

Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3
2024-25 Forward Work Programme

Monday 16 July 2024 4.00pm		
Report Topic	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Valleys Regeneration Strategy	<p>The development of a commercial property enhancement grant for the Valley high streets to make them look better and bring properties back into commercial use.</p> <p>The development of funding bids for Valleys to enhance the economy and stimulate new job opportunities.</p> <p>The increase in the amount of land and premises available for businesses including industrial starter units, in the Valleys.</p> <p>Accessibility for people from the Valleys to wider public transport.</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director Communities</p> <p><u>External</u></p>

Monday 30 September 2024 4.00pm		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Future Waste	<p>Setting out of future direction. What is going to be done. How the future service will look. Outcome of consultation.</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Regeneration</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change Head of Partnerships</p> <p><u>External</u></p>

APPENDIX A

Monday 2 December 2024 4.00pm		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
<p>Housing and Homelessness Update</p> <p>And</p> <p>Information Report: Update on the Shared Prosperity Funding</p>	<p>Affordable; Accessible; Social; Energy efficiency housing; Registered Social Landlords</p> <p>Progress on Empty homes in the County Borough, including the number, the Empty Homes Policy and Grants available – as requested by Members of SOSC 3 at 22 April meeting.</p> <p>The Committee requested the above to also include churches and chapels – asked for by Members of SOSC 3 at 16 July meeting.</p> <p>How grants are progressing in terms of spend, who the recipients are, feedback on the process.</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director Communities Head of Operations - Community Services</p> <p><u>External</u></p>

Monday 20 January 2025 4.00pm		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-29</p>		<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of the Council Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member of Social Services and Health Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Legal Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Wellbeing Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Regeneration</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change Corporate Director Communities</p>

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Monday 17 February 2025 4.00pm		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Climate Change Decarbonisation	<p>Update on progress and future priorities given current and future budget implications</p> <p>Electric charging points update</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director Communities Decarbonisation Programme Manager</p> <p><u>External</u></p>

Monday 7 April 2025 4.00pm		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
Bridgend County Borough Council Net Zero Strategy Review		<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director – Communities; Head of Operations - Community Services; Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability; and Decarbonisation Programme Manager</p> <p><u>External</u> Analyst, Senior Associate and Senior Manager - Carbon Trust</p>

Monday 14 July 2025 4.00pm		
Report Topics	Information Required / Committee's Role	Invitees
TBC		<p><u>Cabinet Member</u></p> <p><u>Officers</u></p> <p><u>External</u></p>

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Maesteg Town Hall Review	<p>Lessons Learned - COSC delegated the Lessons Learned report to SOSC 3 to consider, when the project has been completed. (Possible information report or member briefing)</p> <p>To be included in scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Justification of the money spent; - Inner detail of what occurred; - Details of the challenges encountered; - Details of the lessons learnt; - A possible presentation from Officers; - An honest appraisal of what could have changed or been done differently. <p><u>Requested following the SOSC 3 17 February meeting</u></p> <p>That the following scope be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What could have potentially occurred if action had not been taken. - As much detail as possible to be presented, showing the wrongs and rights that lead them to get there. - Members felt it was important for new Members to see the cost of the project at the start and how that increased. <p>That the current Leader of the Council along with the Previous Leader be invited to the meeting.</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Corporate Director Communities</p> <p><u>External</u></p>

Member Briefing sessions

- Porthcawl Regeneration
- Infrastructure Delivery - including specifically condition of the highways in include; repairs and maintenance, road resurfacing and potholes, network management of utilities, and the development of internal metrics for repairs and closing referrals – (All Member Briefing)
- Corporate Joint Committees Regional Responsibilities – (All Members Briefing)
- Development of Sunnyside (All Member)
- Community Transfers (CAT) - Position Update

Information reports

- Audit Wales 'Springing Forward Asset Management Inspection Report' – including associated Action Plan

Potential Items

- Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan and Regeneration
- Outcome of review recommended by SOSC 3 to be undertaken by the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Steering Group to assess and review the Council's current CAT programme, considering:
 - Its impact
 - Success stories
 - Good practice researched from other Welsh local authorities
 - Reflection on lessons learned
- Members have requested that the Porthcawl Regeneration and Pavilion Update, be scheduled alongside meeting alongside the Maesteg Town Hall report.
- United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund Grant
- Communities Directorate Target Operating Model (TOM) - Summer 2025
- Sickness levels in the Authority and its effect on decision-making in the Directorate
- Major parks in the Borough
- Valleys to Coast

Referred from COSC as potential items

1a. COSC 16 December 2024:

The Committee discussed the Council's response to the recent storm, Darragh, expressing concern about the increasing pattern of storms hitting the UK and recommended that the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 request a report to explore the Council's preparedness to respond to storms and adverse weather, preventative measures against foreseeable damage and the impact of adverse weather and any fallout (e.g. loss of power) on vulnerable residents. The Committee recommended that the report should have invitees from Communities and Social Services.

1b. COSC 17 March 2025:

The Committee referred to their recommendation made on 16 December 2024 that SOSC 3 consider requesting a report regarding the Council's response to adverse weather/storms. The Committee requested that the scope of that report include detail on the information shared during internal and Local Resilience Forum debrief sessions held following Storm Darragh and any other inclement weather events.

2. COSC 28 January 2025:

The Committee were advised that the Council's charging regime for car parking, including the free parking offers, were being reviewed. The Committee requested that the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 consider requesting a report detailing the outcome of the exercise referred to above and that such report demonstrates the difference in revenue between the free parking period and a full charging model.

3. COSC 17 March 2025:

The Committee requested that a report on the Shared Prosperity Fund be scheduled on the FWP for SOSC 3 as soon as possible.