be sent from the Committee to Welsh Government to request the reasons for discontinuing the meetings, whether there were plans to restart them and if not, the reason why.</p>	Head of Performance and Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	
2 December 2024	Housing and Homelessness	The Committee discussed the issue of vacant and derelict buildings in the borough and enquired whether there were any schemes or strategies that could potentially enable the Local Authority to take control of such empty buildings to turn them into social housing.	Head of Performance and Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	

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		<p>The Committee <b>recommended</b> that when a Council owned property becomes vacant, all options should be explored including whether it could be utilised by another part of the Authority e.g. for repurposing as housing accommodation, prior to consideration of whether it is declared surplus, marketed for sale, or disposed of otherwise.</p> <p>The Committee highlighted the importance of the Authority looking at inventive ways of working with partners to bring properties back in to use which could inevitably reduce the costs.</p>			
2 December 2024	Housing and Homelessness	<p>The Committee expressed concern that the proposed level of social housing would only address 50% of the current waiting list and asked whether there was an opportunity to review the figures and submit another bid in the Local Development Plan (LDP) process.</p> <p>Members were advised that following the Local Development Plan (LDP) being adopted this year, a local housing and marketing assessment would be</p>	Head of Performance and Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	

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		<p>undertaken every two to three years which would provide up to date figures to enable negotiation for the right mix and type of housing, however the actual review for the LDP would be 4 years from its adoption.</p> <p>The Committee <b>recommended</b> that Members be encouraged to examine the updated figures from the Local Housing and Marketing Assessment when considering the review of the LDP in 4 years' time, and that given Members' concern at hearing in the meeting of a development not meeting all of its percentage target to build social housing, that the proposed housing percentage targets be adhered to rigorously throughout the Planning process.</p>			
2 December 2024	Housing and Homelessness	<p>The Committee requested further information regarding the primary capital funding stream for the development of affordable housing, the Social Housing Grant, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Details of the local SHG partners worked with;</li> <li>b. A breakdown of the allocation of costs;</li> <li>c. What the costs were used for;</li> </ul>	Head of Performance and Partnerships	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	



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		d. Details of how the Council looks at the developments bid for; e. Whether the developments bid for were delivered on time and at the original contract price.			