

SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3 - MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBJECT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3 HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2025 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor MJ Williams – Chairperson for the Meeting

C Davies

I Williams

Present Virtually

S J Bletsoe
P W Jenkins

JPD Blundell
W J Kendall

N Clarke
J E Pratt

RJ Collins
G Walter

Apologies for Absence

Janine Nightingale

Corporate Director for Communities

Invitees:

Councillor Paul Davies

Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment

Zak Shell
Ieuan Sherwood
Paul Smith
Sam Wright-Green
Jordan De Angelis
Maddie Liver

Head Of Operations - Community Services
Group Manager - Economy, Natural Resources & Sustainability
Decarbonisation Programme Manager
Senior Manager, Carbon Trust
Senior Manager, Carbon Trust
Analyst, Carbon Trust

Officers:

Stephen Griffiths
Meryl Lawrence

Interim Scrutiny Officer
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Scrutiny

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Declarations of Interest

None

99. Appointment of Chair for the Meeting

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> The Committee appointed Cllr MJ Williams as Chairperson for this meeting.
Date Decision Made	7 April 2025

100. Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> Following detailed consideration and discussions with a Cabinet Member and Senior Officers, the Committee made the following recommendations: Recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Committee discussed the challenges of the Authority achieving Net Zero Carbon 2030 and recommended that consideration be given to approaching the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) to seek clarity as to the current status of strategies to reach net zero by 2030 in the other Welsh local authorities, following which, if other Welsh local authorities are experiencing similar challenges, the Committee further recommended that a follow-up request be made to ask the WLGA to make the Welsh Government aware of the situation and consider extending its net zero carbon strategy from 2030 to align it with that of the UK Government, to reach net zero by 2050.2. The Committee recommended that the final version of the report by the Carbon Trust provide clarity as to the governance arrangements for the strategy including Member representation, for clear political leadership.3. The Committee recommended that the strategy include focus on practical and achievable goals and that the carbon footprint of the supply chain be an appropriate priority.
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	4. The Committee recommended that the revised strategy be shared for a 12-week public consultation, as there was a need to engage with the public and obtain views of residents and stakeholders of the county borough.
Date Decision Made	7 April 2025

101. Information Report - Quarter 3 Performance 2024/25

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>The Committee noted the content of the Quarter 3 Performance 2024-25 report, the Corporate Performance Dashboard Quarter 3 2024-25 and the Regulatory Tracker updated for Quarter 3 2024-25 within the remit of this Committee and had regard to the dashboard and the tracker when considering the Committee's Forward Work Programme report.</p> <p>The Committee discussed WBO 2.2.1, the commitment to increase employment and training opportunities in the County Borough for young people aged 16 to 24 years old which indicated that the commitment is to be removed for 2025-26 because there is no Youth Guarantee monies and recommended that a new Performance Indicator be devised to continue monitoring performance in this crucial area of activity for inclusion in the appropriate section of the Performance dashboard.</p>
Date Decision Made	7 April 2025

102. Forward Work Programme Update

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That the Committee approved the Forward Work Programme (FWP) in Appendix A subject to the inclusion of the recommendations below, noted the Recommendations Monitoring Action Sheet in Appendix B and noted that the FWP as approved by the Committee would be reported to the next meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Members requested that following the next FWP planning meeting in consultation with the Chair, the FWP include firm commitments for the scheduling of reports to be submitted to specific meetings of the Committee in 2025-26.2. Members requested that the following reports be added to the FWP and prioritised for scheduling early in 2025-26:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The condition of highways in the County Borough and the status of the road resurfacing programme.b. A report on the three major parks in the County Borough concluded in November 2022 that has not yet been considered by Cabinet, for consideration by this Committee pre decision and confidentially if necessary.3. Members requested that a report or Briefing be requested to understand the process by which applications are made to the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) where conditions are met for the deletion of a valuation band on a property, removing the requirement to pay Council Tax, and whether Bridgend County Borough Council has options, working with the VOA, or utilising its own resources to address the issue, if the owner has no recourse to public funds.
Date Decision Made	7 April 2025

103. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	7 April 2025

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#).

The meeting closed at 18:36.