

CABINET - TUESDAY, 22 JULY 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB / REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 22 JULY 2025 AT 14:30

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick – Chairperson

N Farr
M J Evans

J Gebbie
M Jones

E L P Caparros

P Davies

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr HM Williams and the Corporate Director Communities

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Melanie Evans declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 15, as she was a Community Governor at Croesty Primary and Pencoed Comprehensive Schools. Cllr Evans left the meeting whilst this item was being considered.

Officers:

Jake Morgan
Carys Lord
Claire Marchant
Kelly Watson
Mark Galvin
Lindsay Harvey
Martin Morgans
Michael Pitman
Louis Pannell
Jonathan Parsons
Paul Smith
Stuart Baldwin

Chief Executive
Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change
Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing
Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People
Interim Head of Operations - Community Services
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Senior Strategic Planning Policy Officer
Group Manager Planning and Development
De-carbonisation Programme Manager
Climate Change Response Manager

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Matt Jenkins
Helen Pembroke
Georgina Wayman
Stephanie Thomas

Regional Integrated Services Director RCT BC
Team Manager Housing Enforcement and Pollution Control (Bridgend and Vale)
Environmental Health Officer
Early Years and Childcare Manager

495. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of a meeting of Cabinet dated 24/6/2025, be approved as a true and accurate record.
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496. Bryntirion Comprehensive School 3G Pitch Replacement

Decision Made	<p>The Interim Head of Operations – Community Services presented a report which sought Cabinet approval for accepting external funding of £559,768 from the Cry First Foundation of Sports Wales for a 3G pitch development at Bryntirion Comprehensive School and to approve a management agreement with the school.</p> <p>He advised that the existing 2G pitch is at the end of its life, and there is increasing demand for artificial sports pitch facilities across the borough. The development of the proposed pitch at Bryntirion Comprehensive School will assist with the increased demand and the proposed facility details were set out in section 3 of the report.</p> <p>Councillor Paul Davies confirmed the funding is a grant, not a loan, requiring no financial input from the authority</p> <p>Councillor Caparros inquired about environmental sustainability in pitch materials and maintenance; the officer confirmed these would be considered during procurement.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader raised concerns about schools having adequate staff for managing community facilities, suggesting further discussion for external management. The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing noted ongoing work with Halo regarding dual-use sites</p>
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	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Considered the contents of this report and confirmed approval to accept grant funding in connection with this proposal.2. Considered the contents of this report and confirmed approval of the project and the entering into of an appropriate management agreement.3. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director – Communities to negotiate the final terms of the management agreement in consultation with the Chief Officer Finance and the Director Education, Early Years and Young People to enter into the management agreement and any supplementary agreements and to grant any necessary consents required on behalf of the Council.
Date Decision Made	22 July 2025

497. Bridgend County Borough Council Net Zero Strategy

Decision Made	<p>The Interim Head of Operations – Community Services presented a report which updated Cabinet on the work undertaken to review the draft Bridgend County Borough Council Net Zero Strategy attached at Appendix 1 and sought approval to undertake a public consultation on the revised strategy attached at Appendix 2.</p> <p>He advised that the Strategy was reviewed to ensure that it reflected current UK and Welsh Government policy, the latest technologies and regulation, and commercial / financial options. A summary of the review was set out in section 3 of the report.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment highlighted the dual benefit of the strategy, noting that it not only addresses environmental concerns but also provides financial opportunities. He cited an example of a £17,000 saving achieved by changing lighting and power sources within a council building.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Considered the Bridgend County Borough Council Net Zero Strategy review (Appendix 1 to the
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	<p>report) and approved a public consultation on the revised Strategy (at Appendix 2);</p> <p>2. Noted that a further report will be presented to Cabinet following the public consultation seeking approval of the Strategy.</p>
Date Decision Made	22 July 2025

