

APPENDIX B**CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING ACTION SHEET 2025-26**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Response
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee expressed concern regarding the shortfall for teachers' pay and pensions from the Revenue Support Grant and the impact of late settlements and grant funding and recommended that conversations needed to be boosted on a political level to support additional allocation and multi-year settlements.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change / CCMB	Circulated for response.	
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee expressed concern regarding the unexpected storm damage costs arising from Storm Bert and Storm Darragh and recommended that consideration be given to establishing an earmarked reserve/contingency fund for use in the event of an emergency arising from adverse weather events.	Corporate Director – Communities	Circulated for response.	
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee requested copies of the information regarding the work undertaken around the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) agenda in England and the 2014 Estyn report	Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Circulated for response.	

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		referred to by the Corporate Director.			
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee discussed the impact of redundancies in schools and requested the number of voluntary redundancies for the period reported.	Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Circulated for response.	
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee requested information regarding the sum of money funding hospital education referred to in Budget Reduction Proposal EDF515.	Corporate Director - Education, Early Years and Young People	Circulated for response.	
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee requested an all Member Briefing be provided detailing the specialist hospital provision for learners referred to above.	Corporate Director – Education, Early Years and Young People	Circulated for response.	
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee requested a Briefing paper outlining the Council's earmarked reserves, their purpose and up to date position as of 31 March 2025.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	Circulated for response.	
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee discussed the impact of late grant funding on the overall financial position of the Council and requested clarity on whether the realignment of base budgets had been sufficient to meet the pressures from 2024-25.	Chief Officer – Finance, Housing and Change	Circulated for response.	

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		The Committee also requested information regarding which grants were one-offs and which were ongoing.			
30 June 2025	Revenue Budget Outturn 2024-25	The Committee discussed the shortfall against Bridgend Market due to the identification of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and the subsequent closure of the market and loss of rental income and requested a confidential Briefing be provided to Members regarding the Council's future plans for the Market.	Corporate Director – Communities	Circulated for response.	
30 June 2025	Scrutiny Budget Working Group	The Committee recommended that the first Steering Group set out at Step 2 of Appendix B to the report be scheduled in July but that the remainder of the proposed structure be considered by the Committee at the July meeting after Group Leaders have taken the report to their Groups for discussion.	Scrutiny Team	Steering Group has been scheduled for 29 July 2025.	Complete
30 June 2025	Scrutiny Budget Working Group	The Committee recommended that the Deep Dive Group for the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate explore the financial	Scrutiny Team / Chair of SSWB Deep Dive Group	Scrutiny to Action with Chair of Deep Dive Group	SSWB Deep Dive Group Provisionally Scheduled for 16 October 2025.

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		contributions from the Health Board as a possible area to offset some of the costs.			
30 June 2025	Scrutiny Budget Working Group	The Committee highlighted the importance of preserving early intervention and preventative services recognising their impact on better outcomes for people and their importance on long term financial stability and recommended that the Scrutiny Budget Deep Dive Groups remain mindful of such.	Scrutiny / Chairs of Deep Dive Groups	Scrutiny to Action with Chairs of Deep Dive Groups	Deep Dive Groups Provisionally Scheduled for dates in September and October as per the proposed Structure.
30 June 2025	Scrutiny Budget Working Group	The Committee requested that Directors bring all budget options being explored to the Deep Dive Groups.	Scrutiny / CMB	Scrutiny to action with relevant Corporate Directors and Chairs of the Deep Dive Groups.	Deep Dive Groups Provisionally Scheduled for dates in September and October as per the proposed Structure.
30 June 2025	Forward Work Programme	The Committee requested that a report be added to their FWP regarding the whole-Council response to climate change and the environment and that the scope of the report include information on how the Council manages contingencies for emergency responses, e.g. the	Scrutiny / Chair of COSC	To be actioned by Scrutiny in work planning meeting with the Chair.	Item added to 'Reports to be Scheduled' part of the Committee's Forward Work Programme

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		impact on the Highways budget due to recent storm damage.			
30 June 2025	Forward Work Programme	Members referred to the independent review commissioned in Social Services which led to the early intervention and preventative function being transferred from the Education Directorate to the Social Services Directorate and requested a report reviewing the change in structure, highlighting that the importance was to move towards more early intervention and prevention.	Scrutiny / Chair of SSHWB OSC	To be actioned by Scrutiny in work planning meeting with the Chair / See Response.	SSHWB OSC (formerly known as SOSC 2) received a report: Early Help, Prevention and Edge of Care on 1 May 2025.