

**Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee****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 <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 Partnerships and Housing	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 1 July 2025.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s35499/OSC32December2024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s35499/OSC32December2024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf</a>

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2 December 2024	Housing and Homelessness	<p>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.</p> <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>	Head of Partnerships and Housing	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 1 July 2025.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s35499/OSC32December2024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s35499/OSC32December2024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf</a>
2 December 2024	Housing and Homelessness	The Committee expressed concern that the proposed level of social housing would only address 50% of the	Head of Partnerships and Housing	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s35499/OSC32December2024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s35499/OSC32December2024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf</a>

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		<p>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 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</p>		circulated 1 July 2025.	<a href="#">024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf</a>

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		adhered to rigorously throughout the Planning process.			
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> <li>d. Details of how the Council looks at the developments bid for;</li> <li>e. Whether the developments bid for were delivered on time and at the original contract price.</li> </ul>	Head of Partnerships and Housing	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 1 July 2025.	<a href="https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s35499/OSC32December2024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf">https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s35499/OSC32December2024ResponsestoRecommendationsandRequestsforInformation.docx.pdf</a>
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, Housing & Change/ Corporate Director for Communities	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 7 July 2025.	Complete
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity	The Committee expressed concern and <b>requested</b> an explanation setting out why the cross-party Member Committee to oversee the Climate	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.	

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	Bridgend County Borough	Emergency Response Programme, agreed by Cabinet on 30 June 2020, had not been established and instead, that the Subject Overview Scrutiny Committee 3 had been given the remit for Climate Change and Nature and <b>recommended</b> that consideration be given to the cross-party Member Committee being established for the purposes intended.	Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Chased.	
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	<p>The Committee was advised that the Bridgend 2030 Net Zero Carbon Strategy (the Strategy) was under review and that a report would be presented to a subsequent meeting of the Committee providing detail on what had been accomplished, the achievability of the ambitions and the necessary steps to progress it.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed the proposed report but expressed their disappointment that it appeared that some aspects of the plan would not work and therefore were taken no further and their concern that there did not appear to be any delivery or decisive action taken in relation to the Strategy which was already at its</p>	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	<p>Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.</p> <p>Chased.</p>	

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		<p>halfway stage. The Committee therefore <b>recommended</b> that an action plan be put in place to include detail on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Timescales;</li><li>- The objectives and achievement attained;</li><li>- How the public are being engaged and listened to, including the means by which the community are engaged; and</li><li>- The possibility of an annual engagement day.</li></ul>			
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee discussed the impact of river flooding in the Valley areas causing erosion of the riverbank and encroaching onto gardens, fence lines and properties, acknowledged that it was a worrying situation for a those affected and <b>recommended</b> that the Council approach Welsh Government to request some safeguarding for those individuals who may be in danger of flooding to their homes and property in the future.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	

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17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	Members were advised that the expectations arising from the Senedd Climate Committee's Halting and Reversing the Loss of Nature by 2023 report remain unclear as Welsh Government had yet to respond to the recommendations contained within. The Committee <b>recommended</b> that a letter be written to Welsh Government asking when a response is to be expected, in order to provide an understanding of the potential impact and challenges those recommendations could have on local authorities.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee <b>requested</b> further detail/information regarding the national position, across all 22 Welsh local authorities, setting out their approach to Climate Change and Decarbonisation. The Committee expressed that it was important that Bridgend's Strategy aligns with other local authorities recognising that carbon capture does not stop at boundary lines. In addition, the Committee discussed the existence of strategic development plans for	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	

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		planning large scale properties and queried why there was no equivalent plan for Net Zero Carbon 2030 and <b>recommended</b> that consideration be given to including this in a future report to the Committee.			
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee <b>requested</b> a copy of the Climate Change Risk Assessment which was undertaken in partnership with the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board (PSB) and highlighted 11 climate risk priority areas across the PSB. The Committee also <b>requested</b> information regarding the actions being taken by the Health Board to respond to the action plan including any works to their buildings within the County Borough to make them more energy efficient.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee <b>requested</b> further information regarding the Bridgend Local Nature Partnership to include details of its membership, how often it meets and its agenda in order to understand whether it could be used as a key engagement tool.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	



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17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	Members discussed Electric Vehicle charging points, how long it took to complete repairs and whose responsibility it was to do so. Whilst the Committee acknowledged that it had been necessary for public bodies to lead the way in installing electric vehicle charging points, there was now an increased demand and need for higher voltage charging points. The Committee therefore <b>requested</b> whether consideration should be given to the Council leaving the market and facilitating the supply by private companies.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	
17 February 2025	Climate Change Response and Decarbonisation Activity Bridgend County Borough	The Committee <b>requested</b> information regarding how much of the £1.4m funding for electric vehicles and infrastructure had been spent on infrastructure, why the Council was not deriving an income from it and regarding the public charging points commissioned by the Cardiff Capital Region on Council land:  - Whether there was shared revenue?	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Climate Change Response Manager	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Were there possibilities for revenue generation?</li><li>- Whether capital expenditure to generate revenue been investigated?</li></ul>			
7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	The Committee discussed the challenges of the Authority achieving Net Zero Carbon 2030 and <b>recommended</b> 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 <b>recommended</b> 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.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	

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7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	The Committee <b>recommended</b> 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.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	
7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	The Committee <b>recommended</b> that the strategy include focus on practical and achievable goals and that the carbon footprint of the supply chain be an appropriate priority.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	
7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	The Committee <b>recommended</b> 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.	Corporate Director for Communities/ Head of Operations – Community Services/ Group Manager – Economy, Natural Resources and Sustainability	Recommendations circulated requesting response – to be provided.  Chased.	

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7 April 2025	Information Report- Quarter 3 Performance 2024/25	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 <b>recommended</b> 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.	Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People/ Corporate Policy & Performance Manager/ Corporate Performance Manager	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 7 July 2025.	Complete
7 April 2025	Bridgend County Borough Net Zero Strategy Review	Members requested that a written response 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.	Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change	<b>ACTIONED</b> – response and information circulated 7 July 2025.	Complete