498. Bridgend County Borough Council Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy

Decision Made	<p>The Interim Head of Operations – Community Services presented a report which updated Cabinet on work to develop a draft Bridgend County Borough Council Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and sought approval to undertake public consultation on the draft Strategy.</p> <p>Since 2019, local authorities across Wales have delivered over 100 EV charging projects, with commercial Charge Point Operators (CPOs) delivering many times more. Within Bridgend County Borough, BCBC has already delivered a number of chargers over more than 30 sites, and there are more than 2,900 electric vehicles now registered in the County. The purpose of the draft Bridgend County Borough Council EV Strategy (Appendix 1) is to set out a vision and plans for delivering an inclusive charging network in the future, building on work to date. Further information was at section 3 of the report.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources asked how the strategy would ensure all residents benefit, including those in non-urban areas. The Climate Change Response Manager, explained the strategy involves working with charge point operators and using external grant funding to encourage placement in areas with less demand, ensuring diverse charge point types for on-street and off-street charging.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <p>1. Considered the draft Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy (Appendix 1 to the report) and approved public consultation on the Strategy;</p> <p>2. Noted that a further report will be presented to Cabinet following the public consultation seeking approval of the Strategy.</p>
Date Decision Made	22 July 2025

499. Retail and Commercial Development Supplementary Planning Guidance

Decision Made	<p>The Principal Strategic Planning and Policy Officer presented a report which informed Cabinet of the outcome of a public consultation on the draft Retail and Commercial Development SPG and sought approval to present the amended SPG to the full Council for adoption.</p> <p>He stated that despite wide advertisement, only two representations were received during the consultation period from March 19 to April 30. There were no wholesale objections to the guidance. Three minor changes were proposed based on the feedback and these were detailed in section 3 of the report. how the SPG will be monitored for compliance, The Principal Strategic Planning and Policy Officer responded that this would be included in the annual monitoring report for the Local Development Plan (LDP).</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing was pleased to see that there was feedback suggested and that this was taken on board by the officers.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources asked about compliance monitoring. The Principal Strategic Planning and Policy Officer stated monitoring would occur annually as part of the Annual Monitoring Report for the LDP.</p> <p>The Leader was disappointed that Town and Community Councils did not use the opportunity to make comments on this and hoped that in the future more engagement would be seen.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Noted the contents of the report and the consultation responses received on the draft Retail and Commercial Development SPG, together with resultant amendments, attached as Appendix 2 to the report.2. Approved presenting those final form Retail and Commercial Development SPG (at Appendix 1) to Council to seek its adoption.
Date Decision Made	22 July 2025

500. Section 19 Report for Unnamed Storm of 6th and 7th September 2024

Decision Made	<p>The Interim Head of Operations – Community Services presented a report which informed Cabinet of the outcome of an investigation into the flooding experienced at a number of properties within the Bridgend County Borough as a consequence of an unnamed storm on 6th and 7th of September 2024.</p> <p>The flooding incidents/locations with the largest impact to properties were recorded were set out in section 3 of the report. It was noted that these properties were not linked in any way other than through the storm event. The report outlined the results of investigations into the causes of the flooding at the identified locations and includes action plans and, if appropriate, interventions to mitigate against future flooding. An outline of this was provided in section 3 of the report.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment noted that more issues may occur due to the expected increase in severe weather events as a result of climate change and therefore it was important to investigate the effects of these storms and look at the measures that can be put in place for mitigation. He noted however the difficulty in mitigating floods from unadopted or unregistered land and the need for multi-partner collaboration.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services asked about identifying other vulnerable locations for future risk mitigation. The Interim Head of Operations – Community Services explained that the land drainage team uses intelligence from events and actively monitors pinch points, gullies, and culverts, collaborating with Welsh government and partners. He added that flood risk management was a multi-agency effort involving landowners, Welsh Water, and National Rail and advised residents to contact their local member with concerns.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet noted the Section 19 report attached thereto at Appendix 1.</p>
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501. Social Services and Wellbeing Recommissioning Care at Home Services

Decision Made	The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing presented a report which sought Cabinet approval for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to undertake a procurement exercise to invite tenders to
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	<p>establish a Framework Agreement of commissioned regulated care at home providers.</p> <p>She advised that this was the fourth such tender since 2014, aiming to secure care for vulnerable residents. A maximum six-year framework is proposed. Tenders are capped, and a fair rate of pay is determined in line with national commissioning board guidance to enable providers to pay a real living wage</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Housing asked if figures could be provided for bullet point 82. The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing stated she did not have those figures to hand but could provide them following the meeting.</p> <p>The Leader asked how varying commissioned hours would work contractually. The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing confirmed no minimum packages were guaranteed, allowing flexibility, and rebalancing care with in-house or non-profit services wouldn't impact individual contracts.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Noted the contents of this report;2. Approved the procurement of a Regulated Care at Home Services Framework Agreement of commissioned domiciliary care providers;3. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing to tender the Framework Agreement for the Regulated Care at Home Services Framework Agreement and noted that a further report shall be presented to Cabinet following the conclusion of the procurement of the Framework Agreement for a decision on whether to award the Framework Agreement and seek approval to enter into the Framework Agreement with successful bidders.
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502. Regional Partnership Agreement

