

APPENDIX B**CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2024-25**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
9 September 2024	Director of Social Services Annual Report 2023/24	The Committee requested that the Recovery Plan considered by the Social Services Improvement Board be circulated to Members of the Committee.	Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing/ Scrutiny.	Circulating for response. Chased.	
24 October 2024	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee expressed concern regarding the risk that next year, many schools could have deficit budgets of over 5% which require a deficit recovery plan, as schools' budgets are being based on this year's figures and not taking account of further indicative budget reduction proposals for 2025-26. The Committee therefore recommended that future reports relating to the budget include projected deficit figures for schools accordingly.	Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change / Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Circulating for response. Chased.	
24 October 2024	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee recommended that the next quarterly report include details of the actions taken by Cabinet and the Corporate Management Board, to find the full required savings in respect of non-	Corporate Management Board	Circulating for response. Chased.	

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		essential recruitment and expenditure.			
24 October 2024	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast	The Committee requested additional information on the funding arrangements with, and the steps being undertaken to ensure fair contributions from, partner organisations, including the Health Board, for the provision of residential placements and the delivery of social care.	Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing	Circulating for response. Chased.	
15 Jan 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28	<p>The Committee recommended that a letter be sent on behalf of the Committee to Welsh Government and the UK Government regarding the following:</p> <p>a. expressing that national policy commitments resulting from legislative changes should be fully funded both in terms of capital funding and ongoing revenue funding including a commitment to fund employer national insurance payments for individuals employed by agencies who provide services to the Council which currently results in a £1.5m cost pressure;</p>	Chair/ Scrutiny	Letter sent to Welsh Government. Response chased.	

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		and b. expressing concern regarding the repeated lateness of the settlement and requesting a commitment to bring forward the settlement date and to request that consideration be given to providing indicative multi-year settlements.			
15 Jan 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28	The Committee recommended that a letter be sent on behalf of the Committee to Welsh Government and the Department for Work and Pensions strongly recommend that they implement auto-enrolment of individuals to all benefits to which they are eligible/entitled when they apply for another benefit.	Chair/ Scrutiny	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 3 June 2025.	Follow link here
15 Jan 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28	The Committee requested Officer responses as to whether the population growth in the county borough was creating more demand in specific areas, e.g. whether families with children with special needs were moving into the area to take up the offer of in-county special schools offer or whether older people were relocating to the area.	Chief Executive	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 23 June 2025.	Follow link here

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15 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28	The Committee requested a copy of the report being presented to the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee at the end of January 2025 to assist the Committee in identifying statutory and non-statutory services provided by Regulatory and Corporate Services.	Chief Officer – Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 23 June 2025.	Follow link here
28 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28 and Draft Budget Consultation Process	The Committee expressed concern regarding the perceived discrepancy between the Welsh Government promoting a 4% investment in education and Bridgend proposing a 1% cut to school budgets. The Committee were advised that Bridgend's allocation from the additional Welsh Government funding for education in Wales equated to around £10.8m. The Committee requested a copy of the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Education detailing the breakdown of this allocation referred to by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People.	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People	Circulating for response. Chased.	
28 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-	The Committee expressed concern regarding the impact of falling pupil roll numbers on funding for schools	Corporate Director – Education, Early	Circulating for response. Chased.	

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	25 to 2027-28 and Draft Budget Consultation Process	and requested the pupil numbers on roll for past years and a projection of future numbers including the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for each school.	Years and Young People		
28 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28 and Draft Budget Consultation Process	The Committee requested a written response providing an estimated value of the revenue lost, at the Rhiw Car Park, as a result of the car park barrier remaining up all day.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change / Corporate Director - Communities	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 23 June 2025.	Follow link here
28 January 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-25 to 2027-28 and Draft Budget Consultation Process	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.	Scrutiny / SOSC 3	ACTIONED - Scrutiny actioned in Forward Work Planning meeting with Scrutiny Chair and Corporate Director.	Actioned
28 January 2025	Budget Monitoring	Whilst discussing significant overspends in some services, the	Chief Officer – Finance,	ACTIONED – response and	Follow link here

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	2024-25 - Quarter 3 Revenue Forecast	Committee expressed concern that the Council's projected overall underspend position masks significant overspends in some areas and recommended that the Authority should continue the push to try to reduce and address these overspends.	Housing and Change /	information circulated 23 June 2025.	
28 January 2025	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 3 Revenue Forecast	The Committee expressed concern that the White Paper from Welsh Government regarding home to school transport is still awaited and the impact being a significant recurring overspend on service provision. The Committee recommended that transformation of the service was required and that there needed to be work and education around the public bus network. The Committee also expressed concern, that a Welsh Government review of bus network services and franchising will commence in North Wales so that a review of Bridgend is not scheduled for at least two years.	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People	Circulating for response. Chased.	
28 January 2025	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 3	The Committee expressed concern regarding the significant increase in demand for learners with additional learning needs (ALN)	Corporate Director – Education, Early	Circulating for response. Chased.	

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	Revenue Forecast	<p>driving the overspend position in this area and queried whether the reasons for the increase in demand and the projected likely demand for ALN services were sufficiently understood.</p> <p>The Committee requested a copy of the Estyn review report referred to by the Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People regarding the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 which considered some areas of learning needs and support required for learners and which provided a helpful summary of themes from a number of schools across Wales.</p>	Years and Young People		
28 January 2025	Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 3 Revenue Forecast	The Committee discussed legacy issues from the pandemic impacting on pupil behaviour leading to an increase in exclusions and the significant increase in demand for ALN provision, expressed concern that the increase in demand may not be solely due to pandemic and asked whether further work was necessary to fully understand all of	Scrutiny / SOSC 1	ACTIONED - Scrutiny actioned in Forward Work Planning meeting with Scrutiny Chair and Corporate Director.	Pupil Behaviour, Attendance and Exclusions Report reported to SOSC 1 on 8 May 2025.

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		<p>the reasons driving the increase in demand and overspend in ALN services.</p> <p>The Committee were advised that educational specialists in Welsh Government were undertaking a detailed piece of work looking at the reasons for the additional demand and requested that the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 consider requesting a report detailing the outcome of the exercise referred to above, when available, or to include it in the report on Behaviour scheduled to that Committee, as appropriate.</p>			
17 March 25	Quarter 3 Performance 2024-25, Corporate Plan Delivery Plan Refresh Position Statement and Update on the Disabled	Various	-	ACTIONED – response and information circulated 15 May 2025.	Follow link here

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	Facilities Grant Service Scrutiny Review Forward Work Programme Update				