

CABINET - TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 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, 18 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 14:30

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick – Chairperson

N Farr
M J Evans

HM Williams
M Jones

E L P Caparros

P Davies

Present Virtually

J Gebbie

Officers:

Jake Morgan
Carys Lord
Claire Marchant
Janine Nightingale
Kelly Watson
Mark Galvin
Lindsay Harvey
Michael Pitman
Jason Bale
Adam Spear

Chief Executive
Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change
Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing
Corporate Director - Communities
Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy
Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Operational Manager (Enterprise and Specialist Services)
Shared Regulatory Services

551. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	None
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552. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	18 November 2025

553. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the 21 October 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	18 November 2025

554. Foster Wales Bridgend Finances Policy Review

Decision Made	<p>The Deputy Leader presented a report which sought approval for the implementation of the Foster Wales Bridgend Financial Policy.</p> <p>She explained that following an internal audit in February a number of findings and recommendations were provided. The review incorporated actions and amendments to the policy which were summarised in section 3.2 of the report.</p> <p>A question was asked on what support was available to foster carers to understand this new funding process. This was answered by the Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet approved the implementation of the reviewed Foster Wales Bridgend Financial policy (Appendix 1).</p>
Date Decision Made	18 November 2025

555. Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control Consultation

Decision Made	<p>The Cabinet Member Climate Change and the Environment presented a report which sought Cabinet approval to consult with the Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner and other relevant bodies in relation to the creation of a Public Spaces Protection Order ('PSPO') relating to Dog Control in Bridgend County.</p> <p>He explained that before a PSPO can be enacted, a public consultation must be conducted. If approved the statutory consultation will commence in early December 2025 and continue for 12 weeks.</p> <p>The following questions were posed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are we going to ensure we can enforce this, as the team for enforcement is much reduced from previously?• Does the "restricted area" in the order refer to the entire County Borough?• Can the online survey include a question to the public about their support for future exclusion of dogs from marked sports pitches and fenced children's play areas, to save time on future consultation? <p>All questions were answered at the meeting by the Corporate Director Communities.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet gave approval to commence a public consultation on the proposal to create a Public Space Protection Order as outlined in paragraph 2.10 of the report</p>
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556. Capital Programme Quarter 2 Update 2025-26

Decision Made	The Cabinet Member Finance and Performance presented a report which:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• updated Cabinet on the capital programme position for 2025-26 as at 30 September 2025 (Appendix A).• Sought agreement from Cabinet to present a report to Council for approval of a revised capital programme for 2025-26 to 2034-35 (Appendix B).• Asked Cabinet to note the actual Prudential and Other Indicators for 2024-25 and the projected Prudential and Other Indicators for 2025-26 (Appendix C) <p>The report outlined slippage, amendments, and a total capital Programme for the year of £78.22 million. It also included the 10-year Programme and prudential indicators aligning with the corporate capital strategy.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment to see the significant investment across the county. He reserved his questions for the next Council meeting.</p> <p>The Leader outlined the new and amended schemes within the report that demonstrated investment in communities including football pitches, sports center and public spaces.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• noted the Council's Capital Programme 2025-26 Quarter 2 update to 30 September 2025 (Appendix A)• Agreed that the revised Capital Programme (Appendix B) be submitted to Council for approval• Noted the actual Prudential and Other Indicators for 2024-25 and projected indicators for 2025-26 (Appendix C).
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557. Treasury Management Half Year Report 2025-26

Decision Made	The Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance presented a report which updated Cabinet on the treasury management activities for the half year ending 30 September 2025.
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	<p>He explained the Economic Background, Lending and the overall Treasury Management update for period 1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025.</p> <p>The following questions were posed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the lenders of the LOBO loans (Lenders Option Borrowers Option) chose to call them in, what are the Council's options.• Bridgend has a low debt-per-head figure. How would we answer the question of why aren't we getting in more debt for investment.• Is the 10% anticipated return on the non-treasury investments a fair average rental return. <p>All questions were answered by the Cabinet Member and Chief Office for Finance, Housing and Change.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• noted the treasury management activities for the half year ending 30 September 2025.• Note the Treasury Management Indicators for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025 against those approved in the Treasury Management Strategy 2025-26.
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558. Local Air Quality Management Annual Progress Report 2025

Decision Made	<p>The Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance presented a report which sought approval for the 2025 Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) Annual Progress Report Page 99 Agenda Item 8 (APR) based upon the air quality datasets obtained in 2024. This report requires Cabinet approval to submit a final version to Welsh Government (WG). It also updated Cabinet on progress regarding the Air Quality Action Plan for the Park Street Air Quality Management Area.</p> <p>The following questions were posed:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On Park Street we are replacing a full automatic sensor with an indicative sensor. Are we satisfied that we will still be able to make comparisons and see the trends going down?• Does the Council join up the Local Development Plan with traffic analysis to prioritise ambient air quality sampling, especially in areas with substantial growth?• How do we proactively get this information out into the public domain to provide reassurance?• Over the last five years, has the rise in Electric Vehicle (EV) use correlated with the improving air quality data? <p>All questions were answered by the representatives from Shared Regulatory Services.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted the results of air quality monitoring gathered in 2024 and to agree the finalisation of the 2025 Annual Progress Report (attached as Appendix 1) for submission as a final version to Welsh Government by 31st December 2025.• Noted the progress made in developing the Air Quality Action Plan for Park Street.• Noted the replacement of the automatic air quality monitoring station with two indicative automatic sensors funded via Welsh Government's Local Air Quality Management support fund.
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559. Information Report for Noting

Decision Made	The Chief Office Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy presented a report which asked Cabinet to note the report at section 3 of the report that had been published since the last meeting of Cabinet.
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	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That Cabinet acknowledged and noted the publication of the documents listed in the report, subject to correction of the typing errors identified.
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560. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no Urgent Items	
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561. Exclusion of the Public

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

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u>	That the exempt minutes of the 21 October 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record.
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 15:30