Decision Made	<p>The Regional Integrated Services Director RCTCBC presented a report which updated Cabinet on the Programme of work between other Local Authorities and recommended for approval a Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p>The development of an RPA means we can update the existing formal working arrangements with the</p>
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	<p>health board for the Bridgend Community Resource Team (CRT). The intention was for the agreement to be approved by each partner in July 2025 prior to going live in its first iteration in the Autumn. Further information was set out in section 3 of the report.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader explained that the Section 33 agreement enabled organizations to discharge functions to one another, avoiding task duplication. She stressed the vital role of the third sector in supporting health and social care and believed that Welsh Government were also accountable given their guidance on 20% funding allocation towards the third and voluntary sector.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the progress made towards creating an Integrated Community Care System for older people and people living with frailty; 2. Agreed the ICCS model (Figure 1) as the basis for integrated service development; 3. Approved the Regional Partnership Agreement at Appendix 1 to the report; 4. Noted the intention to seek similar approval from CTMUHB and the two other local authorities in the region within the same timescale, and in advance of commencement of the Agreement in the Autumn of 2025; 5. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director, Social Services and Well-being, after consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, to approve the final terms of the Regional Partnership Agreement, including any amendments to the terms approved there as may be necessary, and to enter into the Regional Partnership Agreement and any further deeds and documents which are ancillary to Regional Partnership Agreement.
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503. Substance Use Service Provision in Bridgend County Borough

Decision Made	The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing presented a report which sought approval for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council to undertake procurement on behalf of Bridgend for integrated Tier 1 and Tier 2 substance misuse services across the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region.
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	<p>She explained that current contracts end in March 2026, allowing for integrated procurement across Bridgend, RCT, and Merthyr areas. Active user involvement groups are key in developing and evaluating services. The bulk of investment is from the substance misuse action fund, with a smaller amount from the social services budget. Details of the procurement process and proposals were set out in section 3 of the report.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader welcomed the new structure for early intervention and prevention, particularly the "no wrong door" approach for immediate access to services. She highlighted the importance of immediate intervention for substance misuse and the critical role of SMAF funding.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved RCTCBC to undertake the procurement exercise to commission the integrated service provider for Tier 1 and 2 substance use service provision in Bridgend County Borough in accordance rule 3.2.10 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, with approval to award the service contract via delegated powers (under BCBC's Scheme of Delegation) once the procurement and evaluation process has been undertaken; 2. Approved BCBC entering into a regional collaboration agreement with RCT CBC to set out the responsibilities of each Local Authority for the initial procurement process and contract management of the service contract; and 3. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer and Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy, to agree the terms of and enter into the regional collaboration agreement and any documents or deeds ancillary to that agreement.
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504. Procurement of an Open Framework for Flying Start Childcare Providers

Decision Made	The Chief Officer Finance, Housing and Change presented a report which sought cabinet approval to go out to tender for an open framework to appoint providers to deliver childcare places under the Flying Start and Flying Start Expansion program. As part of the tender process a fixed rate fee of £18.50 per session (2.5 hours) per child will be implemented for all childcare provision.
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	<p>Given the annual value of existing arrangements in the current year is in excess of £3 million, it is vital that contracts are formalised via a tender process which will be compliant with the new Procurement Act 2023. It is proposed that all existing providers are invited to tender to remain a local authority registered provider on an open framework in order to receive funding for Flying Start childcare places.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services emphasized the importance of the Flying Start Programme providing parenting programs as well as giving children that extra help during their development. Therefore, this procurement exercise was crucial in securing providers and formalising arrangements to ensure the services continue to run as they should.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader also stressed the importance of Flying Start and asked that this be made more prominent in reports as it was not emphasized enough here. To build on the Deputy Leaders point The Corporate Director of Education, Early Years and Young People, explained That the Flying Start services provided high-quality part-time childcare, access to parenting and health support, significant help with early language development, and a targeted approach for areas of high deprivation as well as supporting Welsh medium provision.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment asked if there were plans to close the Flying Start provision in Caerau. The Corporate Director of Education, Early Years and Young People confirmed that there were no plans for this.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the use of the tender process in relation to private and third sector organisations providing Flying Start and Flying Start Expansion places on behalf of the local authority; 2. Delegated authority to the Head of Partnerships and Housing, to tender for the framework of childcare providers to deliver early years places under the Flying Start and Flying Start Expansion programmes in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal and Regulatory, HR and Corporate Policy. 3. Noted that a further report shall be presented to Cabinet following the conclusion of the procurement of the Open Framework for a decision on whether to award the Framework and seek approval to enter into the Framework Agreement with successful bidders.
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505. Service Level Agreements for Services being provided under the Flying Start Programme within the Children and Communities Grant

