

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2025-26 Forward Work Programme

Monday 30 June 2025 at 10.00am		
Report Topics	Any Specific Information Requested	Invitees
Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25		<u>All Cabinet Members</u> <u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; Corporate Director – Communities; Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy.
Scrutiny Budget Working Group		N/A
Corporate Parenting Champion Nomination		N/A
Nominations to the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements following Transition to a Single Public Services Board (PSB) for Cwm Taf Morgannwg		N/A
Forward Work Programme Update		N/A

Thursday 24 July 2025 at 10.00am		
Report Topics	Any Specific Information Requested	Invitees
Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast		<u>All Cabinet Members</u> <u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; Corporate Director – Communities; Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy.

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Quarter 4 / Year End Performance 2024-25		As above plus: Corporate Policy and Public Affairs Manager; Corporate Performance Manager; and Group Manager – Human Resources and Organisational Development.
Self-Assessment 2024-25		As above.
Digital Strategy		<u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member(s) for Resources <u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; and Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change
Scrutiny Budget Working Group		<u>N/A</u>

Thursday 23 October 2025 at 10.00am

Report Topics	Any Specific Information Requested	Invitees
Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 2 Revenue Forecast		<u>All Cabinet Members</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; Corporate Director – Communities; and Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy.
Scrutiny Annual Report 2024/25		N/A

Thursday 11 December 2025 at 10.00am

Report Topics	Any Specific Information Requested	Invitees
Quarter 2 Performance Report 2025-26		<u>All Cabinet Members</u> <u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; Corporate Director – Communities; Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy;

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		Corporate Policy and Public Affairs Manager; Corporate Performance Manager; and Group Manager – Human Resources and Organisational Development.
Corporate Plan Delivery Plan 2025-26		As above.

Thursday 15 January 2026 at 10.00am

Report Topics	Any Specific Information Requested	Invitees
Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-30 and Budget Proposals		<p><u>All Cabinet Members</u></p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; Corporate Director – Communities; Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy; Corporate Policy and Public Affairs Manager;</p> <p>Deputy Head of Finance; and Finance Manager – Social Services & Wellbeing / Chief Executive's Directorate; and Finance Manager – Education, Early Years and Young People / Communities Directorate.</p>

Tuesday 27 January 2026 at 10.00am

Report Topics	Any Specific Information Requested	Invitees
Scrutiny Recommendations on Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 to 2029-30 and Draft Budget Consultation Process		<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance; Cabinet Member(s) for Resources; and</p> <p><u>Officer</u> Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change</p>
Capital Strategy 2026-27 onwards		<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of the Council; Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance;</p>

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		<u>Officers</u> Chief Officer Finance, Housing and Change; and Group Manager – Chief Accountant
Budget Monitoring 2025-26 – Quarter 3 Revenue Forecast		<u>All Cabinet Members</u> <u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; Corporate Director – Communities; and Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy.

Thursday 26 March 2026 at 10.00am

Report Topics	Any Specific Information Requested	Invitees
Quarter 3 Performance Report 2025-26		<u>All Cabinet Members</u> <u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Director - Education and Early Years and Young People; Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing; Corporate Director – Communities; Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy; Corporate Policy and Public Affairs Manager Corporate Performance Manager; and Group Manager – Human Resources and Organisational Development.
Corporate Plan Delivery Plan Review 2025-26		<u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of the Council; Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance; <u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Policy and Public Affairs Manager.

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Reports to be Scheduled		
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Staff Survey	Including responses, outcome of staff focus groups and future staff surveys.	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of the Council; Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance;</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Group Manager – Communications and Public Affairs</p>
Engagement and Participation Strategy Action Plan	Update to be provided within 12 months	TBC
Workforce Strategy Monitoring Action Plans	To monitor progress / implementation of Action Plans	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Leader of the Council; Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Wellbeing; Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance;</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer Legal and Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy; Group Manager – Human Resources Organisational Development</p>
Whole-Council response to Climate Change and the Environment	Information on how the Council manages contingencies for emergency responses, e.g. the impact on the Highways budget due to recent storm damage.	<p><u>Cabinet Members</u> Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment;</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chief Executive; Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change; Corporate Director – Communities; Corporate Director – Social Services and Wellbeing; and Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People.</p>

Recommendation from the Committee formerly known as SOSC 1 – 8 May 2025

The Committee discussed the financial challenges for the local authority, the number of schools with deficit budgets and the impact these are having on the reduction of therapeutic and other support staff.

a. Members expressed concern regarding the impact the complex budgetary situation was having on counselling and early intervention services and **recommended** that a referral be made to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) to ensure that these matters are prioritised for funding in the next budget round and that if budgetary savings are required that these are found elsewhere.

b. In addition, given the adoption of a minimum operating model across all projects funded

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by the Shared Prosperity Fund, the directorate's Inspire+ projects, which provide vital support to vulnerable pupils and young people, many of whom face behavioural challenges and/or attendance issues in both school and community settings, Members **requested** the figures on how the fund is split between directorates be shared with COSC / Scrutiny Budget Working Group.