

Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2024-2025

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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 recommended 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	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.</p> <p>Chased 5 February 2025.</p>	
2 December 2024	Housing and Homelessness	The Committee discussed the issue of vacant and derelict buildings in the borough and enquired whether there were	Head of Performance	Recommendations circulated requesting	

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		<p>any schemes or strategies that could potentially enable the Local Authority to take control of such empty buildings to turn them into social housing.</p> <p>The Committee recommended 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>	and Partnerships	<p>response – to be provided.</p> <p>Chased 5 February 2025.</p>	
2 December 2024	Housing and Homelessness	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.	Head of Performance and Partnerships	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.</p> <p>Chased 5 February 2025.</p>	

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		<p>Members were advised that following the Local Development Plan (LDP) being adopted this year, a local housing and marketing assessment would be 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 recommended 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	The Committee requested further information regarding the primary capital funding stream for the development of affordable housing, the Social Housing Grant, including the following:	Head of Performance and Partnerships	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.</p> <p>Chased 5 February 2025.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Details of the local SHG partners worked with; b. A breakdown of the allocation of costs; c. What the costs were used for; 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. 			
20 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-20	The Committee made recommendations and requested additional information.	Scrutiny / Chair of COSC	ACTIONED: Recommendations formally reported to COSC and onward to Cabinet on 4 February 2025 for consideration and response.	
20 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-20	The Committee Recommended that the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Steering Group (either alone or utilising external, objective assistance) assess and review the Council's current CAT programme and consider its impact, and success stories, research any good practice from other Welsh local authorities and reflect on whether any lessons can be learned to progress and improve the Council's future CAT programme.	Corporate Director for Communities	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	

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20 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-20	Members requested figures to show the income, expenditure and overall cost to Bridgend County Borough Council for burial services.	Chief Officer Finance, Performance and Change / Corporate Director for Communities	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	
20 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-20	Members asked Officers for clarification on what other Local Authorities provide with regard to the supply of blue refuse sacks to residents.	Corporate Director for Communities	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	
20 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-20	Further to the appointment of the 2 x S.106 Officers, to facilitate a S.106 & Infrastructure Delivery Team within the Planning & Development Services the Corporate Director agreed that these Officers could potentially come along to a SOSC 3 to explain their roles.	Corporate Director for Communities	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	