Decision Made	<p>The Chief Officer Finance, Housing and Change presented a report which sought Cabinet approval to enter into a service level agreement (SLAs) between Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB), in providing support to children and families in respect of the Flying Start Programme.</p> <p>She explained that there was currently no legally binding SLAs between Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and providers delivering services under Flying Start. It was therefore vital that SLAs were put in place to mitigate the risk of financial implications, service disruption and performance of the services being delivered. It is proposed that all providers delivering Flying Start services under the programme will have their own SLAs in order to deliver in line with Welsh Government grant terms and conditions.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the process of entering into SLAs between BCBC and CTMUHB, delivering the Flying Start service; 2. Delegated authority to the Head of Partnerships and Housing to approve the final terms of the SLAs on behalf of BCBC and to arrange execution of the agreements on behalf of the Council in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal and Regulatory, HR and Corporate Policy; 3. Approved any extension or amendment to the SLAs and to enter into any further deeds and documents which are ancillary to the SLAs.
Date Decision Made	22 July 2025

506. Healthy Travel Charter

Decision Made	The Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change presented a report which updated Cabinet on the work of Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board on a Healthy Travel Charter. The draft plan for delivering the charter includes a wide range of objectives for PSB organisations to work on, recognising that different organisations are able to respond in different ways across their staff or services. The Charter was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.
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	<p>The Cabinet Member for Resources asked for clarification on incentives like mileage allowance for cycling for work purposes. The Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change explained that systems are in place for staff to claim mileage for bike use which were authorized through expenses system. As part of the promotion for this charter we will use internal communications to promote this.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Noted the content of this update report.2. That Cabinet consider how to deliver the proposed activities contained within the Charter (Appendix 1 to the report).
Date Decision Made	22 July 2025

507. Capital Programme Outturn 2024-25 and Quarter 1 Update 2025-26

Decision Made	<p>The Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change presented a report which updated the council on the capital outturn for the 2024-2025 financial year. She also updated Cabinet on the capital programme position for 2025-26 as at 30 June 2025 and sought agreement from Cabinet to present a report to Council for approval of a revised capital programme for 2025-26 to 2034-35.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader stated that there had been a number of schemes been progressed this year which was pleasing to see but noted that there was slippage of £27 million due to project delays and late government funding. However the schemes would still be progressed in the next financial year.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services asked if the Empty Property Enforcement Fund could be used for town center properties, The Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change clarified that the fund is for residential properties only.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Noted the Council's Capital Programme Outturn for 2024-25 (Appendix A to the report).
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Noted the Council's Capital Programme 2025-26 Quarter 1 update to 30 June 2025 (Appendix B)3. Agreed that the revised Capital Programme (Appendix C) be submitted to Council for approval.4. Noted the actual Prudential and Other Indicators for 2024-25 and the projected indicators for 2025-26 (Appendix D).
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508. Budget Monitoring 2025-26 - Quarter 1 Revenue Forecast

Decision Made	<p>The Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change presented a report which detailed the revenue financial position, showing a projected net overspend of £898,000 against an approved budget of £383 million. This was a significant improvement from the previous year's overspend. She explained that the projected over spend was primarily due to ongoing pressures within the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate, and the Chief Executive's Directorate.</p> <p>She alluded to Table 1 of the report which showed the comparison of budget against projected outturn at 30th June 2025 and also highlighted the outstanding prior year budget reductions as well as the monitoring of budget reductions for each directorate in 2025-26. Further details were at section 3 of the report.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader highlighted the importance of the monitoring and the actions that had been taken to mitigate pressures of overspends. The projected overspend this time last year was over £9million and so there had been a massive improvement in the last 12 months which should be noted.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet noted the projected revenue position for 2025-26.</p>
Date Decision Made	22 July 2025

