

Meeting of:	EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	3 OCTOBER 2025
Report Title:	CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION: BRIDGEND TOWN CENTRE ACCESS
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES, HR & ELECTORAL SERVICES
Responsible Officer:	MERYL LAWRENCE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER - SCRUTINY
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	The work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Council's Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend. Any change to the structure of the Scrutiny Committees and the procedures relating to them would require the Bridgend County Borough Council Constitution to be updated.
Executive Summary:	<p>A Call-In Notice has been received and following consultation with the Scrutiny Chairs, an Extraordinary meeting of the Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been arranged to consider the Call In of the decision of Cabinet on 23 September 2025 in relation to the Bridgend Town Centre Access.</p> <p>The role of the Committee within the Call-In process is to consider the proposed decision taken by Cabinet including the reasons for the decision, factors taken into account by Cabinet when making the decision and whether the decision is in line with corporate priorities and policies.</p> <p>Following consideration of the decision, the Committee may recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the Cabinet, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If referred to the Cabinet, it must be</p>

	<p>reconsidered by Cabinet within a further seven clear working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision.</p> <p>If the Committee does not refer the matter back to the Cabinet, the decision may be determined on the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p>
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Committee to consider the decision of Cabinet of 23 September 2025 in relation to the Bridgend Town Centre Access.

2. Background

- 2.1 In accordance with Section 7.23 of the Council's Constitution, which states that four Members of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and a Scrutiny Chair, are needed for a decision to be called in, a Notice of Call-In has been received from four Members and a Chair, requesting that the Executive decision made by Cabinet on the 23 September 2025 be Called-In.
- 2.2 For the purposes of informing the Committee more fully regarding the reasons for Call-In, the following appendices have been attached:
 - **Appendix A** – Cabinet Decision Record of 23 September 2025;
 - **Appendix B** – Notice of Call-In Form;
 - **Appendix C** – Report of the Corporate Director Communities: Bridgend Town Centre Access.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 The role of Councillors exercising Overview and Scrutiny is, amongst other things, to ensure that the development of the Council's policies and the way they are being implemented reflect the needs and priorities of local Communities in the County Borough. As such, in holding to account the Cabinet for the efficient exercise of the executive function, the Overview & Scrutiny process aims to strengthen accountability for the decisions and performance of Bridgend County Borough Council.
- 3.2 Four Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees and one Scrutiny Chair have requested to Call-In the Cabinet decision of 23 September 2025.
- 3.3 The role of the Committee within the Call-In process is to consider the proposed decision taken by Cabinet including the reasons for the decision, factors taken into account by Cabinet when making the decision and whether the decision is in line with corporate priorities and policies. Details as to the reasons for Call-In are provided in the notice of Call-In at **Appendix B**.
- 3.4 Following consideration of the decision, the Committee may recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the Cabinet, setting out in writing the nature of its

concerns. If referred to the Cabinet, it must be reconsidered by Cabinet within a further seven clear working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision. If the Committee does not refer the matter back to the Cabinet, the decision may be determined on the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 The equality implications are outlined in Section 4 of the Cabinet report attached as **Appendix C**.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

- 5.1 An assessment under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 has been made and is outlined in Section 5 of the Cabinet report attached at **Appendix C**.

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 6.1 The Climate Change and Nature Implications are outlined in Section 6 of the Cabinet report attached as **Appendix C**.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

- 7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 The financial implications are outlined in Section 8 of the Cabinet report attached as **Appendix C**.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to consider the Cabinet decision of 23 September 2025 relating to Bridgend Town Centre Access and to determine whether it wishes to either:

a) refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration;

Or:

b) decide not to refer the matter back to the Cabinet.

Background documents

None.