509. Treasury Management Outturn Report 2024-25

Decision Made	The Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change presented a report which updated Cabinet on the treasury management activities of the last financial year. She stated that external borrowing was £103.8
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	<p>million, with an average interest rate of 4.73%. Investments totaling £36.75 million earned £4.3 million in interest income.</p> <p>She explained that the Council’s external debt and investment position on 31 March 2025 is shown in Table 1 of the report with further details found in Appendix A.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader was pleased with the report noting the robust management of the council's borrowing and investment activities. She highlighted that the council earned £4.3 million in interest from its investments, which she stated could be put to good use for the community.</p> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet: </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the treasury management activities for 2024-25 for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. 2. Noted the Treasury Management Indicators for the period year ending 31 March 2025 against those approved in the Treasury Management Strategy 2024-25.
Date Decision Made	22 July 2025

510. Anti-Fraud Bribery and Corruption Policy

Decision Made	<p>The Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change presented a report which updated Cabinet on the updated Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy which was attached at Appendix A.</p> <p>She explained that the Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy specifically addressed the three areas of Fraud, Bribery and Corruption outlining the procedures to be followed should any such events occur or be suspected along with the actions that may be taken. Cabinet last approved the Anti-Fraud and Bribery Policy on 19 February 2019 and there had been several amendments and updates which have been included in Appendix A.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet approved the updated Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy at Appendix A to the report.</p>
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511. Bridgend Social Housing Allocation Policy

Decision Made	<p>The Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change presented a report which sought approval from Cabinet to begin a public consultation on a revised social housing allocation policy, which was last updated in 2017. The draft policy, based on need, proposes priority bands for applicants and will be subject to a 12-week formal consultation.</p> <p>She advised that a review of the current SHAP has concluded. The key findings from the review are highlighted in section 3 of the report.</p> <p>The following questions were asked by Cabinet Members and responded to by the Chief Officer – Finance Housing and Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the main changes in the new policy compared to the old one? The main changes are to meet new legislation and operational needs, including putting those experiencing or threatened with homelessness into the highest priority band (Band A) and reviewing exclusion terms to avoid unfairly penalizing individuals for issues like debt.• Does the policy give priority to Bridgend residents over people from outside the borough? The council will prioritize Bridgend residents but will consider referrals from other areas on a case-by-case basis, especially for safeguarding or domestic violence issues.• What is the consultation process and how will the council ensure they reach vulnerable residents? The consultation will be widely publicized through various channels. The Deputy Leader suggested having in-person events with Officer assistance to help vulnerable residents complete the forms and get better feedback.• Clarity was sought on a concern raised about the 75% allocation rate of Valleys to Coast, which is an outlier compared to other social landlords. The 75% allocation rate for Valleys to Coast was part of a 2003 agreement. The council is working to increase this to 100% for properties funded by them and is in discussions with Valleys to Coast to amend the original document.
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	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Considered the SHAP (at Appendix 1 to the report);2. Approved a 12 week public consultation on the revised SHAP;3. Noted that a further report will be presented to Cabinet following the public consultation and seeking approval of the final SHAP prior to formal adoption.
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512. Panel Performance Assessment

Decision Made	<p>The Chief Executive presented a report which informed Cabinet of the requirement on the Council to commission and organize a panel performance assessment (PPA) before the next local government elections, and the implications of this requirement.</p> <p>He explained that the PPA onsite work will take place in the week commencing 15 September 2025, with meetings commencing on Tuesday 16 September and concluding early afternoon on Friday 19 September 2025. The three stages of the PPA process were set out in section 3 of the report.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Noted the date of the onsite work for the PPA in paragraph 3.1 of the report.2. Considered and agreed governance proposals for PPA in paragraphs 3.9 - 3.12 (of the report).3. Considered and agreed the membership of the panel in paragraph 3.6.4. Reviewed and agreed the draft scoping document, with its proposed areas for focus in Appendix 1 to the report.
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513. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent items
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514. Exclusion of the Public

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	The following items are not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007. Following the application of the public interest test, Cabinet resolved pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, with the public excluded from the meeting during such consideration.
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515. Approval of Exempt Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That the exempt minutes of Cabinet dated 24/6/2025, be approved as a true and accurate record.
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516. Compulsory Purchase of a Long Term Empty Property

Decision Made	The decision in relation to this item is exempt (ie confidential)
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The meeting closed at 17:10.